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Weather

Mostly cloudy with chance of rain at times through Thursday. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the upper 40s and to 50s. Variable winds to 15 m.p.h. Chance of rain 40 percent tonight and 40 percent Thursday.

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'Desegregation is failing to meet education goals'



England area. Heavy snow warnings were posted over most of the region. (See story page two.)

—UPI Telephoto

Orders new trial 'Hurricane' Carter

After a Superior Court judge ruled that the recantations of two prosecution witnesses — Alfred Alo and Arthur Dexter Bradley — were unbelievable.

Denying them a new trial was the original trial judge, Samuel A. Carter, who now sits on the Appellate Division bench.

The Carter-Artis case has attracted such supporters as heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, writer Jimmy Breslin, actress Ann Cannon and singer Bob Dylan. Carter and Artis asked for a new trial on grounds that vital evidence in the case was withheld from the original trial by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office.

Gov. Brendan T. Byrne also asked assemblyman Eldridge Hawkins, Essex, to review the entire case and report his findings.

Hawkins' report quoted a witness saying that while neither Carter nor Artis was armed inside the Aytette Bar and Grill at 2:30 a.m.

on June 17, 1966, both men were standing in the doorway laughing while two other men did the actual shooting.

Carter was the No. 1 ranking middleweight contender the night two patrons and a bartender were shot to death with a .32-caliber pistol and a sawed-off shotgun.

At the time of the slayings, racial tension was high in Paterson and Carter was a vocal spokesman for blacks' rights. The victims of the shootings all were white.

Dozen bomb blasts rock Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (UPI) — A dozen terrorist bombs exploded during the night in four widely separated cities in Argentina's continuing war of nerves, police reported today. There was extensive property damage but no injuries were reported.

New report: Bleak view of results

By NORMAN COLBY
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(First of two articles)

School desegregation in Berkeley is failing to achieve quality education or social integration for students of all races.

This critique of Berkeley's nationally famous school desegregation effort, begun in 1963 with two-way busing, is contained in a special report prepared by Superintendent Laval Wilson's staff.

Among the important conclusions in the report:

—While coexisting, Berkeley's minority and white students are becoming more isolated.

—Each year their academic and social differences appear to increase.

—Minority students' test scores lag further and further behind white students' scores.

—There is fear, mistrust, and lack of understanding. Schools are not considered safe.

—Teachers are finding it impossible to reverse this downhill trend and parents are withdrawing from the problem.

The report states that desegregation may yet succeed in Berkeley—but not without a mighty effort.

Arguments presented in the report have prompted the school board to approve a request for \$463,000 in federal funds to continue special academic and multicultural programs in certain public and private schools.

The funding request awaits approval in Washington, D.C.

The report's results, couched in the technical language of education, indicate that most of the difficulties exist in both public and private schools in Berkeley.

It says, "The evidence... testifies to special conditions of racial isolation in the Berkeley schools, which persist despite a long and successful effort to desegregate."

But a subtler and more serious form of isolation has surfaced," the report continues.

It is isolation expressed as the distance in academic achievement between white vs. non-white students.

"This academic isolation gives rise to and is aggravated by physical and sociological isolation."

"Separatism in the classroom and on the playground stems from fear, mistrust, lack of understanding as well as lack of commonality in reading, computational and language proficiency as vehicles of exchange and communication," according to the report's summary.

The report recalls that "Plan

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Commission role defended for UC

By KEITH HARMON
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"The state has no business meddling in university affairs that are not state affairs," according to the outspoken chairman of the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

Donald McNeil, speaking to a small gathering of educators and education students on the University of California campus yesterday, said his commission often characterized by academe as an intruder

Note denies Pat Hearst 'coercion'

A message purported to be from four persons Patricia Hearst has testified might want to burr her, says the bank robbery defendant "was never forced or coerced to remain an underground revolutionary" with the Symbionese Liberation Army.

The typewritten message, headed "Communique from four political fugitives," was received Tuesday by Berkeley radio station KPFA, was signed with the names, Kathleen Ann Soliah, Josephine Soliah, Bonnie J. Wilder and Jim Kilgore.

Three of the handwritten names bear strong similarities, however, suggesting the message could be a fraud. The FBI said the document was being examined for authenticity.

Miss Hearst on February 24 named the four during cross examination in her trial as persons she feared might "cause extreme harm to myself and my family." Testimony has linked the four with the SLA.

The four-page message said, "We are the four people Patricia Hearst claims are out to kill her. This is an outrage and a calculated insult... we are greatly saddened and angered that our one-time sister, Patricia Hearst, has not shown the political integrity nor personal strength to stand up to the reactionary forces of her family and the U.S. government."

The message went on in that vein and contained, toward the end, a page of invective that labels the bank robbery trial a "media circus," and characterizes the trial as a political "offensive" by the Hearsts and the government.

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into the autonomy of academic institutions — is instead a state protector of such autonomy.

"Given the problems facing higher education and the education stance of the commission," he said, "the three segments of the state's higher education team ought to protect us, not fight at every turn."

He described an anti-university feeling — "and it is widespread in Sacramento, Madison, Springfield and other places" — which among other things holds a dislike "academic arrogance, and nothing institutions which do teach anything worthwhile and professors work three days a week."

He said the feeling was so widespread that if you did not have a commission like ours, you would have to invent one."

The chairman, himself a former educator before heading the member commission which advised the governor and legislature on education policy and funding, stressed supported the University of California's frequently expressed objection to intrusion by state government into UC's self-governance.

"The state has no business meddling in university affairs that are not state business," he said.

McNeil's comments were tied to

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Ocean View puts two initiatives on June Ballot

A sufficient number of signatures for two initiatives sponsored by Ocean View Committee have been verified by the Berkeley City Clerk's office to qualify for the June election ballot.

The two petitions, to replace current Berkeley Redevelopment Agency board with the city council and to amend the West Berkeley Industrial Park plan to permit construction of housing instead of industry in the eastern half of park, will be reviewed by the council Tuesday.

The council can either enact proposals or place them on the ballot for voter approval.

The petitions needed the signatures of 10 percent of the persons voted in the last mayoral election. The organization collected 6,177 signatures for the first petition and for the latter. The city clerk's office completed its verification of signatures yesterday.

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One" created "massive physical movement (busing) of students and reorganization of traditional neighborhood attendance patterns."

It transformed former K-6 schools into separate K-3 and 4-6 units, created two intermediate schools to serve all 7th and 8th graders, a single junior high for 9th graders and a single senior high school for grades 10-12.

Three "negative consequences" are noted in the report.

First is the "... increased difficulty of managing the instructional process within the classroom as a result of wider diversity in learning styles, language orientation and individual needs.

The "expanded-diversification" the report said, makes it impossible for most teachers to "... appropriate in any systematic fashion the new skills in individualized instruction, diagnosis, prescription and classroom management" which are needed for success.

Second is the "increase in disparity between white and non-white student achievement," which threatens to become even more evident.

There has been no comprehensive strategy and program provided to assist the teachers in coping with these problems, said the report.

Third is the decline in parent involvement and support, due to the larger geographical areas assigned to each school and divergent backgrounds of parents.