

VIRGINIA'S GOVERNOR ALBERTIS HARRISON, JR., HAS MADE SOME INTERESTING STATEMENT AT HIS LATEST PRESS CONFERENCE.

IN ESSENCE, GOVERNOR HARRISON SAID:

A LARGE SHARE OF THE BLAME FOR WHAT HE CALLED THE EROSION OF STATES RIGHTS CAN BE PLACED ON THE STATES THEMSELVES.

INDIVIDUAL STATES DID NOT TAKE ACTION THEY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN. SOME STATES WERE UNWILLING TO GRANT EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN THE LEGISLATURES.

STATES RIGHTS WERE ERODED IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION BECAUSE THE STATES MOVED TOO SLOWLY THERE.

THE GOVERNOR FEELS THE LARGEST PART OF THE ANSWER TO EQUAL TREATMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGROES LIES IN IMPROVED EDUCATION FOR ALL THE PEOPLE..

THE ENJOYMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIRES UNDERSTANDING AND THE ABILITY TO HOLD THE JOB THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE.

OVERNIGHT, THESE THINGS CAN'T BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY LEGISLATION.

GOVERNOR HARRISON ALSO SAID THE DISCORD IN DANVILLE SEEMED TO FOLLOW A PATTERN AS THAT IN BIRMINGHAM AND ELSEWHERE AND INVOLVED A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OUT-OF-STATERS. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED TELEGRAMS AGAINST SO-CALLED POLICE BRUTALITY FROM AS FAR AWAY AS CALIFORNIA, AND MANY OF THEM WERE IN THE SAME LANGUAGE AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY THE SAME PERSON.

GOVERNOR HARRISON WILL FIND THERE IS BROAD AGREEMENT WITH THE FUNDAMENTALS HE HAS STATED.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO DEPLORED THE PRICE EDWARD COUNTY SITUATION WHICH HAS CLOSED SCHOOLS THERE FOR FOUR YEARS. HE SAYS IT SHOULD BE SOLVED...THAT THE STATE IS TRYING TO SOLVE IT..AND THE QUICKER EDUCATION IS RESUMED IN PRINCE EDWARD, THE BETTER.

THE CONDITION THERE IS TRAGIC----THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE NATION DENYING A PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION TO CHILDREN--AND IT IS A REFLECTION ON ALL OF VIRGINIA

WHERE LAWS REQUIRE SEGREGATION, THEY WILL BE STRICKEN DOWN, BUT THE ONLY LASTING ANSWER TO THE RACIAL PROBLEM MUST COME THROUGH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION, WITH RESPONSIBILITY EXERCISED BY LEADERS.

THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION IS PROPOSING A BATCH OF NEW FEDERAL LAWS WHICH WOULD EXTEND U.S. CONTROLS OVER PRIVATE PLACES AFFECTED BY INTERSTATE COMMERCE. THERE IS SERIOUS QUESTIONING OF THEIR NEED WHEN OTHER REMEDIES ARE AVAILABLE.

IN THEIR ZEAL TO HAVE MORE CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION ENACTED, SOME PRO-PONENTS MIGHT BE TRAMPLING UPON CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES. ABOUT PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED; "THE FUNDAMENTAL MAXIMS OF A FREE GOVERNMENT SEEM TO REQUIRE THE RIGHTS OF PERSONAL LIBERTY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY SHOULD BE HELD SACRED."

LAWS CAN, AND WILL DO MUCH, BUT LAWS CANNOT COMPEL INTEGRATION. THIS WILL TRULY COME ONLY WITH EDUCATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THIS COUNTRY IS NOT ALONE WITH THE RACE PROBLEM

IN AFRICA, THE AFRICAN NOW DOMINATES. IN RUSSIA THE AFRICAN STUDENTS CLAIM DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT.

THE RACIAL---AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES---ARE WORLD-WIDE.