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Reporter for the Arkansas Democrat during the Little Rock, Arkansas school integration crisis, 1957-59.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Observations about Governor Orval Faubus: effects of Faubus' ambitions to be re-elected as governor; how Faubus made decisions regarding the school crisis; Faubus and the news media; Faubus' sensitivities to popular opinion; Faubus and Sidney McMath. Comparison of how the Arkansas Democrat and the Arkansas Gazette reported the school crisis. Role played by Little Rock mayor Woodrow Mann. Comments on Congressman Brooks Hays: how the people viewed him; setting up the conference between Faubus and DDE at Newport; election contest with Dale Alford. Reflections on reaction of Southerners to integration, and the concept of neighborhood schools.

[Columbia University Oral History Project interview by John Luter, 1970]