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European newspapers concentrated editorial comment this week on the U.S. civil rights bill and the role President Johnson played in its passage. The Daily Telegraph of London said it "brings to the whole free world tangible consolation for the loss of President Kennedy, who introduced a year ago the bill that was to become his own posthumously finished monument . . .
"To consolation is added assurance as to the caliber of Mr. Kennedy's successor. It had been feared that, as a Texan and a cautious politician, he would play for time and safety on civil rights, especially in an election year," the Tele-

graph said. "In fact he has shown courage and manipulative skill of the highest order in getting the bill through."
The Madrid newspaper Ya said, "The worst of it is that within the Negro movement an extremist section, which is not content with the new law, has appeared. . . We hope such extremism does not continue developing. But the fanatic supporters of segregation and the political suppression of the Negro have given them more than enough pretexts."

Le Figaro of Paris said, "the re-election of President Johnson has never been in doubt but now it seems more certain than ever after he signed the civil rights bill into law."
Le Figaro said, "Kennedy's successor has fulfilled the task which he was morally obliged to do. He succeeded in getting through Congress a fiscal reform, the civil rights act and, for the first time in 17 years, has not accepted a foreign aid program with a minimum of reductions. All in all it is a

great performance which does not give the opposition much scope for criticism. It will all capitalize itself in votes next November."
The Austrian Arbeiterzeitung said, "It is true that on the local level it will take years here and there to enforce the regulations completely, but the most important step has been taken."
Another Austrian newspaper, Furch, said if Goldwater was elected President, his "entry into the White House would offer tremendous opportunities to

the Soviets."
Furch said, "If Goldwater behaves as the rightist extremists hope and other people fear, the country will be in turmoil. Negroes will rise up against the whites, workers against employers, farmers against townspeople. America's already shaken leadership of the Western world will then be over for good."
A Roman Catholic weekly newspaper in Karachi, Pakistan stated that re-election of President Johnson in November "will certainly let the free world breathe easier."
"The Christian Voice," published weekly by the Roman Catholic Diocese in Karachi, said that Johnson "seems unbeatable at present, with his impressive performance to date to his credit, and his 'all things to all men' approach."

Commenting on the search for three members of the Congress of Racial Equality missing in Mississippi, the pro-government "Dawn" of Karachi had this to say:
"So long as the Negro was willing to undergo the indignities and hardships that have hitherto attended his station in the American social life, all was well, at least for the white majority.
"But the times have come in which the Negro is not willing to accept the status of a second-rate citizen. The passage of the civil rights bill is a belated recognition of this fact by a majority of the white population."