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(We feel that the activities of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in this period of racial strife should be of general interest to the campus-at-large. The positions stated here are not necessarily those of the News, however.—Eds.)

**MIAMI, Fla.**—An NAACP survey revealed that five out of six interstate bus terminals checked in Southern Florida this week still maintain segregation for Negroes, but without printed signs that usually advise the fact.

In addition to the Miami survey conducted by Father Theodore R. Bibson, president, and G. E. Graves, counsel, of the local NAACP chapter, studies are being conducted in seven other cities.

Orlando, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Tallahassee, Panama City, Tampa, and Daytona are being surveyed to determine the extent of discrimination against Negroes in interstate travel accommodations.

#### Miami Almost Perfect

The Miami NAACP investigation covered only Greyhound terminals on the Eastern seaboard. Miami's depot was almost perfect but the NAACP was critical of Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Delray Beach, West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce.

The NAACP team checked for compliance with the NAACP-won Interstate Commerce Commission ruling that equal interstate service and facilities must be offered by the bus companies without regard to race. The NAACP officials found:

—Miami: Signs which a week ago designated "colored" and "white" had been removed the day before. Gibson and Graves visited the formerly all-white luncheon area and

were "graciously received and served."

—Fort Lauderdale: Two signs designating "colored" and "white" facilities had been removed the day before. Negro passengers could not be served at the lunch counter.

However, they were "allowed" to purchase food from the counter and go to tables in the previously designated "colored" waiting room.

#### Bi-Sexual Toilet

—Pompano Beach: One integrated waiting room. Only one toilet for Negroes of both sexes. Whites have two separate "white only" men and women toilets.

—Delray Beach: No waiting room or food concession. Separate, segregated toilets on outside of building. Jim Crow waiting room.

—West Palm Beach: Integrated waiting rooms. No Jim Crow signs. Gibson and Graves attempted to eat in main dining room but were refused service "in an air of obvious hostility." They were directed to an outside counter.

—Fort Pierce: New terminal, divided into two parts; one for Negroes, the other undesignated. Negro area had small lunch counter separated from white dining room by a kitchen.

"Our visit was anticipated," the NAACP officials reported, "and while we were in the lunch room, all signs referring to race were removed," they reported.

**DALLAS, Texas**—The NAACP's southwest regional division met here last week and urged all Negroes to "immediately seek non-discriminatory service in terminal restaurants and ride unsegregated on buses and trains."

The NAACP action also included use of airline terminal facilities on a non-segregated basis. States comprising the region are Arkansas,

Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Delegates attending the NAACP conference voted to accelerate their program for removal of racial barriers in municipal, county, state and federal jobs.

Specifically cited for attention were utilities, telephone company, department stores and industries with government contracts. The NAACP session also called for more activity in expansion of educational opportunities and integration of varied National Guard units.

Clarence A. Laws, NAACP southwest regional secretary, in a prepared statement, advised delegates that Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas do not admit Negroes to their Guard units.

**CHARLESTON, S.C.**—David Carter and Lenny Glover, officers of the South Carolina State youth organization, became the first Negroes to be served in the Greyhound Bus Terminal here last week.

They were accompanied by an unidentified white student from the University of South Carolina.

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