

Boston students aid King, sitdown

By STEVE W. DUNCAN
NEW YORK — Three Harvard University students ... day night told of a movement formed in the Greater Boston area to financially aid southern college students arrested in non-violent sit-in demonstrations.

The organization called EPIC (Emergency Public Integration Committee) was formed last week by students at Harvard, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Brandeis University.

Disclosure of the organization was made at a meeting of the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King Jr.

THE ORGANIZATION to defend the Rev. Dr. King and the struggle for freedom in the South was formed after the leader of the Montgomery bus boycott was indicted for perjury in Alabama.

Folk singer Harry Belafonte, co-chairman of the cultural subcommittee of the Martin Luther King Defense Committee, will appear at an EPIC fund raising rally in Boston in April.

Proceeds from this rally will be turned over to the King Committee to be funneled to the southern students protest movement.

Actor Sidney Poitier Monday night was named co-chairman to serve with Mr. Belafonte on the cultural subcommittee, composed of a number of well known entertainment personalities.

THE MAJOR fund raising effort of this subcommittee will be a mammoth civil rights rally, "A Night of Stars," in New York on May 17, the anniversary of the Supreme Court school desegregation decision.

Mr. Belafonte reported that on May 17 a group of prominent citizens will make a pilgrimage to the Statue of Liberty to place a wreath, symbolizing the southern freedom struggle.

he said.

"The richest nation on earth has stooped so low in its moral position until it leaves the Supreme Court standing alone," Dr. Johnson declared.

"Congress may adjourn without supporting it and the President may keep his mouth shut, but God sees all."

Listeners shouted, "Amen."

DR. JOHNSON called student demonstrators "soldiers of love looking at the generation around them," working through non-violent resistance to destroy a system of degradation.

"If your son becomes one of them, get down on your knees and thank God," he said.

The student move is for "life,

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overruled these questions.

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"I'm going to repeat. I'm not concerned with the question of integration or segregation or civil rights. For 19 people to invade a library and take over was an open invitation to mob violence."

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FIRST INCIDENT—Student demonstrators are shown leaving Northeastern Police District as the first incident occurred in the week-old segregation protest movement in Baltimore. Second from right is Joseph Daschbach, manager of the Hecht Roof Top Restaurant at Northwood. He was accused of shoving Miss Bernice Evans (wearing hat) a student. Trial has been postponed until March 26. Five students have been charged.

Nation's press opinions on sit-in demonstrations

Here are reactions of some of the nation's daily papers to the wave of sit-down demonstrations against Jim Crow lunch counters.

POST DISPATCH, ST. LOUIS: "It is a little unfair, therefore to ask that the leaders of the sit-downs call off their demonstrations. If any community wants to be comfortable, the way to do it is to remove the basic cause for the demonstrations."

THE STAR, WASHINGTON, D.C.: "We think the sit-down there is both wrong and potentially self-defeating."

NEWS AND COURIER, CHARLESTON, S.C.: "We find it regrettable that colored college students, supposed to be on the road to maturity, should risk community explosion."

THE POST, DENVER, COLO.: "And, after all, what is so proper or gentlemanly about segregation? Or, group discrimination of any type for that matter."

MORNING NEWS, WILMINGTON, DEL.: "The American Negro's gentle revolution against gross racial injustice is one of the most remarkable revolutions in history."

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