

Segregation Protests are Healthy, National Catholic Council Asserts

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice has announced its support for the right of Negro students in the south to protest racial discrimination.

The conference, in a statement issued by its chairman, John J. O'Connor of Washington, called the recent protests a sign of a "healthy consciousness among Negroes of their dignity as human persons."

The student protest movement began in Greensboro, N. C., in early February and has spread to several states in the South.

"We recognize," the conference said, "that no one has a moral right to discriminate against a Negro because of his race. It is unfortunate that Negroes are forced into boycott and protest as a means to gain and safeguard the respect and rights due any human being."

The complete text is as follows: The National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice supports the right of Negro Americans to protest unjust treatment accorded them. We look upon the new movement of protest in some of our states as bespeaking a healthy consciousness among Negroes of their dignity as human persons. As put so aptly by one: "We want a treatment for our persons which at least equals the treatment given our dollars."

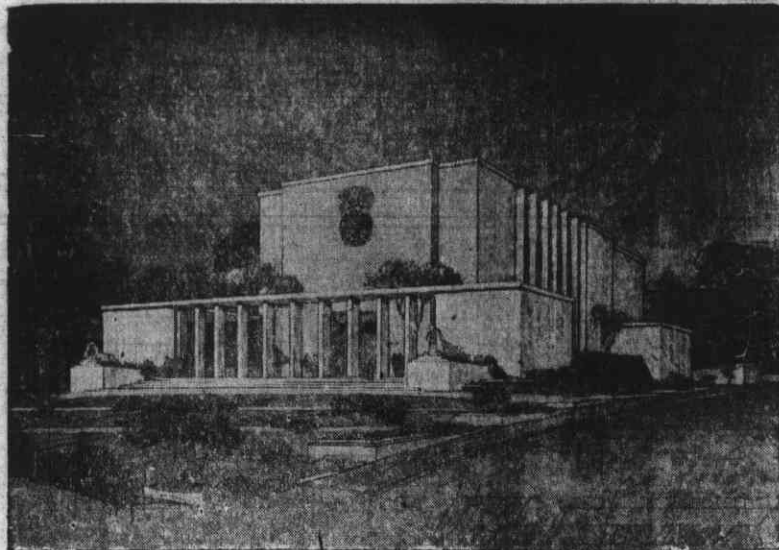
The past two months Americans have been witness to a new movement of student protest which indicates forcefully the change occurring in our patterns of race relations. The student

protest movement which began in Greensboro, N. C., in early February has already prompted business and other leaders of the affected states to begin private discussions to resolve the patterns of discrimination which are at the root of such demonstrations. Fortunately, to date, the action of most police departments in the South has been of the highest quality, in an attempt to maintain law and order.

We recognize that no one has a moral right to discriminate against a Negro because of his race. It is unfortunate that Negroes are forced into boycott and protest as a means to gain and safeguard the respect and rights due any human being.

The human relations problems of our southern states are serious, as they are in the north, and they call for frankness and hard work to resolve. The current protest movement should clearly demonstrate to all clear-headed Americans that movements of restriction by legislation or by police action or by more violent methods only avoid and make more difficult the institution of those just relationships necessary to a continuation of our democracy.

All of our citizens in all of our states must learn from these events that we have to find methods of according to each of us our rights as human persons, and an opportunity to move freely through our society on the basis of our individual merit. It will be hard work; the distance before us is long. But together we will do it.



THE NATION'S PRINCE HALL MASONS are planning erection of a New Cathedral in Washington, D. C., on a site located at Texas and Capitol Avenues and Benning Road. Photo shows artist's conception of the proposed building, plans for which were

drawn by Paul Williams, noted Los Angeles architect. Valued at approximately \$400,000, the cathedral will be constructed of white marble and stone. Members of the Building Committee, United Supreme Council, met

Thursday in Baltimore to approve final arrangements. Presiding at the meeting were Carl Murphy, Baltimore, chairman and Dr. Willard W. Allen, sovereign grand commander, official, also of Baltimore, (ANP)

Action By Legislatures to Control Negro Balance of Power May Result from Continued Migration

NEW YORK—The great migration of Negroes to the North, one of the most significant events of the past 20 years, has had its most pronounced impact in the area of politics, James Q. Wilson said today in THE REPORTER.

In a copyrighted article, "How the Northern Negro Uses His Vote," Mr. Wilson points out that certain political quarters, when the 1960 Department of Commerce decennial census is published, "the first page to which many will turn will be that showing the size of the Negro population of Northern cities."

In this new census, according to Wilson, some cities may find their Negro population amounting to more than half the total. He cites Washington, D. C., as an example, adding that "this will increase resistance from Southern Congressional leaders to 'home rule' for Washington."

The exact size of the Negro population is now a matter of conjecture in the political wards of many cities. This new census will present hard facts with which the Negroes can demonstrate their numerical strength, giving sound basis for renewed efforts by Negroes to assert their claims to political representation," Wilson writes.

"At present, Negroes from four Northern cities have gone to Congress—William L. Dawson from Chicago, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., from New York; Charles C. Diggs, Jr., from Detroit, and Robert N. C. Nix from Philadelphia, he reports. "Negroes sit in the councils of dozen of cities and in many state legislatures. Negro leaders are expecting to capture additional Congressional districts in the near future."

Although Hulan Jack Receives Reprieve, He's Still Facing Woes

NEW YORK — Hulan Jack has had nothing but problems since returning to office as the \$25,000 a year President of the Borough of Manhattan. No sooner had his case been dismissed, then District Attorney Hogan filed for a new hearing—and won it. Next, he and his boss, Tammany leader Carmine De Sapio began arguing over two vacant posts in the Municipal Court. De Sapio had already chosen two, one of them Harrison Jackson, Adam Powell's lawyer in his tax troubles. Jack wanted his personal lawyer, Carson De Witt Baker, for that job. Baker was once a judge but resigned under fire when discovered he had been ignoring numerous traffic tickets. De Sapio is also reported to be unhappy about Jack returning to work so soon after the case was

dismissed—and more unhappy because he feels Jack should not have taken up a relationship with Sidney Unger in the first place. Jack's friends say he feels badly because De Sapio ignored him when he was arrested—and all during the tense days of the hearings. Jack feels he was only granted a dismissal through the clever handling of his case by his lawyer, Baker, who has hinted that one of the reasons for Jack's thorough investigation is that "he is a black man."

LANGSTON HUGHES TO APPEAR AT BENNETT COLLEGE INSTITUTE
GREENSBORO. — Langston Hughes, poet, playwright, newspaper columnist and world traveler, will open the Bennett College Lecture Series with two addresses on Friday, April 8, President Willa B. Payer announced this week.

Hughes will speak to the students and faculty at the 10 a.m. chapel hour and at 8:15 p.m. will speak to a community-wide audience in Pfeiffer Chapel. The artist, a graduate of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, has had a varied career of creativity writing poems, articles, short stories, novels, plays and a two-volume autobiography—"The Big Sea" and "I Wonder as I Wander."

public at other counters." CORE members in Florida are pledged to cooperate in every way with the bi-racial commission established by the governor. Robinson added that "eight members of Tallahassee CORE are now serving sixty-day sentences simply for asking for equal service at lunch counters. In their attempt to secure service the eight students were quite dignified and orderly. We urge that you do all in your power to secure the immediate release of these students."

Enthusiasm for Boycott Highest Yet Among NAACP Units, Official Says; Most Have Planned Action

NEW YORK — There was considerable evidence this week that consumers in many cities are beginning to withhold patronage from chain variety stores with units in the South that discriminate against Negro customers at lunch counters.

The "withholding policy" was announced by NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins in a directive to all NAACP branches on March 16.

Up to this point NAACP units were only asked to support student demonstrators by sending wires to the store heads, picketing, and handing out literature.

"Almost every branch without exception has conducted meetings, launched picketing campaigns, and sent wires," G. Lester B. Current, director of branches, said today.

The NAACP New England Regional Conference announced that Saturday, March 26, was "New England NAACP Picket Day."

Mrs. Mary Johnson Lowe, president of the Bronx branch NAACP, reported the successful picketing of a Woolworth store in the Bronx community:

"During the 4 and one half hrs. of picketing, the store was practically empty and we are pleased to report that we were greatly encouraged by the people on the street who displayed complete sympathy with our efforts and appreciated the public pronouncement of the fight of the Negro for equality in the North as well as the South."

Similar responses came from diverse cities with NAACP branches as Denver, Colo.; Danbury, Conn.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Dowagiac, Mich.

In Salt Lake City, Utah, the membership took their message to the air waves, announced for

FSTC Choir On Concert Tour

FAYETTEVILLE — The College choir, under the direction of Mary T. Eldridge, is in the midst of a series of out of town concerts. The itinerary of recent weeks and of weeks in the immediate future reads: First Baptist Church, Fayetteville; the Friendship Baptist

Church, Fayetteville; the Central High School, Elizabethtown; and the First Baptist Church in Lumberton where they come to aid the Shaw University Scholarship Drive.

Other concerts scheduled shortly are at the Atkins High School in Kinston at Fort Bragg. Lenten Program; the W. W. Wicker School at Sanford; Johnson C. Smith University; and the Willow Grove Elementary School at Whitakers.

In addition, the choir is preparing for the choral incident to the forthcoming May Day and Commencement exercises. Robert McLean, a Junior of Dunn, North Carolina, is president of the choir.

BIRTHS

The following births were reported to the Durham County Health Department during the week of March 21 through 28, 1960.

Cleo and Ethel Cole, girl; Marshall and Christine Allen, girl; George and Mason Perry, boy; Harold and Nonnie Hamilton, boy; James and Rubye Gattis, girl; James and Ola Daniels, boy; John and Myrtle Winn, girl; Charles and Geraldine McBroom, boy; Joseph and Doris Johnson, girl; Edward and Hazel Mangum, boy; Garland and Margaret Burton, boy; Otis and Annie Brown, girl; John and Harriet Mason, girl; Joseph and Claretta Harris, girl; Willis and Alberta Mason, boy; Henry and Annie Smith, boy; Morris and Ernestine Johnson, girl; Leroy and Mary Miller, boy; Leroy and Barbara Jones, boy; Charles and Bessie Leathers, twins, boy and girl.

Dry, clean litter is an aid in producing clean eggs.

Reserve Outfielder Ellis Bruton May Be Key Man in Cards Plans

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — St. Louis Cardinal manager Solly Hemus may be relying heavily on a slight (160 pounds) switch hitting outfielder when the National League season opens within a few days.

Ellis Bruton who can carry the 5-foot 11 frame to either side of the plate isn't too sure where he will end up, although he is expected to be in the reserve outfield spot.

Most of the observers here at Al Lang field where the Red Birds are winding up their spring training are unanimous in their praise of the young Californian.

Frankly, Bruton considers himself quite fortunate to be in any club's lineup. Just three years ago, he suffered a broken collar bone, concussion and severe bruises when a car in which he was riding went over a 115-foot cliff. The car turned over three times with Bruton inside. Within four weeks however, he was back in the Pittsburgh chain lineup. The injuries did impair his throwing arm. This did not deter the Cardinals whose management felt it could be restored. With a \$350,000 investment, the athlete went to Houston where Coach Harry Walker worked with the arm. Last year he led the American Association outfielders in assists, batted .292 and knocked 14 homers for Omaha.

Meanwhile, things are settling somewhat among Negro players over a story in a nationally circulated magazine. The magazine listed George Crowe as the key player among the league members in Florida. Crowe has repudiated the allegation.

The Cardinals will open their home stand at Busch Stadium in April. The team will look forward to playing in the new Downtown Stadium scheduled to be built by 1963. Anheuser-Busch, Inc. has already pledged \$5,000,000 to the \$20,000,000 needed to construct the civic venture. Other pledges have brought the total to within \$2,000,000 of the cost.

Collins' Stand Draws Praise

NEW YORK — CORE executive secretary James R. Robinson today commended Florida Governor LeRoy Collins for calling upon variety stores to serve all on an equal basis or to close their lunch counters.

Robinson called Governor Collins' action "sound thoughtful and constructive." Robinson added that "certainly stores which cater to the public have no moral right to serve all of the public at the counters and only part of the

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