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(SPECIAL TO AFRO)

LEOPOLDVILLE, Congo Republic — Widespread reports of civil disorder and rebellion within the army were denied here this week by top-ranking officials of this two-week-old Republic.

Panic on the part of a few hundred white civilians and exaggerated and false news dispatches were blamed for the reports of "disorder and mutiny." The trouble that erupted within a small segment of the army was due to dissatisfaction of the soldier with conditions that existed long before the country gained its independence, it was pointed out.

THIS DISSATISFACTION stems from the fact that at no time during the 75-year rule by the Belgians, was it possible for African members of the armed forces to advance even to the rank of corporal, it was pointed out. "This was why, after the country was freed of Belgian rule, the soldiers turned on the white officers," it was explained.

Despite the strong resentment against Belgian officers, it was pointed out, the highest estimates were that only 1,250 soldiers of the 25,000-man army participated in the so-called rebellion. Of this number, 1,000 were in the Thysville area, about 80 miles from Leopoldville, and about 250 in Thysville.

THE "UPRISING" ended abruptly last Friday, after Premier Patrice Lumumba agreed to replace Belgian officers with Africans and to grant a number of promotions among the enlisted men. Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations Under Secretary, said he was disappointed that he was not vindicated, but very happy that at least there was a disagreement.

Dr. Nabrit takes over at Howard U.

WASHINGTON

A royal welcome was given Dr. James Madison Nabrit, new president of Howard University, as he returned from Europe Saturday night. Dr. Nabrit said he was ready to assume "full responsibility of the tremendous task given me" and give "immediate attention" to the University's problems.

Accompanied by his wife, Dr. Nabrit departed at National Airport at 10 p.m., to be warmly greeted by more than 150 members of the University faculty and friends headed by Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president emeritus of Howard, who retired on June 30.

WITH DR. JOHNSON in the official greeting party which met Dr. Nabrit at the plane steps were District Public Utilities Chairman George E. Hayes and Mrs. Hayes, Dr. Ina Lindsey, head of the Department of Social Work at Howard, Dr. and Mrs. J. Stuart Nelson. Mr. Hayes is a University trustee.

Dr. Johnson handclapped Dr. Nabrit, saying "How do you do Mr. President." Dr. Lindsey presented Mrs. Nabrit a bouquet of flowers, and others stepped forward adding their congratulations and best wishes.

Then the Nabrits moved slowly down the crowded airport corridor, being happily greeted by other members of the University family as they acknowledged the rousing reception.

DR. NABRIT had little time to talk to reporters about the University and his new position. He did, however, get an opportunity to answer a question about the long-discussed proposal to place Freedmen's Hospital under the control of the University and its medical school.

All-star Coverage

Democrats

Louis Lautier, veteran White House correspondent and Clarence Mitchell, skilled political analyst, take AFRO readers behind the scenes of the Los Angeles convention.

Baseball

AFRO Sports Editor Sam Lacy, nationally known authority on the game, writes from the press box at the All-Star game.

Africa

Ademola Bynum, brilliant Nigerian journalist, gives AFRO readers the African viewpoint which daily newspapers absolutely refuse to print.

The Olympics

Foreign Correspondent Otto Stenora will join AFRO's truck sport, Art Carter in Rome to detail what happens in world's greatest track and field show.

Cuba

Foreign correspondent William Worley describes remarkable odds of Castro adherents amid international ferment over U.S. sugar boycott.

Hulan Jack faces uncertain future

NEW YORK — After a 26-day-long trial that ended in a deadlocked jury, Manhattan Borough President Hulan Jack faces an uncertain future.

Remaining silent after the grueling trial, Jack referred all questions to his chief counsel, Carson DeWitt Baker, who was also weary after putting up what Jack described as "a brilliant defense."

Baker said the city official was disappointed that he

was not vindicated, but very happy that at least there was a disagreement. All day Saturday, Jack and Baker conferred in the lawyer's office as to their future moves.

Real estate dealer, Sidney Ungar, who had business dealings with the city, admitted during the trial, that he loaned Jack \$4,400 to remodel his apartment. The job was done by contractor Fred Bechtel, whom Ungar paid.

Jack was charged with violating the conflict of interest provisions of the city charter, by accepting the apartment remodeling job from Ungar. The borough president was also accused of conspiring to obstruct justice, by concealing the true facts of the \$4,400 deal from a grand jury.

CHARLES M. GIDDENS, foreman of the jury and its only colored member, said the panel, after 15 ballots, was deadlocked 6-6 on the conspiracy count, 8-4 for conviction on two counts involving one section of the City Charter, and 8-4 for acquittal on the last count involving the apartment remodeling job.

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HUNTER H. STITH, custodian of Rocky Mount's First Methodist Church has been on

the job for 35 years and is regarded as the top authority on what has happened and is happening to former pastors of the church as well as members of the congregation who have moved away.

SIR ADESOJI ADEREMI, 71, Friday was named governor of Western Nigeria to become the first African to rule over a British colonial territory. A former president of Western Nigeria's House of Chiefs, he succeeds Sir John Rankine. Nigeria achieves its independence in October.

Dixie Loses Plea For 'Soft' Civil Rights Plank

Petersburg library is locked tight

PETERSBURG, Va. — Petersburg last week became the second Virginia city to close its public library in preference to permitting its unsegregated use by colored citizens.

Danville closed its library last month rather than serve all citizens. The closing, at the order of City Manager Roy F. Ash, followed an attempt by three Virginia State College students to use reference books on the main floor of the building which is reserved for whites.

The three students, Virginia Thornton, George Heller and Francis Anderson, were told by library officials to go to the basement, which is set aside for colored use. They refused, and the library was ordered closed until further notice by City Manager Ash.

A SIMILAR attempt by a group of eleven students last March 7 resulted in their arrest and conviction in Petersburg Municipal Court on charges of trespassing. The convictions were reversed on an appeal to Huntington Court.

Thornton was one of the students arrested in the March sit down demonstration. No arrests followed Wednesday's integration attempt.

Requiem mass for Mrs. Geo. Murphy

BALTIMORE — Requiem mass was said at St. Katherine's PE Church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock for Mrs. Grace Hughes Murphy.

Father Donald Davis was the mass celebrant at the half-hour rites. He was assisted by Father MacFisher Ellis and Father Cecile Mills. Music was by the church choir.

Mrs. Murphy, 86, died unexpectedly on July 4 after a



WHAT'S IN A NAME? — A little flustered by all the excitement, 19-year-old Corrine Huff, "Miss Ohio," wore her identification sash backwards while parading before judges at Miami Beach, Fla. Despite the mishap, Miss Huff, the first colored girl to compete in the "Miss Universe" contest, made it into the finals of the "Miss USA" section of the contest.

Verdict awaited in 1st vote case

ALBANY, Ga. — A delayed verdict was indicated Friday by U.S. District Court Judge P. A. Boone at the conclusion of the five-day trial of Terrell County, Ga. vote registrars on charges of discriminating against colored voters.

On the concluding day of the trial two members of the county voter registration board denied having "knowingly or intentionally" discriminated against colored applicants. One of the two, Dixon Oxford, said that he had attended but one formal board meeting since his appointment in 1958.

Both he and the other, W. P. Smith, admitted that there were differences in the way white and colored applicants were given literacy tests, with whites taking the test in groups and others being tested separately.

EARLIER IN the week, Mayor James G. Raines' board chairman had testified

Strongest statement predicted

By LOUIS LAUTIER
LOS ANGELES (NNPA) — Frustrated and angry Southerners this week lost their bitter, behind-closed-doors fight to prevent the Democratic Party from adopting the strongest civil rights plank in its turbulent history.

The handwriting appeared on the wall Friday night when Platform Committee Chairman Chester Bowles announced the names of the 20 delegates designated to prepare the plank.

Mr. Bowles, now a Congressman from Connecticut, and who as governor pushed through some of the strongest legislation in this field enacted by any state, seemed

to help draft the document were such nationally known advocates of equality as Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., former national chairman of Americans for Democratic Action; Rep. Emanuel Celler, liberal New Yorker, who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee; Rep. William L. Dawson of Chicago; Rep. Chet Hofffield, liberal Californian and Mrs. Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii.

TO THE BITTER chagrin of the Southerners, the Democratic plank seemed certain to include: 1. An endorsement of the student sitdown demonstrations against discrimination in places of public accommodation;

2. Support of legislation giving the Attorney General authority to bring suits to enjoin violations of constitutional rights;

3. Support of the Supreme Court decisions ordering desegregation of public schools and calling for aid to school districts wanting to desegregate;

4. Demand for vigorous enforcement of existing voting rights laws and the enactment of additional legislation providing for federal control and operation of registration and elections;

5. Support for revision of Senate and House rules so a minority may not frustrate the will of the majority;

6. Demand for the enactment of a national fair employment practices law; and

7. An executive order forbidding segregation and other forms of discrimination in all federally-aided housing programs.

THE HOTTEST issue during the hearings before the platform committee was proposed endorsement of student sitdown demonstrations.

The issue was brought before the committee by

NEW YORK — Because of "the political chess game" between America and the Cuban Governments, the firm of Louis Rowe-Fisher Lockhart Enterprises, Inc. has to give up the \$287,000 account as representative of the Cuban Tourist Commission in the U.S.

The firm, founded by former heavyweight champion Joe Louis and William L. Rowe, former deputy police commissioner of NYC, notified the head of the tourist commission that "the failure of the American and Cuban Government to overcome their wordy problems leaves the firm with no alternative."

Mr. Rowe pointed out that "the repercussions of this political strife has lessened the effectiveness of our nobles efforts to bring about a better understanding between the peoples of America and Cuba."

Pressure on 4 oil concerns

NEW YORK — A flood of credit cards swamped the offices of four major fuel companies this week as citizens protested the economic squeeze put on newly-registered voters in Haywood and Fayette Counties, Tenn.

The trickle of credit cards being returned by individual citizens, turned into a virtual flood after NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins called for a boycott against Gulf, Texaco, Amoco and Esso-Standard oil companies.

Agents of these companies are refusing to sell colored citizens gas or oil in an effort to drive them from the county.

MEANWHILE, food supplies began to arrive in this area for distribution to families caught in the economic pinch.

THE FOOD IS being sent by the Memphis NAACP in what is called a response to a plea for help. Jesse Turner, NAACP spokesman, said 100 bags of food were distributed.

THOSE RECEIVING the food packages are victims of an economic boycott imposed by white merchants and bankers because 370 colored citizens have registered to vote.

Turner said a ten-day clothing drive is also being organized in Memphis churches.

THE NAACP called on the American Red Cross to declare the two counties a disaster area, but following an investigation, during which some white residents denied there was any need for food or clothing, the Red Cross decided not to intervene.

THE MEMO FROM THE NAACP New York headquarters urged its members throughout the country to withhold patronage from national oil companies whose local dealers in Fayette County, Tenn. have been cooperating in the present scheme which has deprived colored filling station operators of gasoline, prevented colored farmers from obtaining needed supplies, and which has revealed a flagrant defiance of law by those who are determined to prevent colored

citizens appeal to Eisenhower for "disaster" aid

SOMERVILLE, Tenn. — In a registered letter sent Friday to President Eisenhower, the 40,000 colored residents of Fayette and Haywood Counties urged that a state of emergency be declared in their area so that they may receive food, clothing, medical attention and other necessities.

The letter, signed by J. Estes, attorney for the Fayette and Haywood Counties Civic League Inc., requested an audience with the Chief Executive to present "real and tangible evidence regarding current economic squeeze and premeditated boycott against Negroes who seek to register and vote in Fayette and Haywood Counties."

The letter said citizens "are experiencing vote denial, economic reprisals, employment pressures, undue strain, and fear solely because of race, color, and the desire to exercise their rights to register and vote"

The Week's Newsmakers

CARLOS OLIVARES, a colored Cuban, now a subsecretary of foreign affairs in that country, is expected to be named by the Castro regime as foreign minister, replacing Foreign Minister Raul Roa, who returned from New York last week.

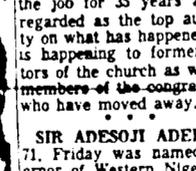
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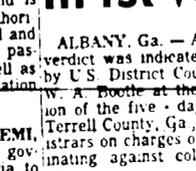
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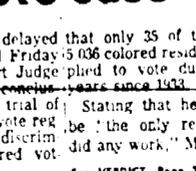
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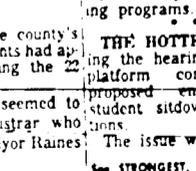
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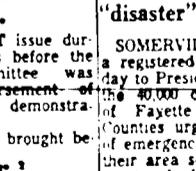
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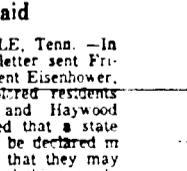
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Sitdowners Begin Work On Voter Registration

BALTIMORE — "We know now that demonstrations alone will not do it. We feel that the elimination of segregation in places of public accommodations and jobs will depend not only on the continuation of demonstrations but also on the effective use of the ballot. Therefore we are urging that the public support us by using the ballot as well as the sit-in."

Revealing to the AFRO new strategy in an attempt to make more effective the student sit-in protests was Tony Adona, a member of the stu-

dent's Civic Interest Group. In an interview with the AFRO Wednesday, he said that the plan of the students, in addition to continuing the sit-ins, is to canvass all the colored neighborhoods and precincts and urge all persons who have not registered to do so in order to vote in the coming presidential election. They are working with the NAACP's Non-Partisan Register and Vote Campaign to get voters on the books before the Sept. 26 deadline.

"Whether Baltimore will become a democratic city will be determined in the final analysis at the polls. We want to get at least 20,000 more people on the books and then we'll feel we're serving our purpose," Mr. Adona added. He emphasized the fact that many of the people who had originally been registered and who have moved without notifying the Supervisor of Elections, have been dropped from the books without their knowledge. He said the students want to let these people know they've been dropped and urge them to reregister. In order to make the cam-

aign a success, more help is needed to make contact with the people. CIG members are urging all interested persons to contact them at their quarters at LA 3-4074 or call the NAACP office at LA 3-8503. They have scheduled a meeting Monday night 8 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Reisterstown Rd. and Orem Ave. where interested persons may come out and join the group. E. Paul Mason Jr., Supervisor of Elections, is scheduled to speak at that meeting.



VOTE DRIVE — Student sit-down leaders go over plans with the Rev. John L. Tilley in preparation for the Register and Vote Campaign in conjunction with the NAACP program for getting voters on the books. The campaign starts this week. Left to right: John Quarles Sr., the Rev. John L. Tilley, Clarence Mitchell, III, standing, Tony Adona and Clarence Logan.

Students march at Capitol

By EDWARD PEEKS
WASHINGTON — Student leaders of a sit-down movement demonstrated Monday on the west steps of the Capitol in observance of Independence Day. They carried signs in a demand for "Freedom Now" and distributed literature to holiday visitors before Capitol police checked their activity. The ten leaders from various colleges around the country were led in prayer by the Rev. June Jefferson of Zion Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., who said that "millions are heard crying out 'freedom now' for colored people."

A petition by a group asked the federal government to protect colored men and women in the Armed Forces from the racial segregation laws of the southern states.

THE DEMONSTRATION ended on a very friendly note between participants and Capt. Charles J. Sullivan of the Washington Metropolitan Police who was serving as chief for the day on the Capitol grounds. He told demonstrators that it was against the law to carry signs and pass out literature at the Capitol. By then, however, the students had accomplished their purpose during more than 15 minutes of activity. They, like most observers, were from out of town but they came for other than sightseeing.

Some said "Make Democracy Work," "Freedom Now," "Segregation is slavery" and "Why aren't colored people free?" Demonstrators included Mrs. Marian Wright, a June graduate of Spelman College, who plans to enter Yale Law School next fall. She was the only girl in the group.

Others were Ezell Blair, and Franklin E. McCain, who figured in the original sit-down movement in Greensboro, N.C. at A and T students; Nathaniel C. Lee, Miles College, Birmingham, Ala.; John Barber, Yale University; John S. Davis, Lincoln University (Pa.), who is from Montclair, N.J.

If our benches got too hard just push a button and they would turn into beds. Now this was very mean because we never found the buttons.

THE THREE other girls, before entering their "rooms" went to the so-called restroom which they said had only a stool and wash basin. From what I could see, to drink water would be a brave deed, because it came from a pipe that led from the washroom, and everyone has to drink from one tin cup.

One of the girls commented on the way we were being treated by saying that they treated us like animals. The matron stormed at us saying that we were acting like animals, that we should act like college students that we are supposed to be. This was ironic because none of us had graduated from high school.

AFTER THE matron left I started talking to a girl three "rooms" down. She was Catherine. She told me she had taken 12 sleeping pills and her husband had called the police. Catherine confessed that she really did not do it. We carried on a lengthy conversation.

I explained that we were there because we wanted to eat in a discriminated restaurant. She understood and expressed her sympathy.

WE WERE greatly overawed at what we saw. I was really afraid to stare, so I casually glanced down the corridor of cells. All I could see were hands and faces peering through the bars. I noticed an empty cell and started to go in. The matron cruelly said, "Don't go in there unless you expect to go to court."

Well, I was set quite ready for that, so I let her take the lead. I was put in No. 3. Its color looked morbid to me, pale green and dirty grey. My cell was opposite a window in view of the back porch of the House next door. A man wrapped in blankets sat there for quite some time watching and listening to our chatter.

The cell was clean enough but the whole place was old, dilapidated and ugly. My cell walls were marked up with names and pictures. I can say that the Pine Street Station was not designed for long visits for same people.

WE TRIED to be jovial but this was quite a task, because of the noisy chattering of our neighbors. The matron had told us after locking our cell doors,

Three hours behind the bars

By MARY SUE WELCOME

BALTIMORE — I am a member of the Civic Interest Group, age 16. The purpose of our organization is to dramatize our belief that human dignity is a God-given bequest and should be respected by everyone.

We are trying to do our bit to help release our country from the ugliness resulting from segregation and discrimination which ignores one's dignity. Personally, I am willing to do anything to accomplish this goal, even if it means being arrested. This is just what happened June 30th, 1960.

THERE WERE six of us who entered the lunch counter section of Hooper's Restaurant. We stood for a few minutes waiting an opportunity to sit. Only three were successful. The others went outside to join a picket line which had been formed.

He had entered the restaurant at 5:10 P.M. Shortly afterwards Mr. Hooper and his son arrived. They were accompanied by an officer. Mr. Hooper's son, standing near me, began reading the trespass ordinance. Eddie Halley and Armistead Bullock were seated a short distance from me. I turned and politely asked if he were reading to me.

His answer was "Yes." I asked that he begin again because my back was turned. He did so. I interrupted several times before the officer told him to "just keep on reading."

WHEN MR. Hooper finished, he turned to me and in a pleading voice said, "In the presence of an officer, I am asking you to please leave."

I questioned, "Are you going to serve me first?" He replied, "No."

"Then, I can't leave," was my answer. The policeman took my name and address. I was asked for identification, and then they left me.

The manager went to read the ordinance. At the end of



MISS MARY WELCOME
No fear of jail

the reading, the would-be diners left because of previous arrests for the same reason. I was now left alone.

WHILE SITTING there my mind began to wonder: Was I doing the right thing? Would it help our cause? What would Mother and Dad say?

At the time I did not know there were ten others in the adjoining dining room. As I sat there, I was made to feel more comfortable, because there were a number of persons who passed me and said words of encouragement. Several young men winked or smiled. To keep up my spirits, I decided to believe they were not flirting, but telling me to keep it up. Believe me, it helped.

It took close to two hours to get the warrant for my arrest. But who was I to complain?

Here I was sitting on a soft seat, in an air conditioned comfortable place, (uncomfortable atmosphere, however, while my friends, my sister among them, were outside walking in the heat.

AT 7:30 two officers arrived to literally take me away. I was honored to have two very nice looking police escorts. We went outside to wait for the Paddy wagon. I heard an officer say they had ordered two. I did not understand this until I saw ten of my friends come from a side entrance.

Tony Adona, our leader, joined me with three other persons. The others waited for the second wagon. Officer No. 1581 who rode

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Tearful matron accuses physician of abortion

PHILADELPHIA — A prominent Bristol, Pa. physician was held in \$1,000 bail for the grand jury Thursday on charges after a weeping housewife testified against him. Dr. Ewart McGruder, 44, was accused by Mrs. Lucille Stone, 27, of the 2000 block of Wood St., Edgely, Bristol Township. She testified that Dr. McGruder arranged a series of

abortion operations. Mrs. Stone said Dr. McGruder did not perform any of them but arranged to have them done. Dr. McGruder, through his attorney, J. Leslie Kilborne, denied the charges of conspiracy and accessory before and after the fact of abortion. The hearing was held before Justice of the Peace Joseph Baues.

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IN THE FOREFRONT of the Human Dignity Campaign in Richmond are Mrs. Coelle Tyler, left and Miss Gloria Foster shown on the picket line which is protesting segregated lunch counter service at downtown Richmond Stores.



STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS — In company with student demonstration leader John Quarles at left, Miss Jewell C. Chambers, 18, and Calvin M. Pettigrew, 16, leave the Northern District station in Baltimore. Bondsman like Dixon is at right. Their attorney, Robert B. Watts, is in the background. The two students were arrested last week during a sit-in demonstration at a Baltimore restaurant. They prayed a jury trial.

Sit-down leader plans Congressional career

By HAMILTON BIMS

WASHINGTON — Eldrewey J. Stearnes, who has been threatened with expulsion and even death because of his part in sit-down demonstrations at Texas Southern University, intends to prove within the next five years that whatever his shortcomings, fear is not one of them.

The four youth in town this week for a July 4 demonstration with other "lunch counter leaders," insists he'll enter politics in Texas, and maybe even run for Congress.

"That's where the decisions are made," declared the youthful campaigner who quit TSU law school in order to give full time to the current struggle for integrated lunch counters in Houston.

Stearnes noted that of the four sit-down members of the House, none is from the South where representation is most needed.

"The sit-down movement is of tremendous magnitude," he said, "but it's only one step in the road to freedom. Eventually, we'll have to put ourselves in positions to help make the laws."

STEARNES HEADS a 200-strong group called the Progressive Youth Association which grew out of the recent student sit-downs that integrated several local lunch counters in April.

It was that experience which imbued Stearnes' district of consultative approaches in solving the problem.

Retired trainman succumbs in D.C.

By HAMILTON BIMS

WASHINGTON — Harry W. Snowden, retired train announcer for the B and O, was buried Saturday in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. Funeral services for the 79-year-old Mr. Snowden were held at 1343 Kenyon St. where he lived.

Mr. Snowden had worked for the Baltimore and Ohio for 40 years, before retiring in 1938. He worked in the Baltimore yards for a number of years before being transferred to Cumberland, Md., where he was train announcer for 20 years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Bertie I. Snowden, and a sister, Mrs. Viola Sumpster of

of his selection while in Berlin, and had rushed home fully cognizant of the "tremendous task" ready to give "immediate attention" to the job.

He had been in Geneva attending the 44th International Labor Conference as a member of the United States delegation.

Originally Dr. Nabrit was scheduled to arrive at 4:40 p.m., but missed connections in Paris delayed his arrival until 10 p.m.

Secretary of the University and dean of its law school, Dr. Nabrit, who had been at Howard for a quarter of a century, was named its president by the board of trustees last Tuesday. He is 59. He and his wife reside at 230 College St., N.W.

Meyner sees civil rights as major issue for party

NEWARK

"Civil rights ought to be approached on plain merit but there is a selfish consideration. We are not going to convince other nations of our belief in the brotherhood of man unless we solve our own problems here at home."

Governor Robert B. Meyner Sunday gave this view to asserting that civil rights will be a major issue at the Democratic National Convention this week. The Governor's response came in answer to a question by Steve W. Duncan, editor of the New Jersey AFRO-AMERICAN, on a pre-taped television program. "Report to the People."

The chief executive said he was pleased when the U.S. Supreme Court recently upheld the New Jersey law banning racial discrimination in the Levittown case.

Pressure on 4

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citizens from voting." In the memorandum dispatched to all local units of the Association on July 6, Mr. Wilkins cites an NAACP convention resolution calling for such action in defense of colored citizens in the West Tennessee county who have been denied gasoline and other supplies because they have insisted on exercising their right to register and vote.

"In accordance with the spirit of this resolution," Mr. Wilkins' memorandum asserts, "we wish to advise our membership that the national companies thus far identified with refusal of local outlets to sell to Negroes in Fayette County are the following: Texaco, Inc. (TEXACO); Gulf Oil Co. (GULF); American Oil Co. (AMOCO); Standard Oil Co. of N.J. (ESSO); and Delta Refining Co. (DELTA), Lion Gas, and Southern Oil Refining Co., which are regional concerns."

THE NAACP, the memorandum points out, "has vigorously urged the national managements of the companies involved to do something about the act... of their locally franchised agencies. The companies reply that there is nothing they can do, since the local outlets are independent contractors over whom they have no control. We reject this excuse. We are fully convinced that the companies have it in their power in one way or another to see to it that the Negro farmers of Fayette County get the supplies they so badly need."

Meanwhile, the NAACP national office and the Memphis branch "are cooperating in a series of relief operations designed to overcome other difficulties experienced by Fayette County Negroes in connection with the anti-vote economic squeeze," Mr. Wilkins' memorandum declares.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Mae Brantson, executive secretary of the National Committee for Rural Schools, 112 E. 19th St., New York City, is speeding up that organization's effort to get food, funds and clothing for hundreds of families in the two counties who are nearly destitute from loss of jobs, refusal of credit or even permission to buy food or clothing from some white merchants and stores in the area.

John McPurten, 35, greener who is president of the Fayette County Civic and Welfare League, had his gas pumps taken out by the local distributor for Gulf gas and none of the major companies, including Amoco, Esso, and Texaco, will sell him fuel for his own 12,000 tank.

McPurten said the same squeeze has been extended to five other colored-owned filling stations in the two counties, forcing them to shut

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The Long Trek

Protesters

against the segregated Glen Echo Amusement Park climaxed the five-day demonstration with an 11-hour picket on Independence Day. The pickets have been confined to the area owned by the transit bus company just outside the main entrance and to the outside fence bordering

the west parking lot where most of the motorists enter the park. Police in the background prevent curious passers-by from congregating in the area. The youth at the right hands out pamphlets to park patrons, asking them to speak to the county board and park owners about the injustice of the park's policy.