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## Executive Order 9981



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The front page of the July 31, 1948 edition of the *Chicago Defender* announces the issuance of Executive Order 9981, President Harry Truman's July 26, 1948 order to desegregate the armed forces and provide equal opportunities for all citizens in the armed forces.

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# Farewell: 'Get Out And Stay Out'

By JOHN LEFLORE

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Continuing his attack on Dixiecrats who walked out of the Democratic convention over President Truman's civil rights program, Aubrey Williams, militant southern liberal, last week let loose another blast in the form of an editorial in the Southern Farmer.

Williams, generally known as a liberal who headed NYA under Roosevelt, charged that the South and the nation would be better off without the leadership of "such men as Byrd of Virginia, Cox of Georgia and Rankin of Mississippi who have for years been blindly opposed to most of the things the Democratic Party has stood for and worked for."

He charged that the recent southern riots was a phony cover-up for well laid plans of distasteful design. The plan, he said, was to defend powerful interests that had money at stake in any change of the status quo. To prove his point, Williams listed Governor F. McMurphy, state Democratic chairman, and Frank Dixon, ex-governor, as leaders of the Southern revolt and at the same time big corporation lawyers in Alabama.

As for such men as those leaving the Democratic Party, Williams quipped: "It is to be devoutly hoped that they will, in all honesty, try to get into a political party more in line with what they believe. It would be a first-class if they could get out and stay out."

Strongly urging the belief that many white people of the South were not in sympathy with the Dixiecrats, Williams repeatedly referred to "responsible and decent

people of the South." This group, he said, was painfully aware of the shortcomings of the South as far as justice and opportunity are concerned.

"Decent and responsible people in the South know, too, that all this talk of 'State's Rights' is cover-up talk," the editorial pointed out.

The editorial—one of the strongest ever published in a Southern journal—called for an end to segregation and all other abuses listed (See WILLIAMS, page 2)

## Baltimore Sidesteps Court Order Ending Golf Link Jim Crow

BALTIMORE—A recent court order here outlawing segregation on all municipal golf courses was side-stepped by means of scheduling someone playing time for whites and Negroes.

The Baltimore Board of Recreation and Parks recent action suspends a July 13 ruling that called for the sale of golf tickets to all races at any time.

The court made no objection to the move.

## Dustin off the NEWS

By LUCIUS G. HARPER

### South Doesn't Know About The Old Constitution

WHAT probably hasn't dawned upon most of us is that the Dixiecrats, the Rebels, led by Govs. Trammell of South Carolina and Wright of Mississippi, are still under the belief that the Confederate Constitution and not the U. S. Constitution, is the South's guide-



Lucius Harper  
author late Jeff Davis' Constitution.

The preamble of the U. S. Constitution reads: "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the com-

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ing this. Most of us have never read the Confederate Constitution but a glance through it plainly shows that these present day rebels feel as if it is still operative, and while the South may have lost the war, it did not. How-