

—Despite militants' protests . . .

Long-range community plan in race relations adopted

Despite carping protests from citizens pushing for action on a public accommodations law, the Chapel Hill aldermen have un-

animously endorsed the Mayor's Human Relations Committee's long-range declaration of equal rights and opportunities for the community.

The general program was referred back to the Committee for further recommendations and further endorsement by other local governmental agencies here. When presented for the Human Relations Committee by a specially-appointed sub-committee to the aldermen on Monday night, the four-page statement immediately drew criticism from local integrationists in the audience.

They protested the failure of the plan to carry a specific statement favoring enactment of a public accommodations ordinance, and made further allegations of racial discrimination on the part of the municipal government. Mayor Sandy McClamroch re-emphasized his earlier declaration that the plan would not be generally acceptable to the public if a public accommodations proposal were made a part of it initially. It is possible at some date in the future that such an idea might be embodied in it, he said, but declared that this should not be done at this time, for the sake of the long-range potential effectiveness of the program.

Drawn up under the chairmanship of University philosophy professor E. Maynard Adams, the statement documents progress in the elimination of racial discrimination locally in recent years, notes the need for continued efforts toward this goal, and proposes that this be accomplished through three steps: (1) Establishment of a local community-wide agency with a full-time staff and governing board; (2) continuous study of the local need for action in the See LONG-RANGE, Page 10

Mediation body issues statement

Chapel Hill Mayor Sandy McClamroch on Monday delivered an official communication from his racial discrimination mediating committee to the Board of Aldermen, which authorized its organization on Jan. 13.

Following is the basic text of the Committee's statement:

"We have made an effort to contact those who have responsibility for policy in these establishments. In some instances our representatives have been received with courtesy. In other instances we have been informed that the management did not wish to discuss the matter with our Committee. In still other instances we have received no reply to our requests that we be given an opportunity to meet with the management for a dis-

cusson. "In those instances where discussions have been held, the management has usually expressed various reasons why it does not consider a change in policy to be in its best interests. In several instances there has been expressed a willingness to change the policy, and this was contingent upon other businesses in the same category changing their policy. It is highly probable that the management of these places will continue its present policy as long as it remains economically profitable to do so. This is indicated by one proprietor who said, in effect, that as long as his present policy seemed to suit his customers he saw no reason why he should change it. Several others expressed a similar viewpoint.

Aldermen withhold action . . .

Restriction of picketing is left in abeyance

Restriction of picketing in Chapel Hill was left in abeyance this week as the Town aldermen failed to take further action on an earlier amendment limiting picketing to the hours of 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

The amendment, enacted Feb. 10 by a 4-3 vote on the basis of Mayor Sandy McClamroch's tie-breaking decision, was subsequently realized to be invalid for not having gained the statutory necessary two-thirds majority of the six-member Board.

On the agenda at Monday night's Board meeting Town Manager Bob Peck simply noted: "Picketing has been carried on for nearly two weeks with little or no trouble. At this time it appears to be unnecessary to take further action on the amendment to the picketing ordinance proposed at the last meeting." To legally enact this bill another passage of it will be necessary.

In other matters of business the aldermen heard a plea from Mrs. William Hargraves speaking for Caldwell St. residents and seeking action on their curbing petition. Mayor McClamroch said the project would be done soon

after next July 1 when funds would become available.

The Colony Woods subdivision was re-zoned from agricultural to RA-10 and RA-15 as unanimously recommended by the District Planning Board.

Action on revision of the Town's fire insurance protection program was carried over to the next meeting.

8-room Carrboro school wing to be sought; decision still pending on other projects

Construction of an eight-classroom addition on the 16-classroom Carrboro Elementary School will be sought by the Chapel Hill School Board.

By unanimous vote on recommendation of a study committee of its own membership, the Board agreed to seek an appropriation from the county commissioners to carry out the project, estimated to cost \$150,000.

This action left open for a future decision several other building plans that had been under consideration by the Board. Chief among these are a possible

eight-classroom addition to the currently all-Negro Frank Graham Elementary School, construction of an elementary school on a 20-acre site in the Morgan Creek vicinity south of town, and whether to sell the midtown high school property and build in the outskirts, or improve the two midtown school buildings.

The decision on the Carrboro School was made by the Board Monday night on recommendation of its study committee, composed of Chairman Ben Perry and members Dr. Fred Ellis and the Rev. J. R. Manley.

Precinct Circuit . . .

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING . . .

—Surest way to go dead wrong in assessing public opinion is to go by what you understand "they say." Fact is that "they" is a mythical party invented by would-be political experts to bolster their private hopes and opinions.

—But if anybody asked "Precinct Circuit" what it is that "they're saying" along the ward heelers' trails this week he'd have a few pat answers: (1) That the basic field of major Democratic candidates for the State House and Senate races is pretty well settled; (2) That likewise is true of the four seekers for the two Democratic nominations to the County Board of Commissioners; and (3) That these races are all pretty wide open—with one exception. "They say" that incumbent Harvey Bennett, ticket leader when he ran four years ago, will be re-elected handily, whoever else may turn up in the field.

It is purely coincidental, the Dan Moore campaigners in the Land of Orange say: It is purely coincidental that they're staging a similar breakfast rally on the same day and during the same hours, exactly two weeks later, as was put on in behalf of Richardson Preyer at New Hope last week. Actually, the Moore mentors assure, they had their shindig planned long ago—before the Preyer affair was ever announced.—Of such is the greatest one-upmanship game of politics!

ALONG THE CIRCUIT . . .

Wisdom wafted in on the political winds of the week: That Fred Cates, erstwhile YDC president and erstwhile candidate for various political offices, will lay low in his own behalf this go-round. Cates said this week he was tied up with business commitments in his North Hills Shopping Center in Hillsborough, wouldn't run for the State Senate, or anything else . . . A prominent northern Orange County farmer will shortly be appointed to a state-wide F/mers-for-Moore Committee.

Mrs. Glenn (Henrietta) Auman of Hillsborough is sister of Frank Castlebury, Raleigh real estate agent who is challenging Orange County's Ed Lanier for reelection as State Commissioner of Insurance . . . See "Hillsborough Observer" column this issue for follow-up word to last week's Precinct Circuit forecast that Gary Sykes would announce his candidacy for the State Senate.

Defendants claim indigency, claim right to free counsel

Several defendants in Orange County Superior Court this week have taken advantage of their legal right to claim indigency and be assigned court-appointed attorneys.

Judge C. W. Hall sentenced Eugene Womble to seven to 10 years in prison for escape, lar-

cy and receiving, assault with a deadly weapon, and breaking and entering. Attorney Robert J. Page of Chapel Hill was assigned to defend Womble and was ordered paid a fee of \$75 for his services.

Lawyer Robert Satterfield of Hillsborough was similarly assigned to defend Harry Fuquay, charged with assault with intent to kill, kidnapping, and assault with a deadly weapon. The case had not been settled yesterday. Hillsborough attorney Dalton Loftin was under the same circumstances assigned to defend William L. Campbell, charged with escape, and attorney Bonner D. Sawyer, to defend Nathan Ashwell, charged with larceny of an auto and escape. Ashwell drew an 18 months term.

Bruce A. Wethington sentenced to 18 months for escape and larceny of an auto, received the services of Hillsborough attorney George Levings.

Other judgments of the court to date this week: Joe Royster, assault on a female, nine months;

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Expulsion of school boycott leaders is upheld

Expulsion of two leaders of the Lincoln High School pupil boycott last week has been upheld by the Chapel Hill School Board in recognition of their "contempt for education," in the words of the local Superintendent of Schools.

All others among the more than 30 pupils who stayed away at the peak of the protest movement have been readmitted if they wanted to be, according to Superintendent of Schools Edward Thompson.

The exceptions are Henry Sanford and James Brittain, Lincoln seniors who had leading roles in the boycott sponsored by the Chapel Hill Freedom Committee. Both have been active in other activities of the Committee during the past two months, participating in civil disobedience law violations.

In commenting yesterday on the School Board's Monday night action that upheld his expulsion of the two, Superintendent Thompson said they

were not expelled for their participation in the boycott, but for their "actual contempt for education." In this, the administrator explained, they stayed away from school themselves then came onto the school grounds for the purpose of enticing others to join them in the boycott. He added that Brittain, 19, and Sanford, 20, had been making marginal grades in school.

"These were clearly administrative matters of pupil dis-

cipline," declared the Superintendent. "The Board hired me to take care of such matters!"

At Monday night's Board meeting Mrs. Gloria Williams, declaring she represented parents of the boycotting students, asked that all of them be readmitted. Following a motion that would permit this, Superintendent Thompson said that if Brittain and Sanford were re-admitted he would resign. The motion was not pursued

any further.

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