

HARSH 'SQUEEZE' ON VOTERS BACKFIRES

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Jack Pledges Rights Leadership

Lunch Counter Bars Dropping

Vote pinch begins to boomerang

By L. F. PALMER Jr. (See Photos on Page 3)

SOMERVILLE, Tenn. — (NNPA) — The tight economic squeeze on colored citizens fighting for the right to vote in Fayette County, Tenn. is beginning to boomerang and several small white businesses are on the verge of closing shop.

This is the word from one of Somerville's most influential white business leaders who must of necessity remain nameless.

Colored residents of the county are bucking down for a long economic siege and there are indications that heavy casualties will be suffered on both sides before the problem is resolved.

Many of the smaller businesses in Fayette County are almost entirely supported by colored people, who comprise the overwhelming majority of the population.

When it was decided that economic pressure would be brought to bear on the colored residents, the small store operators complained, but had to go along with the program or be squeezed out themselves.

NOW, WITH colored persons barred from buying even a loaf of bread, there simply aren't enough customers to go around and the small business man is experiencing some lean days. Several are on the verge of closing.

The economic pressure is designed to force the colored persons to leave the county or to slap them "back in their place" where they will be afraid to register and vote.

A list of colored registered voters has been compiled and these persons are automatically refused crop loans, credit or financial aid of any kind.

Colored persons with cash in their pockets can't buy groceries, gasoline for their tractors, a bottle of aspirin or medical aid for their babies. The kids can't even buy a popsicle.

THE SQUEEZE is so vise, like in its grip that many families are bordering on the brink of starvation. It is extending to colored persons not named on the list and has become so widespread that the Fayette County Civic and Welfare League has appealed to President Eisenhower to declare the county a disaster area and send federal relief.



SETS PRECEDENT — Harry Belafonte, first of his race to win a Television Academy Emmy, kisses the golden statuette he won in Hollywood Monday for "outstanding variety or musical performance" of the past television season.

Jubilant youngsters parade with Wilkins on shoulders

By LOUIS LAUTIER ST. PAUL, Minn. (NNPA) — A big demonstration was touched off Thursday afternoon of youth and college delegates to the 51st annual convention of the NAACP by the announcement that two drug chains and two major department stores in Northern Virginia had dropped the color bar at their lunch counters.

Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, made the announcement at the end of a speech to the Youth and College Division at their meeting in the ballroom of the Lowry Hotel.

As Mr. Wilkins read a news paper dispatch to the young people, a wild burst of applause broke out.

part of such an accomplishment, our thanks and recognition go to the valiant efforts of the youth of Virginia and North Carolina for having fought the good fight for this momentous achievement and its highest significance toward the maturity of a true democracy in America, and particularly because of their efforts in the face of reprisals, social, economic and physical.

The reference in the resolution to North Carolina arose from a second dispatch stating that summer students at

Shaw had resumed their sit-down demonstration.

The resolution was never put. The ballroom was in bedlam. The young people, and some of their elders, were standing shouting, cheering, and yelling.

SUDDENLY, THREE husky lads picked up Mr. Wilkins by their shoulders. The third brought up the rear. The young people were marching around

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Leadership pledged by Kennedy

WASHINGTON — Sen. John F. Kennedy promised last week if elected president, to use the office to exercise "moral leadership" to further civil rights progress.

He marked the second occasion the Democratic presidential hopeful had taken a strong stand on the rights issue.

Speaking to a group of African diplomats at a luncheon sponsored by Foster Business Inc., an organization to promote small businesses in underdeveloped nations, Kennedy said the United States should meet the challenge of emerging African nationalism by maintaining the struggle for "racial justice" at home.

HE SAID progress had been "remarkable...but our efforts must go on and increase to achieve equal access to the voting booth, to the schoolroom, to jobs, to housing, and to public facilities, including lunch counters."

Such action, Kennedy said, would inevitably involve "some unrest and turmoil and tension — part of the price of change."

"But the fact that people are peacefully protesting the denial of their rights is not something to be lamented," he declared.

"It is a good sign — a sign of increased popular responsibility, of good citizenship, of the American spirit coming alive again."

"It is in the American tradition to stand up for one's rights — even if the new way is to sit down," he declared.

KENNEDY SAID it was another "sign of national vitality" that the Supreme Court in one area after another is upholding the constitutional right of all Americans to equal treatment.

Implying that the courts

Hail The Champ!

An editorial salute to Floyd Patterson, who demonstrated that dedication and determination are an unbeatable combination—Page 4.

Our Sam Explains

Very much the mistake of picking Johnson, the new explains why he would be the president.

Why can't we ever pick a winner?

By OLLIE STEWART

AFRO Foreign Correspondent PARIS — I am not assuming that AFRO readers are gamblers — but if there be some who like an occasional flutter on the ponies, at a bugo party, or on a sweepstakes ticket, what I'm about to say will likely be understood.

The U.S. government just can't seem to pick a winner. The recent explosion in Turkey that blew Premier Menderes sky high is only the latest in a series of longshots that Uncle Sam backed — and lost not only his shirt, but sent money from American taxpayers down the drain.

The President and his advisors apparently don't study the chart. They put millions on a sprinter — and he burns out on the backstretch in a long distance race.

THEY LOAD up — with your money — on a favorite because they like his colors or his name, and most times, since the war, he's finished out of the money.

Translated to politics, this means that most of the leaders hand-picked and supported by the U.S. government

Danville group would stand up for integration

DANVILLE, Va. — A Danville group seeks removal of chairs and tables from the public library after a court desegregation order was followed by a referendum in which residents voted 2-to-1 to close rather than integrate the library.

A committee of white citizens is now seeking 5,000 signatures to a petition to go along with the plan to integrate the library, but remove all tables and chairs. But members of the two races would stand, but not sit together.

The petitioners were slated for presentation to the City Council Monday.

Cafes, cafeterias, stores agreeing to serve all persons

(More sitdown stories, pictures page 5) ARLINGTON, Va. — The sitdown movement took new dimension, and scope Friday and Saturday. This was highlighted by a wave of desegregation of restaurants in Virginia and Baltimore.

The sitdowners previously had variety, drug and department stores as their targets. They took the position that since they were not allowed to sit down at these places, they would sit down at these places.

Last week, the Hot Shoppes chain with ten outlets in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax, Va. and the Thompson's and Bickford's chains in Baltimore announced a new policy of equal service for all.

This action revealed that the question of "service at all other counters" is of secondary importance to the basic moral question of discrimination in public places.

IN ADDITION to the Hot Shoppes in Arlington, drug, variety and department stores also "opened up" last week. They were the Woolworth and G. C. Murphy variety chains; Drug Fair and People's Drug Stores, and Lansburgh's, Kann's and Hecht Department stores.

In Baltimore, Thompson's Restaurant was the first chain to change policy; last week, the Bickford chain followed suit. The House of Welsh, a higher price range restaurant, announced that it welcomes patrons without regard to race.

Other Baltimore restaurants, serving nothing but food, which joined the ranks were Regent House, Chung King, Virginia Dare, St. James and Pixie.

Just a few weeks ago, sitdowners won the right for service in the dining rooms of all Baltimore department store chains.

THE CRACK in Virginia's segregation armor burst with dramatic impact at Kann's Department Store. Eight students, white and colored, were sitting in the darkened dining room. They had been sitting for two hours. Shortly after they entered, the manager stopped all service, locked the doors and turned out the lights.

The sitdowners remained. Suddenly, the lights came on. The door swung open. The manager burst in to announce there would be equal service for all — from now on.

Robert Gerber, chairman of Kann's directors, had telephoned the manager and directed him to adopt the policy change.

IN NASHVILLE, Tenn. Judge Andrew Doyle re-tired charges against 63 sitdowners. The demonstrators, students at Fisk, Tennessee State and Vanderbilt universities, were arrested March 2.

The judge said the cases would not be reopened. "Junior sitdowners" — aged 10 to 14 — took over at the Woolworth lunch counter in Rock Hill, S.C. The tots, youngest sitdowners on record, were led by Arthur Hamm, who led the movement at Friendship Junior College before his graduation.

Waitresses refused to serve them but there was no disorder — no arrests.

Mr. Hamm and the Rev. C. A. Ivory are to face trial on trespassing charges growing out of a June 7 sitdown demonstration.

"Senior sitdowners" — parents of school children — planned a demonstration in New Rochelle, N.Y., against school segregation. They are protesting the decision to erect a new Lincoln Elementary School in

This Week's Newsmakers

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Bobby Hill on 2nd safari to carry medicine to Africans

NEW YORK—Bobby Hill, the 14-year old son of an Air Force staff sergeant, left Saturday on his second aerial journey to take medical equipment and supplies to Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his hospital in French Central Africa.

A year ago, while in Naples, Italy, where his father was stationed, Bobby wrote his commanding officer stating that he would like to send a package of medicine to the Nobel-winning physician and philosopher.

Bobby's letter became a plan and led to a campaign which raised about \$40,000 worth of medical supplies for the hospital in addition to Bobby's package, which he delivered personally to Dr. Schweitzer.

Saturday Bobby and his father left Mitchell Air Force Base in an Air Force C-130 with about a ton of laboratory equipment and medical supplies provided by Medico, a non-profit medical organization, and by the International Latex Corporation.

Strong rights plank 'must' for Democrats says Butler

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — A "forthright and courageous" civil rights plank is a must for the Democratic Party, even if it means defeat in the Presidential election, Paul Butler declared in a television address Saturday.

The national Democratic chairman was here to keynote the Wisconsin Democratic Convention.

Butler also rapped the Eisenhower Administration for blocking the U-2 incident. He said that a Democratic Administration would have had a U-2 plane.

And turning to Vice President Richard Nixon and Premier Nikita Khrushchev, Butler said he's convinced the Soviet leader is using reverse psychology in blasting Nixon—hoping Nixon will be elected President because Khrushchev feels that Nixon will be easier to deal with.



A DIFFERENT PICTURE NOW — Protest demonstrators at lunch counters in Arlington's Shirlington Shopping Center stores (Lansburgh and Woolworth's) found themselves all by themselves after

store managers suspended service Saturday. But it was a different story Friday when all persons were served regardless to race. From left to right pictured here are Emily Malkin, 18, George Washington U. freshman; William Griffin, 25, Howard U. Dental

student; Clyde McDowell, 20, Howard junior; Jean Donnelly, 20, Florida College sophomore vacationing in Washington, and Mike Proctor, 19, Howard junior. (Story on page one)

Nixon calls for moral leadership

By ART CARTER
WASHINGTON
Vice President Richard M. Nixon Wednesday told a group of 40 Maryland ministers and civic leaders America "must develop moral and spiritual strength if we are to maintain world leadership."
Speaking briefly at the Marylanders at a luncheon in the Senate Dining Room, Mr. Nixon declared that all the issues facing us there is nothing more important than keeping peace.
"To keep the peace, he emphasized, we must not only do so militarily to compete in missiles, an area in which we have an advantage, but we must develop moral and spiritual strength to maintain world leadership."
He asserted it will be the responsibility of the next President to mobilize strength of this kind if we are to survive.
MR. NIXON emphasized that the struggle for world leadership will be won or lost in Asia, Africa and the Near East.
Citing the fact that 85 percent of the peoples in these countries are non-white, the Vice President said, "It is tremendously difficult to talk about fundamental dignity abroad, then have natives of those countries point to incidents at home which deny that dignity." As an example of such incidents, he mentioned one as "14,000,000 not having adequate education."
As a final word, he said, "Unless we practice these ideals of human dignity at home, as a shining example, we will lose." Then as a warning to the clergy, he said, "We who fight for this guarantee of equality at home must bear in mind that we are not doing it simply for ourselves or our group, but doing it for the nation."
"Clearly apart from any partisan conflict, we must never forget the American tradition to maintain the greatest idealistic strength," Mr. Nixon urged.
GUESTS at the luncheon included Bishop Edgar A. Love, Dr. and Mrs. Martin D. Jenkins, the Reverend Daniel Riddout, Harrison J. Bryant, Bethel A.M.E. Julius S. Carroll, Randall Methodist, Washington, D.C.; Arthur J. Payne, president, Maryland Council of Churches and pastor, Enon Baptist; James J. Moore, Sharon Baptist.
The Rev. J. W. Elbert told the Senators they must get rid of "any and all Republican coalitions with southern Democrats" to choke off civil rights legislation if they expect to win the colored vote.
State Senator Phoebus praised the long and loyal support of the Eastern Shore voters and introduced Mr. Nixon as "the next President of the United States."

Bickford Cafeterias Change Their Policy

BALTIMORE — The local restaurants in the Bickford's chain are now serving colored patrons.
The change of policy was confirmed when a reporter, checking reports that the chain had desegregated, entered and was served in the restaurant at 3 N. Calvert St., often called "No. 19" because of the discrimination had ended are

BALTIMORE STUDENTS PROMISE They won't be stopped

BALTIMORE — Large number of politicians who gather there. This latest breakthrough in the fight against segregation came after members of the Civic Interest Group had picked three of the Bickford Restaurants.
Other downtown restaurants which had announced earlier that their policies of discrimination had ended are the Regent House, 22 E. Fayette St.; Chung King, 107 W. Fayette St.; Virginia Dare, 307 N. Howard St.; St. James, 530 N. Charles and Pixie, 208 E. Baltimore St.; House of Welsh, 301 Guilford Ave.
The Thompson Cafeterias and the B and A terminal restaurant, Howard and Lombard Sts., are also open to colored patrons.

Advice is 'Don't buy'

RICHMOND — You're colored and you can't eat at store counters with white folk.
That is an unjust, unfair and immoral attitude assumed by store owners and managers toward colored customers.
"You can challenge it by not spending a dime in any store in Richmond where racial discrimination or segregation is practiced."
THESE ARE THE leading statements on circulars recently distributed to residents in the store segregation protest movement.
The circulars urge a boycott of nine downtown stores and urge citizens to volunteer for picket duty through the Richmond Citizens Advisory Committee, 420 N. First St.
The stores now targets of the protest demonstrations are Thalhimer's, Miller's and Rhoads, Grant Drug Store, W. Gant Department Store, Sears, Roebuck and Co., Peoples Drug Store, Woodworth's and Murphy's Variety Store.
IN ENCOURAGING more active participation in the protest movement, a letter from Mrs. June P. Guild this week cites three factors which the campaigners might bear in mind for true dedication to the cause.
"Mr. Guild's noted champion of democratic reforms, Don't fear the closing of any lunch counter patroned only by whites, they will not go hungry. Colored citizens are fighting now for justice for themselves. If a store owner is unfair, that is too bad, but there is no time to waste tears on whites."
"NO ONE should worry he causing colored citizens are picketing a store owned by another minority group which is often treated unfairly. What the colored people want now is simple justice for himself."
"If another minority group practices discrimination that is doubly sad, but it is no reason to become sentimental, just not about that other minority."
"The strangest of all arguments I have yet heard against picketing is this: 'We don't want to win this fight by causing anyone to lose profits.'"
"IF ALL OF the approximate 1,000,000 Richmond area colored citizens joined by a few of us whites were to kneel down and beg for an integrated cup of coffee would that bring results?"
"Certainly not. When an unfair store feels a loss of profits, then and only then will it consider changing its policies."

'New dignity' from sit-downs for race

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — "Recent events have given the colored masses a new self-confidence and new dignity, a leading educator and church man declared at the opening session of the 17th annual Race Relations Institute at Fisk University.
Dr. Herman H. Long, professor of sociology at Fisk and dean of the institute, was referring to the student sit-down protests.
He told the more than 125 ministers, teachers, social workers and students that both colored and white young people have found a cause and a method with which to express their disapproval of meaning less racial prohibitions. Dr. Long is also director of the Race Relations Department of the Board of Home Missions and International Christian Churches.
DR. GEORGE M. HAUSER, New York City, executive director of the American Commission on Africa, spoke to the institute on "The Significance of Africa for American Race Relations." There is a growing sense of identity between the colored American and the African which has led to exchanges of visits and delegations between representatives of the two peoples.
The institute which ends Friday, July 1, is sponsored by Board of Home Missions and Fisk University, with the cooperation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

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Dr. Weaver lauds youth for launching sit-in movement

ST. PAUL, Minn. (NNPA) — We are on the brink of what promises to be one of the most dynamic periods of intergroup relations in the nation and the world," Robert C. Weaver, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, declared Tuesday.
Delivering his first keynote address to an NAACP annual convention, Dr. Weaver pointed out that "The legal basis of racial segregation in public facilities has been destroyed, barriers to free voting are breaking down and a more sophisticated political leadership is here."
"Even in housing, the most stubborn stronghold of Jim Crow, new patterns are slowly appearing. These developments reflect, in large measure, the work of the NAACP."
But he warned against complacency and expressed confidence that the goal of equality will be achieved if we remain resolute.
Taking note of recent court decisions that the NAACP is no longer a "harmful" organization, Dr. Weaver said "This is not a new and unique phenomenon."
He pointed out that a quarter of a century ago the NAACP sent Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt a letter which she read and revitalized its program.
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Gov. suggests students sitdown for housing

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Williams renamed to School Board

WASHINGTON — Dr. William S. Williams, attorney, was reappointed to the District Board of Education for a three-year term Thursday.
At the same time, the District Board of Education appointed Dr. Williams as a member of the Board of Education for a three-year term Thursday.

Aid brings ray of hope for Jim Fair

BAYONNE, N.J. — He said he appreciates very much what all the people here are doing for him. It makes him feel good to know that someone is on his side.
Mrs. Audrey Key of 30 E. 26th St. on Monday was speaking of her brother, James Fair, Jr., 29, granted a stay of execution July 1 by Georgia Gov. Ernest Vandiver.
The case of the Bayonne youth gained national attention last month when he was arrested and doomed to the electric chair for the murder of an 8-year-old Blackely, Ga. girl — all within a three-day period.

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MAYOR SIGNS PROCLAMATION — Captain Maria Rebecca Smith of the 2800 block Rayner Ave., represented AFRO Clean Blockers at the City Hall Friday when Mayor J. Harold Grady issued a proclamation designating the period of June 24 through



September 3 as "AFRO Clean Block Time." Miss Grace Davis, AFRO Clean Block office assistant, is at left and Mrs. Francis Mackay, Clean Block director, stands at right.