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- d. Could not universities begin to make entrance into their graduate schools strictly on the basis of merit -- the examinations to be conducted by some Board which might even be unaware of the race or color of the applicant?

- e. Could there be introduced flexible plans for filling up public conveyances so that we do not have the spectacle of Negroes in considerable numbers waiting for a ride on a public conveyance, while numerous seats are held vacant for possible white customers?

It would appear to me that things like this could properly be mentioned in a pulpit. Another thought that occurs to me is that you might express some admiration for the Catholic Archbishop, Joseph Francis Rummel, in Louisiana, who had the courage to desegregate his parochial schools. Such approval on your part would not necessarily imply that the same thing could be done in all schools and without delay. You would merely be pointing out that in a special case, and under the strict supervision possible in privately supported schools, one man had the courage to give this kind of integration a good trial to determine the results.

Likewise there could be approval expressed concerning the progress made in certain areas in the border States, and in all other areas in the South where any type of advance at all has been effected. Thus these things would be called to the attention of Federal judges, who themselves would be inclined to operate moderately and with complete regard for the sensibilities of the population.