

Eleven Teachers Sue On Charge Of Discrimination

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Eleven members of the American Federation of Teachers who attended the organization's convention in the Crescent City last August and who were refused service, according to their charges, in several bars and lounges in downtown section near their headquarters in the Roosevelt Hotel, have filed suit in federal district court charging racial discrimination.

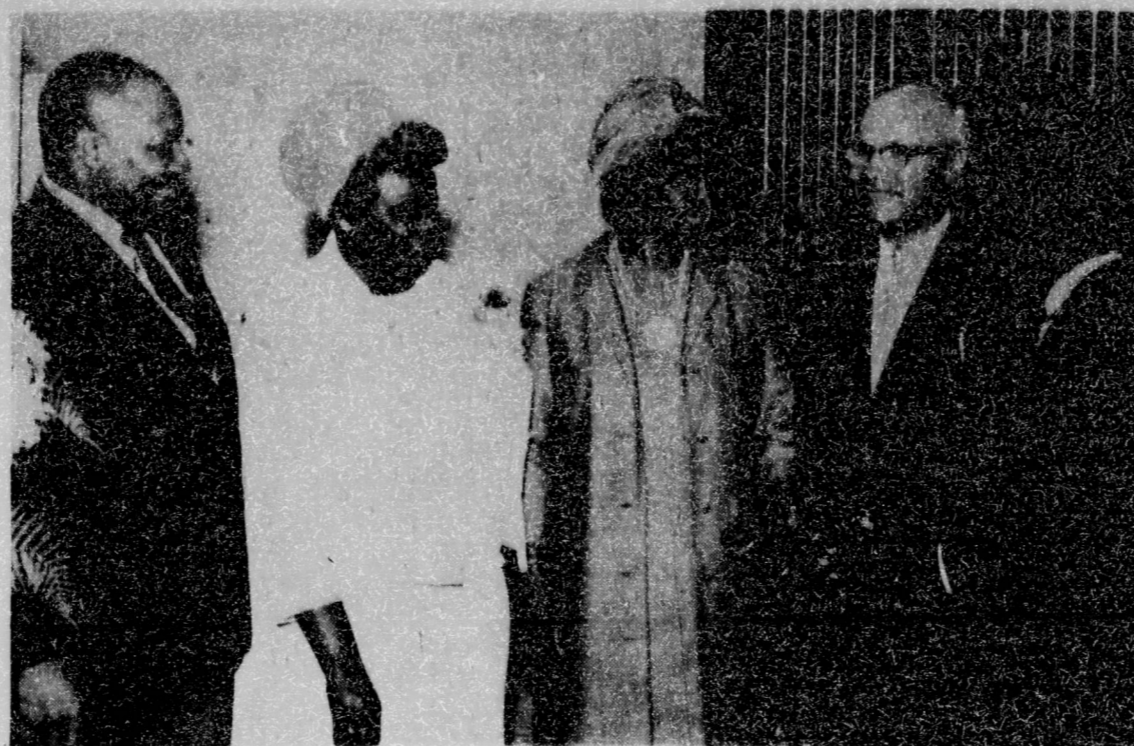
They have asked actual and punitive damages in the amount of \$1,045,000 from Kelly's Lounge, Topaz Lounge, the operators of the two places and Mayor Victor H. Schiro of New Orleans.

Orlando Henrick of Robbins, Ill., Louis Hurt, Kansas City, Mo., and Richard Parish, New York, claim they were refused service because of their color. Mrs. Elaine Chisholm, E. Chicago Heights, Ill., claims she was also refused service and, with two white servicemen who intervened in her behalf, was

thrown out of Topaz. A picket line was established in front of the place and two of the white members in the line claim that a "pungent foreign substance" was sprayed, rendering them unconscious for several hours.

In addition to seeking damages they are seeking to have the City of New Orleans enjoined from licensing places where racial discrimination is practiced.

One of the plaintiffs said that New Orleans had already suffered from this type of discrimination and mentioned the cancellations of the American Legion convention, and the NFL football game. They reported many large conventions composed of Negroes and whites are considering cancelling their conventions and moving them to a city where no such discriminations obtain. Some of these conventions include the National Beauty Culturists' League, ELKS, Prince Hall Shriners and others.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER—These are persons who took part in the September meeting of the Durham Branch, NAACP, Sunday Sept. 28 at Community Baptist Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, Assistant Secretary, United States Department of Labor, center, is being congratulated by, l-r, Rev. E. T. Thompson, who led the devotions; Mrs. Ruth Jones, president, NCTA, who presented Mrs. Koontz to a large appreciative audience; Dr. C. E. Boulware, city councilman, who presided over the meeting and Alexander Barnes, president of the Branch. Mrs. Koontz presented a new image of productive education which she said was being made possible by the federal government. (See story).

Ford Foundation Grants \$227,700 For Career Counseling, Placement

BETHLEHAM, Pa. — The Ford Foundation has awarded

a two-year grant of \$227,700 to the College Placement Services, Inc. (CPS) for the continuation of its program of assistance to traditionally Negro colleges.

Red Cross Warns On Fire Deaths

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Confronted with the frequency of deaths from fire in the home, the American Red Cross urged householders today to take the necessary precautions for prevention of fires.

"Out of a total of 7,500 deaths from fire in 1968, 6,200 were in the home," Robert M. Oswald, national director of Red Cross Safety programs, said. "While the 7,500 were 200 fewer than in 1967, it was still too many. A large number of them could have been prevented by simple and practical measures."

Commenting that a majority of the deaths from conflagrations in the home were from inhalation of smoke or gases, he urged that everyone learn Red Cross first aid. The organization's first aid courses, taught by its chapters across the country, teach artificial respiration, fire prevention, and emergency care of burns, among other subjects.

Every family should have a fire escape plan and practice in case fire should break out despite preventive measures, Oswald emphasized.

Since 1965, CPS an independent affiliate of the College Placement Council, has been involved in the operation of a variety of activities that have aided the entry of black college graduates into jobs and career opportunities that were formerly denied them. These activities have included: the establishment of counseling and placement centers at 62 traditionally Negro colleges, the sponsorship of student career conferences at 42 colleges, the production and distribution of a motivational film, and the sponsorship of workshops and institutes for the training of placement officers.

Terms of the Ford grant call for CPS to continue these activities and to concentrate on the development and further improvement of career counseling and placement programs at 29 colleges with a predominantly black enrollment.

Andre G. Beaumont, Managing Director of CPS, announced receipt of the grant and commented, "Our activities at these colleges will involve the use of new approaches to student counselor training that will utilize simulation exercises and audiovisual techniques."

HUD To Speed Funding Of Parks In Communities Of Low Income

WASHINGTON, D. C. — An expanded "parks-in-cities" program designed to encourage the acquisition and development of parks and recreation areas in low income neighborhoods was announced last week by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Details of the program were given by HUD Assistant Secretaries Samuel C. Jackson and Lawrence M. Cox. Mr. Jackson heads the Office of Metropolitan Development, while Mr. Cox heads the Office of Renewal and Housing Assistance.

The program involves setting aside up to \$15 million for 50-50 matching grants under the Open Space Land Program for the purchase of undeveloped or developed land for small and moderate size parks in blighted city neighborhoods.

Communities applying for funds before January 1, 1970, will receive letters of assured financial assistance within one week of receipt of the request under new HUD procedures. To be eligible for the special priority treatment, projects must be intended for low income neighborhoods. Generally, any section whose median family in-

come is \$5,000 or less will automatically qualify. In addition, the applicant community must make a commitment to acquire the land and complete development of the park within one year.

Matching funds may be supplied by local governments or by private or business sources.

The Assistant Secretaries, noted that the program was essentially an extension of the Department's concern for low income neighborhoods. The end result should be a substantial and rapid increase in the development of needed parks and recreation facilities in depressed urban areas.

Social Security News

Wages paid to domestic employees were first covered by social security eighteen years ago. Many children who were cared for by maids in 1951 are now paying a domestic employee to care for their children. Like the parents of eighteen years ago, today's parents must also report the wages paid to their maids.

The requirements for individuals reporting the salaries of household workers are as follows:

Cash wages, including bus fare if paid in cash, must be reported if the money paid amounts to \$50.00 in a calendar quarter.

The work done by anyone in

or around the house is covered by social security. Maids, cooks, gardeners or yard men and baby sitters are included in this group.

The household worker responsible for showing his social security card to his employer. The correct social security number must be shown on the wage reports to be credited to his social security record.

The housewife or other employer is responsible for reporting the amount of wages paid to the worker. Those wage reports are made at the end of each calendar quarter. The report for this quarter (July-August-September) must be filed with the Internal Revenue service by October 31, 1968. The reporting forms are available at the Internal Revenue office.

Additional information about your social security may be obtained at the Social Security Office in Raleigh at 1122 Hillsborough Street. They are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

YAF Plans Day In Court For Rebels

Conservative Tar Heel college students have announced a nationwide legal attack against campus revolts. The North Carolina Young Americans for Freedom plan to "give campus rebels their day in court."

A leader of the more than 850 members of the North Carolina Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) in a news conference Friday said that "YAF members in North Carolina have placed in the hands of like-minded attorneys extensively-prepared legal materials-including briefs, memoranda, request for injunctions, civil suit material, etc."

J. Harold Herring, Jr., YAF State Chairman and a student at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, said that the YAF National Board of Directors, meeting in June in Columbus, Ohio, voted to bring the "New Left nazis" to court for violations of students' contractual rights. YAF reasons that if students pay a tuition or a fee to receive uninterrupted instruction, then college officials are obligated to keep their campus orderly. Herring is also a member of the National Board of Directors.

In announcing the legal attacks against the New Left, Herring said, "YAF's efforts to combat the New Left through the formation of majority coalitions of students who want an education, not a revolution, have already been successful."

"But the majority coalitions work best only where there is community, campus administration, and strong-felt majority student support. It is necessary to go further in combating the Left. It is essential that we defeat the New Left in the arena where all matters are eventually resolved in our system—the courts."

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