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CURTIS AUSTIN, SR.

Waterloo 21 Found Guilty

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, Judge August Honsell of Cedar Rapids Municipal court found the remaining 21 defendants in the school administration building sit-in case guilty. The charge of criminal trespassing was reduced to a simple misdemeanor. In addition Judge Honsell fined each defendant \$50 to be paid by March 30. If the fines are not paid by that date, the defendants will have to serve 10 days in jail.

Mr. Curtis Austin, Sr., one of the 21 found guilty, when contacted by the Defender stated that he would not make a final decision as to what his position would be until he met with the others. However, his immediate reaction was whether or not he could in good conscience pay the \$50 fine since the threat of jail is no deterrent to his having taken a moral position. "Why," said Mr. Austin, "should I have to pay a \$50 fine for doing something I felt and still feel was right - demanding quality education for all children regardless of color and economic condition."

Operation F.R.E.E. Expresses Appreciation To Cornell Black Students

Operation FREE thanks the black students of Cornell college in Mt. Vernon, for their fine presentation of Lorraine Hansberry's "Raisen in The Sun." The students donated their time and services to do this benefit performance for FREE. The play was entirely student produced, directed and acted.

When the Defender contacted Jim Porter, co-chairman of FREE, Mr. Porter said, "Although this was the third time "Raisen in the Sun" has been presented in Waterloo, the response to this production was beyond our expectation. The crowd's reaction was so enthusiastic one would think this was the first time. Although this was an amateur

group, the performance by the cast was as professional as any I've seen this side of Broadway."

The students stated that although this was the fourth time they have performed this play, it was their first experience in playing before a predominately black audience.

The audience reaction added new meanings to and dimensions of this play for them.

Following the play the students were hosted at a "soul-food" dinner. The food was donated by members from the black community. Mr. Porter further stated "that because of the tremendous reaction to this play, FREE will be trying to bring similar plays to Waterloo. Also, the play was a financial success."

Rep. Rapp Announces Legislative Answer Line

State Representative Stephen Rapp of Waterloo has announced the opening of a 24-hour legislative answering service.

Anyone who has any comments or questions regarding legislation before the Iowa General Assembly

is invited to call 234-4366 and leave his name and number.

Representative Rapp plans to get back in touch with each caller to listen to his comments and to try to respond to his questions. (That number again is 232-4366.)

OEO Dismantling At Double-Time

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- The Office of Economic Opportunity, the federal antipoverty agency, has been dismantling in double-time, every since President Nixon set a July 1 deadline for a halt in funding of local community action agencies and the transfer of OEO programs to other federal departments in his fiscal 1974 budget message to Congress.

Theodore Tetzlaff, head of OEO's controversial legal services program, appears to be the first victim of the dismantling. The 28-year-old Tetzlaff who served as acting director for a year, was abruptly fired last week after he refused to resign.

"I was told that I had to go, and if I didn't want my resignation to be accepted, I was terminated," Tetzlaff said after his pro forma resignation was accepted. He also said that OEO's acting director, Howard Phillips, had refused the firing with him.

Tetzlaff, the third head of the program in 27 months to leave under pressure, said his dismissal was part of an effort "to kill the program or at least to interject politics into the work of anti-poverty lawyers and destroy their professionalism." (His predecessor, Fred Speaker, quit the post saying he was "disturbed" about the "political interference" of Vice President Agnew and others in the legal services program. Speaker's predecessor, Terry Lenzner, and his deputy were fired

in November, 1970 following Lenzner's charges that the Administration's move to regionalize the program was to "appease" local politicians.)

Noting that "pink slips" were given to the 34-member National Advisory committee---which has served, since the agency's beginning in 1965, to join members of bar association, poor persons receiving legal services, and the Government---Tetzlaff said, "I think he (Phillips) wants to take a different tack in running the legal services program. I think he wants to declare open warfare on it, discredit certain parts of it and use it for political ends."

Tetzlaff, who said his dismissal was only the latest in a series of "acts of political interference," cited the appointments of a number of officials in the legal services headquarters whom he said were "of questionable qualification." Included in that group was Marshall Boarman, the new chief of evaluation, a post which Tetzlaff, said was "the most professionally demanding position in the program. Yet, here he (Phillips) appoints a man who is not even a lawyer."

Tetzlaff's dismissal came following a reaffirmation of support for the program by the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. However, President Nixon had ordered the program phased out in his budget presented to Congress Jan. 29. Last year, Mr.

Nixon vetoed a plan under which legal services would have been made an independent public corporation, but similar legislation may be forthcoming again this year.

The legal services program involves 2,5000 lawyers working out of 900 neighborhood offices in 300 cities across the country.

Tetzlaff's successor is Lawrence McCarty, 38, who is on leave of absence as associate legal counsel of New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Boston.

Of OEO's approximately 2,000 employees, 1,500 are scheduled to move to other agencies by July 1. The other 25 per cent are expected to leave the work force through retirement or resignation.

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Professor Leaving White College For Fisk

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Saying that he hoped his action would start a trend, noted sociologist C. Eric Lincoln has announced that he will leave Union Theological Seminary next fall to join the faculty of Fisk University in Nashville.

The 48-year-old Dr. Lincoln said his move was the result of a growing sense of obligation but noted, however, that many Black professionals now teaching in predominately white institutions may be deterred from making a similar move because of low salaries, heavy teaching loads and the lack of clerical help at predominately black universities, most of which are experiencing serious financial difficulties.

A frequent lecturer on religion and minority group relations who is, perhaps, best known for his study, "The Black Muslims of America," Dr. Lincoln said he believed that there is "an almost desperate need of black scholars with visibility at black colleges" and that the presence of these

black scholars would give students "a new kind of hope and a new kind of pride."

Saying that he was responding to pressure from responsible blacks in the academic ranks rather than militants, Dr. Lincoln said that he also wants to rear

his two young children in a black environment.

Dr. Lincoln, who has taught at Union Theological for the past five years, is a graduate of LeMoyne College, Fisk, and Boston University. He also taught at Clark College in Atlanta for 10 years.

Dr. Lincoln has been president of the Black Academy of Arts and Letters since its inception four years ago, an experience which he said contributed to his decision to join the Fisk faculty. The academy was set up to recognize black achievement and to encourage young black talent.

Disturbances Possible If OEO Is Dismantled

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Two dozen witnesses before the House Labor and Education Equal Opportunities subcommittee last week warned of the tragic impact President Nixon's planned dismantling of the Office of Economic Opportunity would have upon the poor, noting also that they feared the possibility of civil disturbances.

Many of the witnesses showed special concern for OEO's community action agencies (CAAs)

which the President proposed to leave to local financing with revenue sharing funds commencing July 1. OEO aid programs would be shifted to other federal departments.

Trenton (N.J.) Mayor Arthur Holland said the demise of OEO would have a far more serious impact upon the nation's poor than Nixon had previously indicated. He said his city was in "no position" to use its allotted revenue sharing

monies to keep the local anti-poverty agency operational.

In addition, Holland said Trenton had experienced civil disorders in the past and that with the dismantling of OEO, "we could be heading for more of the same."

Deton D. Brooks, Jr., president of the National Association for Community Development, said there exists a "funding gap," noting that "competition by human services programs for these limited funds will have to take place against fierce local demands for physical improvements for aid to schools and to mass transit, and for local property tax relief."

Others, like James H. Cossingham, executive director of the Calhoun Community Action Agency in Battle Creek, Mich., said public and private financial backers "are reluctant to continue to support CAAs when it appears that we will not be in business beyond July 1, 1973."

They also recalled Nixon's inaugural address in which he stressed the need for self-reliance. But, they contended, the demise of OEO will end the self-reliance and community participation of many persons and, according to Brooks, will commence a "retreat" from the initial concept of such kinds of programming.

Robert Marshall, a board member of the National Rural Housing Coalition, said, "we have the label of self-help, and beyond the label we have the reality and accomplishment. Yet, "he added, "with the dismemberment of OEO, we will surely die."

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"BROTHERHOOD WEEK '73"

A display was put up by Kenneth Jackson and Steven Congress featuring a variety of art cultures, books, black educational games and drawings by Kenneth Jackson. An announcement was made to the student body urging participation by the principal Father Brunkan.

FEBRUARY 13

A play entitled "Explosion of Myth" was presented to the stu-

dent body. Father William McLaughlin, moderator of B.S.U., talked about how much the students had accomplished in the past. He also talked about Sickle Cell anemia.

The first scene of the play was taken from All in the Family with Dwight Franc as Archie Bunker and Daniel Mitchell as a black Frenchman Hollingsworth B. Billingsworth the III., Cecelia Parker

THE BLACK STUDENT UNION OF COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL OBSERVED BLACK HISTORY WEEK - FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH 17 - BY PRESENTING WEEK-LONG PROGRAMS TO STUDENTS, THEIR PARENTS AND FACULTY AT COLUMBUS. THE THEME FOR THE PROGRAMS WAS BROTHERHOOD. THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS FEATURED COLUMBUS STUDENTS AND BLACKS FROM THE COMMUNITY-AT-LARGE.

as nurse and Laura Nash and Keith Anderson as the good "negro neighbors."

Scene two had a welfare theme in which Kenneth Jackson played a lazy son with an inferiority complex, Laura Nash - a student with inferiority complex, Micheal Nash - immature son, Cecelia Parker - the "Tom" social worker, Reggie Pelfry - a loser, Diane Temple - welfare mother and Danny Mitchell - 4th Street junkie.

SCENE III

Patty Perez and Steve Congress played an integrated couple in a restaurant with Paula Niedert as waitress.

FEBRUARY 14

Rap sessions were held all day with the students to answer any questions that they might have.

FEBRUARY 15

A night program featured as guest speaker Jimmie Porter, with music provided by the African Palace Soul Ensemble and the UNI Voices of Freedom. It turned out to be a very beautiful thing, thanks to directors Terrance Shane and Derrick Davis. Poems written by Diane Temple were read by Moira Nash and Cecelia Parker.

FEBRUARY 16 and 17

Dances were given at Columbus High school and Waterloo Recreation Center. Entertainment was provided by Midwest Express a band from Minneapolis.

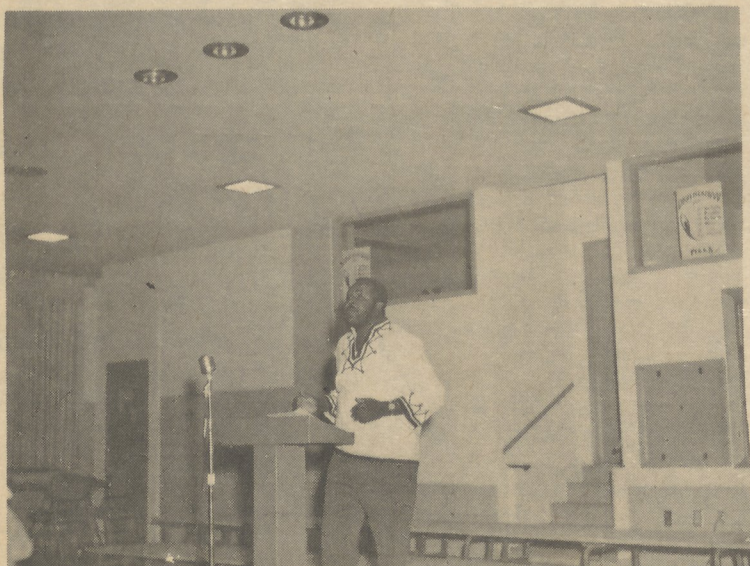
The money raised from the dances was donated to the sickle cell program. The week could not have been done without help from the black community as well as the white. The B.S.U. wishes to thank everyone who helped get it together with a special thanks to B.S.U. moderator Father McLaughlin and assistant moderator Mrs. Valerie Allen.



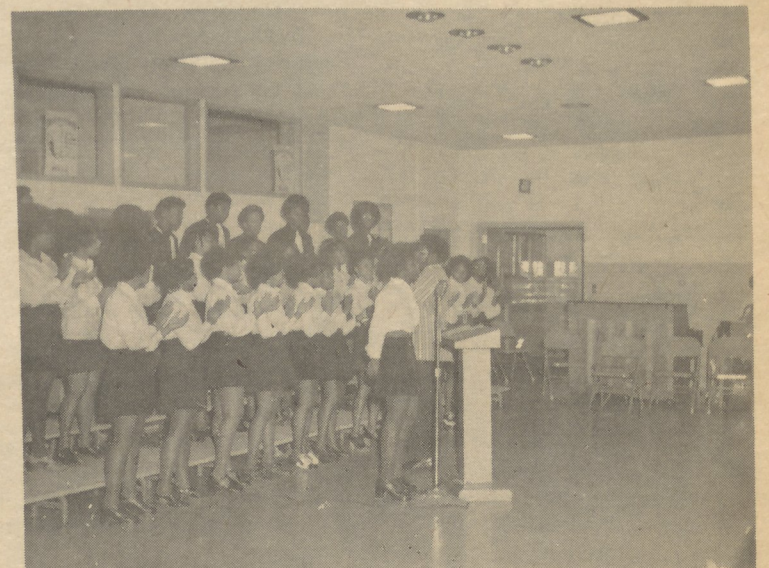
Left to right are Daniel Mitchell, Cecelia Parker and Dwight Franc



Left to right are Kenneth Jackson and Danny Mitchell



Guest speaker, Jimmie Porter



African Palace Soul Ensemble

WHAT'S GOING ON

Corinthian Baptist Church

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Rev. Arthur Mills, Pastor
607 Beech Street - 233-8132
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Worship Services - Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Union Missionary Baptist Church

207 Shilliam - 235-1213
Rev. L. J. Jordan Pastor
215 Shilliam - 232-3968
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services - Sunday at 11 a.m. and 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. their gospelistic choir is having its 16th anniversary program.

Rose Hill Church Of God In Christ

Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning worship - 12 a.m.
Evening Service 8 p.m.
Rev. R. McDonald
Ass't. Pastor Dave Robinson
800 Broadway St.

Antioch Baptist Church

426 Sumner - 233-2587
Rev. Eugene H. Williams Pastor.
2301 Idaho - 234-8152
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church

805 Adams - 233-9482
Rev. R. S. Ruckett, Pastor.
823 Adams - 234-3928
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services:
Sunday - 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Church Of God In Christ

Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening - 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Pearl Hayes Pastor
307 Shilliam Ave.

Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church

Rev. Leonard N. Williams, Sr. Pastor.
1024 Mobile - 232-1381
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Naomi

Sisk, Superintendent.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Youth Hour - 6 p.m.
Midweek - Hour of Power Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Monday-Friday - Headstart at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday at 8 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.
Friday at 7 p.m. Celestial Choir rehearsal.
Saturday at 10 a.m. Operation FREE
11 a.m. Children's Choir
Noon - Youth choir rehearsal Catechism classes. Mrs. Harris (Pearl) Ceaser, instructor.
Saturday at 4 p.m. Choral Choir Rehearsal.

Saviour Baptist Church

1220 Roosevelt
Rev. Robert Burt, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - Sunday, 12 noon.

Church Of God In Christ Gospel Temple

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 11:30 a.m.
Service Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Y.P.W. - 6:30 p.m.
Rev. Finzer Pastor
601 Douglas St.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

2024 Clearview
Rev. Ira Battle Pastor.
1624 Newell
During the pastor's absence, in charge is Evangelist L. Blalock at 234-4033.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Weekday Service - Tuesday and Friday at 7 p.m.

Savior Baptist Church

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 11:30 a.m.
Rev. Robert Burt Pastor
1220 Roosevelt.

Cityview Temple Church of God In Christ

825 North Barclay
Rev. Elick Patterson, Pastor
417 Almond - 232-3372
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3. Consumer Protection - Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.
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5. Criminal Proceedings - March 13 at 2 p.m.
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Governor Estes, Chairman

Cityview Neighborhood Club

POVERTY PROGRAMS?
As a concerned resident of Waterloo, Iowa, I think it's high time for the poor, hungry, and the minority people in the town to start asking questions and getting answers. As to how the Poverty Programs in these communities are being ran or handled, I know from a personal experience that whenever a proposal is being sought at, the Federal Government, the poor, hungry, and Blacks are made their first projects in these proposals. When a grant is issued to the Federal Government for funds, that is what it is all about. Once the grant is accepted and received the poor, Blacks, and minority groups have little to say about it. Everything in that time due about face. The poor, Blacks and minorities don't have much to say about how the money is used. At that point the well off, the majority, and the wealthy take over. People are concerned about President Nixon phasing out a lot of the poverty programs. I didn't say that right because as far as the majority of Black and poor are concerned it won't make that much difference. In the majority of the programs the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer.

So you see ladies and gentlemen you haven't been hurt so much after all. If the poor and the Blacks can't find some way to stop this we are in trouble, as we always are, anyway. There has been hundreds and thousands of dollars poured into Waterloo to

help the poverty stricken people. Once this money is here, then, it becomes pick and choose.

One community that stands out in my mind is part of the Waterloo area. The community is called by the name of WATERLOO, CITYVIEW HEIGHTS. It seems that this community has been forgotten or being used as a foreign country. I'll take that back, because the foreign countries haven't been forgotten. As an example, a new director was hired by the Board of Supervisers and Threshold. He has been here only a very short time and it seems his first order of business was to pull the government's money, to take money from the CityView area's. This move is impossible to understand and I think it is ridiculous.

Mr. Richard Blaylock

Waterloo Public Library

Young library users are being asked to help think up a new name for the "Young People's Rooms" at the Waterloo public libraries.

Mrs. Betty Bergman, head of youth services at the library, said "For some time we have been wanting to change the name from "Young People's Rooms" to something shorter and more descriptive but so far we haven't been able to come up with anything that seems just right. Now we're asking the children to help us. We want to know what they would like to have their rooms called."

"We are urging all youngsters who use the libraries to try hard to think of a new name", Mrs. Bergman said. "If they have suggestions we want them to be sure to either stop in, or call, or write us a letter. If any child offers us an idea that we consider far better than "Young People's Rooms" his suggestion will be adopted and his name will be announced as winner of the contest. The contest closes April 15."

"How the Elephant Got his Trunk," the movie version of one of Kipling's famous "Just So Stories," is one of the children's films to be shown at the East Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Other features will be "The Arctic Region and its Polar Bears" and "A Badger's Bad Day".

Show times for the free movies are 10:30 a.m., 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Betty Bergman, head of Youth Services at the library said "The films we choose for the Saturday movies are of special interest to children in the intermediate grades but youngsters of all ages are welcome."

Waterloo Women's Civic Club

club is having a Sickle Cell Benefit Banquet and Dance on March 31 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Electric Park ballroom.
Tickets are \$5 per person. The

Union Baptist Church Welfare Rights Organization

The WRO in Black Hawk county first began about five years ago by low income people. The original WRO split but was again organized three years ago by low income people who were really interested in getting things done. One of the first issues WRO organized around was a problem with food stamps. Many people in need were not getting food stamps. Since then, changes were made in the food stamp program. The future of the food stamp program and how it will affect all low income people is an issue the WRO is dealing with at this time.

Office space is donated to WRO by Catholic Charities. The main cost to the group is the telephone. There are no paid employees in WRO. All staff members are volunteers. WRO members frequently go with people to the welfare department and help to serve as an advocate for and with other people.

The philosophy of WRO is to help low income people help themselves, to restore pride and self-worth in people. There is a need to destroy many of the myths about welfare recipients. WRO exists to help not only welfare recipients but all poor people.

There are approximately 1980 ADC mothers in Black Hawk county. An immediate goal of WRO is to bring more people into the organization so that we can build a large group with voting power. With a large organization, WRO will aim toward getting their own candidates, electing city officials they want to represent them. Just getting all ADC people to organize could have a tremendous effect on city and county government. With many of the cuts coming in under the Nixon administration there is more of a need than ever to organize low-income people of all ages NOW.

The WRO office is located at 615 Water St. The officers are: Allie B. Anding - President
LaVonne Anfinson - Vice President.

Glenna Hall - Secretary
Lucille Ennenga - Treasurer
Barbara Kent and Don Kling-smith - Sergeant-at-arms.

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of the month. Any low income person having problems or wanting to join WRO please call 234-5654.

club is also sponsoring roller skating party at Skateland on March 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person.

HOBBY

Polly Price of Osceola, has a hobby of growing Bonsai or miniature trees. Mrs. Price has five varieties of trees growing in pots in her home. The bonsai literally means tray trees, or the cultivation of trees in a tray or pot which holds a limited amount of soil, sometimes only an inch or two.

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Black Mayors Want Summit With Nixon

FAYETTE, Miss. -- (NBNS) -- A group of 25 black southern mayors meeting here for a two-day conference voted this week to seek a "White House audience with President Nixon to discuss the impact of Administration budget cuts that sharply curtail anti-poverty spending."

Fayette Mayor Charles Evers, the organizer of the first Southern Black Mayors Conference, said, "maybe if we tell him (the President) from our hearts what is wrong he'll have mercy on us and change."

The conferees also called on Nixon to continue funding the Justice Department's Community Relations Service, an agency created by the 1964 Civil Rights Act to help communities develop socioeconomic programs and resolve difficulties stemming from racial problems.

(In the 1974 budget submitted by the President to Congress, the agency's budget would be cut from \$6 million last year to \$2 million this year, thus, causing curtail-

ment of its technical assistance program.)

The black mayors, who had convened from nine states to discuss mutual economic development problems, public services in their communities, and the Federal budget, listened to newly-appointed presidential adviser Stanley S. Scott criticize the "irresponsible" interpretations of the President's budget message.

Scott, the son of a black Atlanta newspaper publisher, said the President's budget would hold the line on taxes and inflation, not hamper anti-poverty efforts.

Several of the anti-poverty programs that are being cut back, Scott said, have benefited the middle man more often than the poor.

"I think it is important for us, as blacks, to understand this important point," Scott said. "If the budget cut of \$45 billion is not permitted to stay intact, we will suffer the most."

Some of the mayors were skeptical about Scott's comments, but

many believed their communities had benefited from federal aid granted by the Nixon Administration and would continue to do so under the revenue sharing plan.

"We've got a lot out of Nixon," Evers said, "but we had to pull it out between his teeth. But what about the rest of the country? Let's do something for them. The administration shouldn't pick and choose who gets money and who doesn't."

Commenting on the black mayors' request to meet with President Nixon, Scott said, "that is not his style. He would rather get things done than put on a show. Black people had better get away from this emotional thing and become pragmatic. It's better to have a President who is a doer than a President who is a showman."

Scott also responded to remarks that the President is anti-black, saying, "let's face it. The election is over. If blacks plan to make any substantive gains in the next four years they are going to have

THE COOKS CORNER

Mickeys' Favorite Rabbit Recipe
Cut up rabbit into about eight pieces. Wash it off. Split hind legs out the muscle, so the rabbit won't taste wild. Salt and pepper to taste.

Put one cup of flour into bag, with a little more salt and pepper added to it. Put rabbit in bag of flour and shake until rabbit is fully covered with flour.

Put the rabbit in a skillet of hot shortening, I recommend Crisco. Let the rabbit cook on both sides until golden brown. Remove rabbit and some of the shortening. Add flour to the remaining grease (the flour left over in the shaking bag) and let it brown also, then add a little water.

Place rabbit back in skillet, cover for about one half an hour letting it simmer.

When you remove the lid, you will have the best Mickey-a-la-graviated rabbit you've ever eaten. Mrs. Oma Ferguson (Mickey) 1530 Newell Street Waterloo, Iowa 50707

to work with Richard Nixon. Unfortunately, there is an unwarranted apprehension among blacks to the White House. But I'm confident that by 1976 this President will have made broad initiatives in the domestic scene that this country will be proud of."

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Syphillis Panel Now Open To Public

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Bowing to Black-supported demand made by Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.), the government appointed panel investigating the federally-sponsored Tuskegee syphillis experiment will open its meetings to the public.

The meeting room at the National Institutes of Health will hold only 20 additional persons, according to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and observers "may not participate in the proceedings," but may submit written statements.

The panel is attempting to determine whether the Public Health Service experiment begun in 1932 and lasting for 40 years, was justified. It is also considering the question of whether it should have been continued even after penicillin treatment was available during World War II.

At least 28 and possibly more than 100 Black men died as a direct result of the medical experimentation financed and conducted by the federal government.

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Dear Editor,

An X number of years from now Waterloo's history will read something like the following:

"In the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and seventy-two, due to the changing of time, a position of director of human relations was established for the Waterloo public schools." History will go on to say that two people applied for the position, one being a lady Mary Berdell and the other a man, Dennis Winfield.

Then history will use a few etc., etc., and say, "After long and careful deliberation, Dennis Winfield was selected." I hope history doesn't mention the race of either applicant because it shouldn't have been a factor.

After reading all this the reader will surmise that apparently Winfield was better qualified. But history will say nothing of the fact that Winfield, being a member of the forty member committee of group leaders, made a recommendation that the school board (Waterloo) hire two directors with each sharing half of the proposed salary for one person, if necessary and then accepting the job solely when it was offered to him without conferring with the committee whom he was a part.

History will not say Dennis Winfield was the holder of a B.A. degree in English and that Mary Berdell had a B.A. in English and a Masters in Social work. History will not say that Dennis Winfield was a teacher at a local high school as experience and that Mary Berdell had years of service ranging from Councilor in education systems to city social service director. And finally history will not say that Mary Berdell, as a concerned citizen took part in the support picketing at Logan Plaza, because of various education inconsistencies in the school system during the summer of 1972.

All of the previous lines are trying to say that all citizens

of Waterloo and especially the people in the public school system (students, teachers and administration) have been dealt an unfortunate blow because we will not benefit from this person's knowledge and experience. And the irony of it all is that all history will say is that Mary Berdell was not selected.

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African Prisoners Solidarity Day Plans Jell

The African Prisoner of War Solidarity Day to be held in Jackson, Miss., March 30 and 31 is expected to draw several thousand Black people, primarily from the South to participate in workshops and demonstrations calling attention to the plight of Black political prisoners.

Choke Lumumba, an RNA official and national coordinator of Solidarity Day, in an interview with NBNS disclosed the following schedule for the event:

* Friday, March 30 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Workshops will be held at the Lynch Avenue Masonic Temple on "The International Significance of African Prisoners of War"; "Black Law"; "Relationship of Prisoners of War in U.S. to Total Liberation Struggle."

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Sincerely,
Ms. Charlotte Klapp

Workshops leaders will be Nelson Johnson, Chairman of Youth Organization for Black Unity (YOB); journalist Wally Sadig, (formerly called Lou House); Ibadun Sundiata; and Irving Joyner, community organization coordinator, Committee for Racial Justice.

* March 30, 8 to 11 p.m. A spiritual rally will be conducted by Rev. Ben Chavis, Wilmington, N.C., and Rev. Charles Koen, Cairo, Ill. Both young ministers have served time as prisoners of war stemming from their political activities. Other local participating ministers will include Rev. William Jones, chairman of the Jackson Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and Rev. S. L. Bowman, chairman of the Baptist Union. Musical messages will be sung by the Nationtime Singers, an RNA choral group.

* Saturday, March 31 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the St. Francis High school gymnasium in Yazoo, Miss. (approximately 40 miles outside of Jackson) a Prisoner of War Report will be given on the status of H. Rap Brown; Mohammed Ahmed (Max Stanford); Martin Sostre; Rev. Ben Chavis and the Wilmington 9; Ruchell Magee; Attica State prisoners; Cleveland Sellers; and Brother Imari Obadele, head of RNA, currently in Hinds County (Jackson, Miss.) jail.

2 p.m. - Demonstrators will march past the site of the murders of the Jackson State College students and Hinds County jail.

Following the march a final rally will be held at the Masonic Temple where guest speakers will include Owusu Sadaukai, national chairman of the African Liberation Support Committee; Imamu Baraka, head of the Congress of African People; Roy Innis, National director of the Congress for

Racial Equality; and Rep. Julian Bond.

Representatives of several of the liberation movements in Southern Africa are also expected to attend.

Solidarity day has been endorsed by numerous Black organizations, clergymen, political activists and elected officials.

In addition to the sponsoring organization, the Republic of New Africa, other endorsers include - the National Black Assembly; Congress of African People; African Liberation Support Committee; Committee for Racial Justice; Mayor Richard Hatcher; All-African Peoples Revolutionary Party; Dick Gregory; Congressmen Charles Diggs, Ron Dellums, and John Conyers; Ossie Davis; Ga. State Rep. Julian Bond; Youth Organization for Black Unity; Mrs. Georgia Jackson, mother of George and Jonathan Jackson; attorneys Howard Moore, Hayward Burns; and Paul Boutelle, Socialist Workers Party.

For further information contact Chokwe Lumumba, 128 1/2 Gallatin Street, Jackson, Miss. (601)-355-7495.

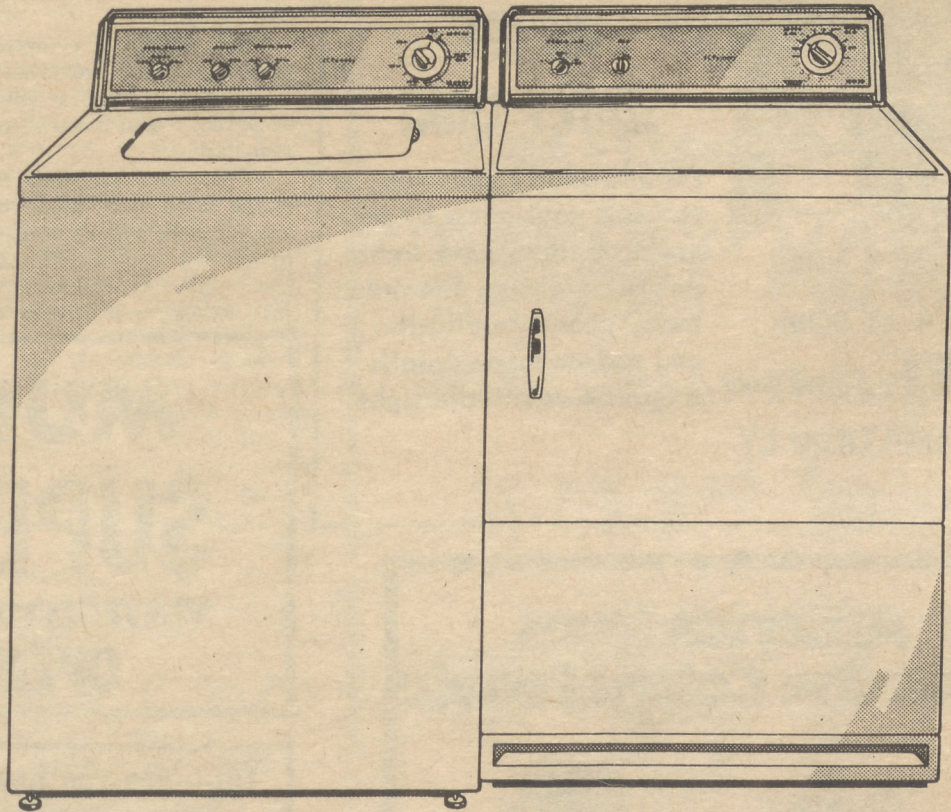


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NBNS Grows To 68 With Addition Of Six Black Newspapers

WASHINGTON - (NBNS) --The addition of six black newspapers brings to 68 the total number of subscribers to the National Black News Service, Paul H. Wyche, Jr., its president, announced this week.

The new papers are the Charleston (S.C.) Chronicle, the Beaumont (Texas) Advocate, the Akron (Ohio) Reporter, the Charlotte (N.C.) Metrolinian, the Augusta (Ga.) News-Review, and the Carolina (N.C.) Times.

"We are extremely proud that within our first year of operation in serving the nation's black press we are very quickly approaching the 70 newspaper mark," said Wyche as he surveyed a map with the 67 cities and 35 states and the Virgin Islands represented by the NBNS subscribers.

"During the past 11 months, with the increased support of the black newspaper publishers and editors, we have continued to grow at an extremely rapid pace," he continued.

At the same time, Wyche announced that within 60-90 days NBNS will begin offering a photo

service to its subscribers as part of "our ongoing commitment to increase the services of NBNS to our newspaper subscribers."

The Washington, D. C.-based company was begun last March with only five newspapers, and the service has grown steadily throughout those 11 months of operation. It provides national news of interest to black readers to its clients.

The five original subscribers--The Miami Times, the Louisville Defender, the Baltimore Afro-American, the Cleveland Call and Post, and the Philadelphia Tribune--are still NBNS subscribers.



PAUL H. WYCHE, JR.

'Collective Penalties' Fail To Stop African Liberation Struggle

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- In a desperate but futile attempt to deter the people of Zimbabwe from providing aid and comfort to Zimbabwean freedom fighters, the white-minority ruled government of Rhodesia is applying collective sanctions against whole villages of African people.

An article in the New York Times reported recently that such

action against the villagers of Chikywa for sheltering guerillas, was the first time such harsh collective punitive measures had been taken by the Rhodesian government against the people of Zimbabwe.

Liberation armies have apparently decided that a "soldier-to-soldier" military strategy will not be sufficient to drive the Europeans from African soil. They have now increasingly begun to attack white farmers in outlying regions causing whites to fear settling or continuing to live in those militarily strategic border locations.

The news report stated that the Chiweshes had been fined 150 Rhodesian dollars. Troops and policemen stormed the village to collect the money, and when the villagers were unable to produce money their cattle were confiscated.

A member of FROLIZI, (Front For the Liberation of Zimbabwe) a Zimbabwean guerilla organization, denied that this represents the first time "collective penalties" have been taken against African people for supporting freedom fighters.

"What Smith is trying to do is what the settler government did in 1896 when the first rebellions occurred," said a FROLIZI representative.

"When the freedom fighters strike in an area, police come in and comb the whole village and try to get the people to identify the guerrillas," he continued. "When they refuse, everyone in the area

Baraka Attends Cabral's Funeral; Cites His Liberation Commitment

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- President Sekou Toure of Guinea met with Imamu Baraka when the poet-politician recently attended the state funeral of assassinated PAIGC leader Amilcar Cabral's funeral held in Conakry Guinea. (PAIGC is the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde Island, the liberation army of Guinea-Bissau).

Baraka, head of the Congress of African People discussed with President Toure several points of interest concerning the African liberation struggle and the role Africans in the United States can play in that struggle.

During the meeting with Baraka, held on the Sunday following Cab-

ral's funeral President Toure emphasized the need for unity in the worldwide struggle for African liberation.

"President Toure also emphasized that support for African liberation groups must be held as a priority for progressive nations and organizations all over the world," reported Baraka.

During the meeting President Toure particularly stressed the need for Africans in the United States to be "especially vigilant" now that the United States has left Vietnam.

Having left Vietnam the United States will probably be coming to Africa," Baraka said President Toure forecast.

"He said imperialism is like a fire, you can put it out once place but it starts another," the CAP chairman related.

As a result of his conversation with the African leader, Baraka said CAP will be very "active in spreading the revolutionary ideology of President Toure and moving to set up more concrete communications between revolutionary governments and the struggling African peoples of the Western Hemisphere."

Accordingly, Baraka, also a member of the National African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) has urged CAP's cadres to "become particularly active in local African Liberation committees which are planning demonstrations in a dozen U.S. cities on May 26, the date of this year's African Liberation Day.

"The only revenge we can get for Amilcar Cabral's assassination will be by achieving the liberation of African people all over the world," Baraka concluded in his report on his journey to Guinea. Baraka was also deeply moved by events making up the four-day state funeral for Cabral, attended by heads of African governments and liberation movements all over the world.

"On the pathway, thousands of revolutionary youth as well as Guinean officials made up the Honor Guard," Baraka reported. He said the body was viewed at the Polytechnic Institute and "only the top of his body was displayed but one could see a bullet hole in his head. . ."

"It is a tragic irony that in the case of the October 22 aggression where Guineans who were acknowledged traitors to their country did so under the urge and dollars of Western countries notably the U.S. and West Germany," commented Baraka.

"Not only that, but also in the case of the assassination of Cabral, the chief assassin was a former member of PAIGC, Inocenco Kani, who was also given money and other alluring offers by the Portuguese to carry out the assassination," Baraka said.

The U.S. Pan Africanist leader said that the assassin Inocenco had previously been removed from the front lines in Guinea-Bissau by Cabral for "serious blunders" at the front.

He said that Kani and five or six other people who participated in the assassination and the attempted kidnapping of other key members of PAIGC's central committee, had been imprisoned by PAIGC for counterrevolutionary activities some months prior to the assassination. The central committee at that time had recommended that these men be executed.

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Civil Rights Activist Sellers Arrested On 5-Year-Old Charges

Columbia, S.C. -- (NBNS) -- The impending imprisonment of long-time civil rights activist and political organizer Cleveland Sellers is the latest development in the current wave of swiftly-moving government repression of political activists in particular and the black community in general.

"Cleve" (as he is known internationally by friends and political associates), 28, was national program secretary of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in the mid-60's, and has a "movement" history dating back to the early 60's when he was one of the original members of SNCC.

Under the leadership of Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, Sellers was a key member of that organization which was the most radical of the civil rights groups.

The original indictment and arrest upon which his imminent imprisonment is based, grew out of charges of "inciting to riot" in 1968.

The Denmark, S.C.-born organizer had been working with students at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg in protesting discrimination at an off-campus bowling alley in early 1968.

Due to the extreme hostility and brutality of the local police, the students, on Feb. 8, moved the picketing to a location on the fringes of the college campus. There they came under the attack of state troopers, aided by local FBI men.

The law officers shot into the group of demonstrating students, killing three and wounding many others, including Cleve. Two of the students died from bullet wounds

in the back and others were shot in the soles of their feet, indicating the students were fleeing when brutally cut down.

Following the Orangeburg student massacre, Sellers was arrested and charged with inciting to riot.

At his trial the only evidence offered by the state prosecutors was testimony from an undercover FBI agent that he had heard Sellers say "Burn, baby, burn" in a speech to students a couple of days prior to the murders.

"He testified that I was pointing to an A&P store at the time I supposedly said that," recalled Sellers. No other evidence was presented to support the charge, but he was nevertheless found guilty and sentenced to a year in prison.

Prior to his trial he was kept on Death Row in Columbia prison for one month. Following the trial he was released on a \$5,000 bail, pending appeal. Sellers has been under travel restrictions still in effect when he was notified of his pending re-arrest last week.

Like many other former SNCC members, Sellers who is now a member of the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party founded by Stokely Carmichael, has continued through the years to organize black people around issues affecting their lives and survival and liberation.

Most of his organizing has been in the states of North Carolina and South Carolina and along the eastern seaboard.

Last year, Sellers served as coordinator of field organizing for the May 28 African Liberation

Day demonstrations held in Washington and San Francisco and Toronto and the Caribbean. He did not however, violate the terms of his probation and travel outside the United States to carry out his work.

It was his continued association with Carmichael, recently returned from Guinea, which has played a major role in bringing about his re-arrest at this time, some five years after the original trial.

Sellers has been doing some travelling with Carmichael, speaking and organizing party units in various cities.

Two weeks ago he was contacted by one of his attorneys, John Bishop, and notified that the Orangeburg case had been refused a review by the Supreme Court and that the state of South Carolina had ordered his re-arrest.

(Just two weeks prior to that, the Supreme Court had overturned a case appealed on the same grounds, refusal by the trial judge to allow the defense to query the jurors about possible racial prejudice.)

Sellers, who has been jailed a number of times before for charges growing out of civil rights activities, is noted for his serene and quiet-spoken manner even under situations of intense stress and remains unruffled.

He calmly analyzed his case as one which is indicative of the new "Post Reconstruction" type repression of blacks, similar to that following the Civil War Reconstruction era when the federal government found it politically and economically expedient to withdraw limited political and economic gains made by blacks.

"We will see more and more attempts to break the black political leadership at the same time the masses of black people are subjected to the results of federal cutbacks in housing, education, employment, health care, etc.," Sellers said.

More specifically he sees the Orangeburg case as one in which the government is anxious to "find a scapegoat, fix the blame and convince black people that someone really was guilty of incitement to riot -- as proved by my imprisonment."

Sellers believes weighing heavily in the government's decision to jail him now, is the need for the state to close the case and prove a point during the time of "approaching political unrest."

He also pointed out that the Orangeburg Massacre of three black students did not receive widespread attention and would not even be deemed newsworthy at all except for the subsequent Kent State white student murders.

In addition, he said that the Book "Orangeburg Massacre" by reporters Jack Nelson and Jack Bass is factual in its documentation of the FBI's effort to thwart then-Attorney General Ramsey Clark's investigation of the student slaughter and the FBI's role in it.

Sellers said that black people should look upon his arrest as that of a "prisoner of war."

"As African people we are ob-

viously engaged in a war between the forces oppression and imperialism led by the United States, and I, like thousands, of other black men here on the continent, and in other parts of the world, am a prisoner of that war," emphasized Sellers.

"I don't want people to focus any attention on me personally, because it would be a waste of time, effort and money," added Sellers. "We know from experience what a negative process that is and we don't need to go back through that," he said.

"I hope that black people just continue working in their communities, making a total commitment to the struggle," he said.

Carmichael commented on the significance of the jailing of his friend and co-worker:

"This attempt by the fascist government to stop the growth of

the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party by the arrest of one of our key organizers will fail. Just as Brother Sellers has been consistent in his dedication to Black people there are others among us of his same caliber.

"The party will be organized. We do, however, need the support of people all over the country and suggest that Black people write letters of encouragement to Cleve and other Black prisoners of the U.S. war against African liberation."

Chokwe Lumumba, official of the Republic of New Africa which is organizing the March 30-31 African Prisoner of War Solidarity Day in Jackson, Miss., said that Sellers arrest is "another example of oppressive terror waged on Black people by the United States and its political subdivisions."

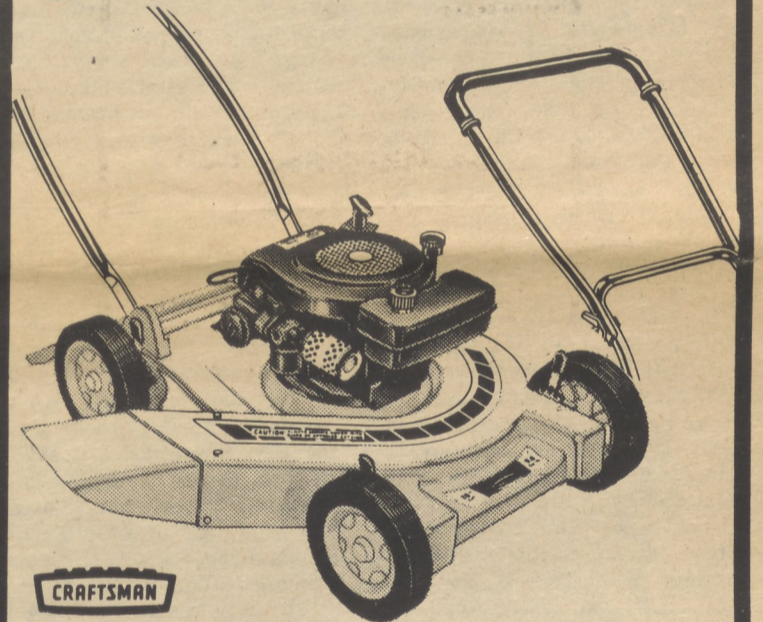
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Civil Rights Commish Raps President Again

WASHINGTON - (NBNS) - For the fourth time in three years, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has strongly criticized President Nixon for his laxity in leading the nation toward full equality of opportunity.

In a lengthy report released last week, the Commission cited the failure of the President to live up to the American Dream and promises of equal rights and said the government's enforcement of civil rights laws was "not adequate or even close to it."

"Presidential leadership," the report states, "has brought us far along the road toward the accomplishment of international understanding, cooperation and friendship with many of our hitherto implacable enemies. For this the nation should be grateful."

"Presidential leadership has not yet been brought equally to bear on the creation of a similar situation within the nation. Without the leadership of the President, this job not only becomes infinitely more difficult, but a steady erosion of the progress toward equal rights, equal justice and equal protection under the Constitution will occur," the Commission said.

The study, which was completed last September but which was held up by the Commission because of the elections, is the last under the chairmanship of the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, whose resignation was the first accepted by the White House last November.

Father Hesburgh, who serves as president of the University of Notre Dame and is now chairman of the Overseas Development Council, had been a frequent critic of the Nixon Administration for its nonchalant attitude toward civil rights.

In addition, the Commission said that although it felt its efforts have not, thus far, produced "significant results," it would continue to issue periodic reviews of federal civil rights enforcement activities. The next report is planned for next summer.

The report also cited the lack of leadership on the part of departmental heads who, the Com-

mission said, have failed to accord top priority and commitment to enforcement efforts.

"It (federal enforcement) lacks creativity, resources, a sense of urgency, a firmness in dealing with violators, and -- most important -- a sense of commitment. Time is running out on the dreams of our forebears," the study continued.

The Commission study also noted a lack of effective coordination and government-wide planning for civil rights enforcement. As an example, it cited employment, where the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance, and the Civil Service Commission all share responsibilities.

However, the Commission did report some improvements, namely, the upgrading of the enforcement powers of the Agriculture Department's equal opportunity office, the special studies in the area of health and social services by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare apart from its usual rights reviews, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations requiring builders and developers to demonstrate before receiving aid that they have taken positive steps to rent or sell to minorities.

The Commission also said the newly-formed Environmental Protection Agency "has demonstrated energy and creativity in its efforts," but chastised the Interior Department, the four financial regulatory agencies, the civil rights offices of the Justice Department and HEW, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance.

The other regulatory agencies, the report added, do not enforce rights laws and "continue to deny the full scope of their civil rights responsibilities." These include the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Federal Power Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Federal Communications Commission.

The Commission praised the Office of Management and Bud-

Plan To End Bethlehem Steel Bias 'Inadequate'

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Declaring that the Labor Department's order to end job discrimination is "woefully inadequate," black workers at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's plant at Sparrows Point, Md., have joined with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund to press for direct action to insure enforcement of the order issued last month.

The Fund also announced last week that it will continue two pending law-suits against the company and the United Steelworkers of America to end what it termed continued racial discrimination. According to Herbert Hill, national labor director of the NAACP, the action was taken because the government order was not intended to force an end to "the dual racial labor system" at the Maryland plant.

In January, outgoing Labor Secretary James D. Hodgson issued an order requiring Bethlehem Steel to compensate for past discriminatory acts by offering black workers jobs in departments previously reserved for whites. The plant employs 8,000 whites and 12,000 blacks.

Hill charged, however, that the order provides "only a very limited corrective that does not alter the basic problem."

Recent interviews of black workers at the plant reveal that most of them have not heard of the order. Those who are familiar with the provisions of the order said they had not been informed by the company or the union but through newspaper and television accounts or by an NAACP representative.

Hill said legal action will seek the following relief:

get for having more interest in civil rights matters, but said it had no adequate means of enforcement. Other agencies which were generally found lacking on the rights issue were the General Services Administration, the Veterans Administration, the Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Department of Transportation.

The next report, the Commission said, will focus on the Community Relations Service, the Small Business Administration, and the Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for Spanish-Speaking People.

*Back pay for all minority workers who had been subjected to lower paying jobs by the company's racially-separated seniority systems which the Labor Department said had created past discrimination.

*An injunction eliminating the dual seniority systems which the NAACP contends were left intact by the Labor order.

*An injunction against what the NAACP calls discriminatory testing procedures blacks must undergo before they are permitted to qualify for formerly white positions.

*A preferential quota for the immediate placement of blacks in supervisory positions and other jobs classifications from which they had previously been excluded.

"We have no hesitation about us-

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