VERMONT

- N.Y. children pay visit to New England
- Majority at Essex Junction

ESSEX JUNCTION, Vt. — On Sunday, July 3, a group of children arrived here for a two-week visit into the homes of white families in Vermont who have invited them under the Vermont Interracial Project (or Vermont Plan for action as it is sometimes called).

The children gathered at the Grand Central Station in New York City about 7:30 a.m. to board the train. They were met at various stations by their hostesses but the majority continued on to Essex.

Stopping at office places were White River Junction, where the children met buses that took them to Castleton, Rutland, Dorset, N. Clarendon, Chelsea and Woodbury, and at Orwell, also for Cabot, Poultney, and at Montpelier, Barre, Plainfield and Montpelier.

CHILDREN ARE located in Essex, Jericho, Winooski, St. Albans, North Hero, Burlington, Middlebury, Bristol, Jeffersonville, Johnsbury, Danville, Newport, Canaan, Derby Junction, Orleans, Glover, Jericho, Belvidere, Hyde Park and other towns.

The children are under the supervision of Laura B. Thomas, who will remain in Vermont at the Hotel Vermont, in Burlington and Ann Newsome, who will remain in the Hotel Vermont in Burlington.

It is expected that this year as usual, will be marked with great success. There has, however, been a greater concern with getting homes because of illness and the lateness of hot weather coming to Vermont. Many of them are visiting for the first time, and many for the second and third or more times.

This project is sponsored by the Abyssinian Baptist Church, under the ministry of Rev. A Clayton Powell Jr. Laura B. Thomas is the New York director; and the Rev. Elden Buckley of Chester, Vt., is the Vermont director.

AT GOLDEN S. S. SESSION—Members of the executive committee of the National Sunday School Baptist Training Union Congress greet one of its first members at the 50th anniversary in Atlantic City. Left to right, Dr. E. C. Estell Sr.; Dr. A. Franklin Fisher; Dr. H. H. Jones, president; Miss Lucie E. Campbell; J. C. Oliver and Mrs. Bessie S. Estell.

Generation Of Empty Hearts, Minister Says

BY JAMES L. HICKS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The young people of this nation were pictured here Wednesday as a generation with empty hearts" who yield to the forces of evil because they do not have the "spiritual responsibility" which the church can give to them.

The indictment was presented by the Rev. William H. Vaughn of Rockville, Ill., as he delivered the introductory sermon to the 50th annual session of the Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress before 6,000 Baptists at Convention Hall.

The Rev. Mr. Vaughn said it was not his intention to "indict" the young people of the nation. But he said he believes that the young people themselves do not that they are "sitting on a powder keg with a burning fuse attached to it."

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"THEY WANT to do something about it," the Rev. Mr. Vaughn said, "but their question is 'What can we do?'"

The Rev. Mr. Vaughn then proceeded to criticize "substitute gospels" which, he said, have been given to youth as substitutes for the church.

He named these "substitute gospels" as "education, scientific research, humanism, modernism and economic reforms."

Charging that all of these "substitute gospels" have failed the youth of today, the Rev. Mr. Vaughn warned that "preachers, theologians and Christian teachers are likely to offer the younger generation remedies which will strike the patient as being worse than the disease."

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CALLING FOR less emphasis on substitute gospels and more emphasis on the church, the Rev. Mr. Vaughn said, "Christian forces face a tremendous opportunity to present the claims of the gospel to the younger generation."

He said the church "is not, and never can be a society for the improvement of morals alone.

"It was at the start, is now, and always must remain a resurrection center in which men and women see the reality of God, surrender the direction of their lives, die to their own selfish wills, and are raised into a new and different life, a life in which all the old problems will be there, but controlled, so that underneath the disquietude of the world will be the peace of God which passes all understanding."

Others on the Wednesday mornings program included the Rev. Karen L. Bullock of American Bible Society, who chided the Baptists for their lukewarm support to the Bible Society.

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HE POINTED out that the four million colored Baptists had only contributed $1,500 last year to help the society distribute Bibles all over the world. He stated, however, that contributions this year have been more encouraging and he urged the convention to give continued support to the program.

The Wednesday night session heard greetings from David I. Thomas, cultural attache of the Liberian Embassy at Washington.

Mr. Thomas in commenting on the recent attempt to assinate President Tubman of Liberia, assured the convention that "the few insurgents who are intent on turning the hands of the Liberian clock of progress" back by the death of Mr. Tubman "shall never succeed!"

He said the loyal citizens and masses of Liberians are behind Mr. Tubman 100 per cent.

Others on the Wednesday night program were Miss Lucie E. Campbell of Tennessee, who delivered another address; and the Rev. S. E. Grinstead, also of Tennessee.

33 ball games played fifty more scheduled

Twenty-three softball and 10 baseball games in 39 Bureau of Recreation leagues were played last week.

The results follow:

SOFTBALL

W. Saints League

Imperial Sportsmen, 6 New Era Yanks 2, Pioneers 8, Orioles 3.

Independent League

Fleetwood Cab Co. 10, Bond Chemical 2, Western MAP Dairy AC 13, Baltimore Elks 1.

Bartlett Memorial

New Era Yanks 14, Bartlgs Brot. Co. 3 Pioneer Sports 9, Ft Lucy No. 239 UAW-CIO 1, Crown Cork Seal 10, Sunset Sportsmen 2, Pal Co. 5.

Interproject League

Cherry Hill Eagles 13, Dougl. Lass-Somerset 6, Armistead Gardens 5.

Cherry Hill Eastern

Black Caps 18, Bisons 12, Vikings 15, Imperial-Sierra 6.

So. Balto. Juniors

American Eagles 2, Aces 6.

Easterwood Juniors

Raiders 15, Eagle Braves 3, Belmont Braves 13, N.W. Police Boys Club 5.

Cherry Hill Midgets

Cavaliers 15, Mt. Winans Jets 7, Dockers 21, Midgets 8.

McCullom Midgets

Tigers 13, Rams 8, Red Sox 8, Buffaloes 6.

Harbour-Poe Midgets

Belvederes 17, Ambassadors 8, Bear Cats 11, Mohawks 1, Gay Flames 4, Raiders 8.

So. Balto. Midgets

Gay Flames 4, Buffaloes 1, Panthers 2, Black Hawks 8.

BASEBALL

Monumental Athletic Club

Rockets 16, Black Caps 8.

Intracity Juniors

Robins 5, Ashburton Indians 9 Buffaloes 3, Cubs 8, Ashburton Indians 14, Sugar Hill Cubs 8.

So. Balto Midgets

Gay Flames 10, Bombers 9, Robins 4, Panthers 3.

Cherry Hill Midgets

Jr. Rockets 12, Rainbows 5, Orioles 7, Eagles 8.

Jr. E. Balto. Cubs

Jr. Rockets 7, Bonnie Braes 9 Cubs 6.

Ten baseball and 40 softball games have been scheduled for this week beginning July 12 through the 14.

The schedule follows:

BASEBALL

Monumental A. No. 201

Sun. July 10—Balto. Black Caps vs Waltrook CC, 1:00 p.m., Carroll-No. 2; Westside Eagles vs. Robins, 3:00 p.m., Druid Hill No. 2.

Cherry Hill Leagues No. 242

Mon. July 11—Rockets vs. Mt Winans Braves, 6:00 p.m., Cherry Hill; Tues. July 12—Tigers vs. Bisons, 6:00 p.m., Cherry Hill.

Intracity League No. 261

Wed. July 13—Sugar Hill Cubs vs. Buffaloes, 6:00 p.m. Druid-Hill No. 2; Robins vs. Ashburton Indians, 3:00 p.m., Druid Hill No. 2.

Intercity League No. 263

Mon. July 11—Eagle vs. Red Sox, 6:00 p.m., Cherry Hill No. 2; Rockets vs. Eagles, 4:00 p.m., Cherry Hill No. 1.

So. Balto. Cubs No. 301

Wed. July 13—Cubs vs. Dodgers, 6:00 p.m., Hilton No. 3; Orioles vs. Braves, 6:00 p.m., Clifton No. 3.

SOFTBALL

Industrial and Commercial No. 203

Sun. July 10—Morton's Express vs. Crown Cork and Seal, 11:00 a.m. Easterwood No. 2; Hutzler Bros. vs. Paris Sausage Co., 11:00 a.m., Easterwood No. 1; Martin Jets vs. Social Security 1:00 p.m., Easterwood No. 2.

Interproject League No. 208

Mon. July 11—Cherry Hill vs. O'Donnell, 6:15 p.m., Cherry Hill No 1; Armistead Gardens vs. McCullom, 6:15 p.m., Armistead; Brooklyn vs. Douglas-Somerset, 6:15 p.m.

Thurs. July 14—Armistead Gardens vs. Cherry Hill, 6:15 p.m. Armistead; O'Donnell, Douglass-Somerset vs. McCullom, 6:15 p.m., Somerset No. 2.

Balto. Inter-Ins. No. 205

Tues. July 12—Crown Cork and Seal vs. Bartlgs Brot. Co., 6:00 p.m., Easterwood No. 1; Mutual Chemical vs. Ice Boys Corp., 6:15 p.m., Easterwood No. 2; Local No. 239—UAW-CIO vs Barbg Bye Co., 6:15 p.m., Clifton No. 3.

W. Balto. Juniors No. 204

Wed. July 13—Creators vs New Era Yanks, 6:15 p.m., Clifton No. 3; Pioneers vs Cherokees 6:15 p.m., Hilton No. 3.

So. Balto Juniors No. 262

Mon. July 11—Bonnie Braes vs Tigers, 6:00 p.m., P. S. No. 162; Buffaloes vs Aces, 6:00 p.m., P. S. No. 162; Sonny Boys vs Cubs, 6:00 p.m., Swann Pk. No. 3.

Cherry Hill Girls

Mon., July 11—Dominoes vs CAGE, 6:00 p.m., Cherry Hill Center; Wed. July 13—All-Stars vs Cherry Hill, 6:00 p.m., Cherry Hill Park.

Harbour-Poe No. 283

Mon. July 11—Ambassadors vs Bear Cats, 6:00 p.m., P. S. No. 161; No. 1; Gay Flames vs Belvederes, 4:00 p.m., P. S. No. 161; No. 1; Buffaloes vs Mohawks, 4:00 p.m., P. S. No. 161; No. 1.

Wed. July 13—Bear Cats vs Bandits, 6:00 p.m., P. S. No. 161; No. 1; Ambassadors vs Gay Flames, 4:00 p.m., P. S. No. 161; No. 1.

McCullom Western No. 262

Mon. July 11—Tigers vs Red Sox, 6:00 p.m., P. S. No. 122, No. 2; Dockers vs Orioles, 4:00 p.m., P. S. No. 122, No. 1.

Wed. July 13—Cubs vs Dodgers, 6:00 p.m., P. S. No. 122, No. 2; Braves vs Rockets, 4:00 p.m., P. S. No. 122, No. 1.

McCullom Eastern No. 285

Tues. July 12—Pirates vs Oxford Braves, 6:00 p.m., P. S. No. 282; Buffaloes vs—Jr. Tomahawks, 4:00 p.m., P. S. No. 282, No. 1.

Thurs. July 14—Oxford Stars vs Jr. Tomahawks, 6:00 p.m., P. S. No. 282; Buffaloes vs Pirates, 4:00 p.m., P. S. No. 282, No. 1.

Mondawmin No. 281

Thurs. July 14—Cavaliers vs Wild Cats, 6:00 p.m., Mondawmin; Braves vs Bridgeview Hawks vs Dodgers, 6:00 p.m., Mondawmin, No. 1.

So. Balto. Midgets No. 284

Tues. July 12—Bonnie Braes vs Black Hawks 4:00 p.m., P. S. No. 162; Pirates vs Buffaloes 4:00 p.m., P. S. No. 162.

Cherry Hill Girls

Tues. July 12—Robinettes vs Starlites, 4:00 p.m., Cherry Hill East; Wed. July 13—Robinettes vs Dominoes, 6:00 p.m., Cherry Hill Ext. No. 1.

Thurs. July 14—Dominoes vs Starlites, 6:00 p.m., Cherry Hill Ext. No. 1; Jr. Cheerettes vs Dominoes, 4:00 p.m., Cherry Hill Center; Robinettes vs Dodgerettes, 4:00 p.m., Cherry Hill Center.

Convention Calendar

JULY 19-22
National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Richmond, Va.

JULY 24-26
American Teachers Association, Montgomery, Ala.

JULY 25-27
National Negro County Agricultural Agents Association, Pine Bluff, Ark.

JULY 25-29
National United Ushers Association of America, Detroit, Mich.

JULY 27-30
National Association Negro Business and Professional Women Clubs, Chicago, Ill.

JULY 29-31
Frontiers of America, Chicago, Ill.

Opening, closing songs at NAACP conventions stir reporter's heart

By JAMES L. HICKS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Every year about this time I get a song in my heart and I hear America singing!

The song usually begins as the NAACP opens it convention with James Weldon Johnson's beautiful and stirring anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

And I thrill to every word as NAACP leaders from all over the nation join in the plea to this nation to:

"Lift every voice and sing 'til earth and heaven ring with the harmony of liberty."

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AND THE song and the plea stay in my heart all week long while NAACP officials busily go about their task of oiling the machinery which can bring us that freedom.

I look at them some time and almost cry as I hote how aged some of them are and how much they work with so little to get so much done.

And then, before I scarcely can realize it, the convention is ready to close and they are closing with another song that will ring in my heart.

This time it's "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

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IF YOU'VE EVER been to a NAACP convention (and you certainly should go, to one) for goodness sake don't miss the closing meeting on Sunday, where the executive secretary gives his final address and the thousand or more delegates join together singing "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

They say that religion is a way of life and to me this business of fighting for full freedom is somewhat of a religion.

And when I heard the NAACP crowd singing and pleading and fighting for freedom, I like to think that their religion is the same as mine and that we all belong to the same church.

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I'M NEVER on the platform with the board members and leaders when they sing the final song. I'm always down front at the press table looking up at them as they sing.

And as they stand there and sing "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again," I can help but turn over in my mind the names of those who are not there and to wonder how many of those who are there will. still be up there next year.

Many of them are getting on in years now and the number which falls by the wayside between each convention increases each year.

I remember last year at Dallas when 7,000 of us sang "God Be With You" in a sports arena.

RALPH BUNCHE had packed the place with a brilliant speech and after the song, Bunche, Walter White and I hopped a plane for New York.

On the way back, Bunche and White slept like little babies; and though I wanted to awaken them and get an exclusive interview, I let them sleep because I knew that they were tired. All freedom fighters are tired.

The fight finally caught up with Walter White and this year as we sang "God Be With You," Walter was not there. He had gone to that Valhalla of great warriors, where all men are free and there is no segregation to fight about.

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THERE WAS only a picture of Walter to remind us as we sang that even the best sometimes are overcome in the fight.

And then there was C. W. Harper of Atlanta. A few weeks ago we had a meeting of leaders in Atlanta and "old man" Harper was there as usual joining out with his stellar good advice.

But as we sang "God Be With You" Sunday, Mr. Harper, too, had gone down in the fighting. I was thinking of Walter and Mr. Harper as they sang the final song last Sunday and I couldn't help but wonder who among that great group of fighters might be missing next year.

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IT WAS not a pleasant thought.

Trained as I have been in the military, my only consolation was to view the whole scene as a company commander might look over his troops as he sends them back into combat.

You stand there and watch them move out, knowing full well that some of them will not come back from the fight, but you find solace in the thought that the job must be done and that they are the ones equipped to do it.

So you watch them go—and as they go you sing with them "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

Every year about this time I get a song in my heart.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" —and "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

Policyholders' protest urged

Firm's lily white hiring assailed

By CHARLES B. WASHINGTON

OMAHA, Nebr. (ANP) — Policyholders with the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Insurance company have been asked to "voice disapproval" of reported discriminatory employment practices of the company's home office.

Largest insurance company of its type in the world, Mutual has home offices here. It employs close to a thousand office workers, a majority of whom are women possessing no more than a high school education.

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MILTON D. LEWIS, Urban league industrial relations director, met recently with the firm's personnel manager and was informed that "top management" had considered the matter as recently as May, 1955, and decided to maintain their present "lily-white" hiring policy.

Newspapers and Urban Leagues throughout the nation have been asked to urge policy holders with the company to write the firm expressing their disapproval of its employment policies.

Correspondence should be directed to Mutual Benefit Health and Accident insurance company, 3316 Farnam St., Omaha, Nebr., Attention: Presidents V. J. Skutt, and G. J. Cleary.

No autopsy report yet in campus death

XENIA, Ohio — The official cause of the death of pretty Dr. Grace Byrd Peterson, 31-year-old dietitian and science teacher at Central State College here, was still unknown Thursday.

A check at the FBI laboratory here indicated that the results of the autopsy, performed on the body of the young divorcee were not ready yet.

No hint as to when the official result of the autopsy would be announced was given, but one local radio commentator said the report may "take two months."

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DR. PETERSON was pronounced dead on arrival at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton on Tuesday, June 28, after she had been found lifeless in her home and rushed to the institution. Doctors estimated she had been dead for two hours.

She was carried to the hospital by William Braziel, agricultural instructor at Central State, and friend, who was grilled five hours by detectives in connection with the death, and later released.

Funeral services for Dr. Peterson were held Friday, July 1, and on Wednesday, after the holiday week end, campus activities returned to normalcy though the question of what caused the young doctor's death was still the chief conversation topic.

DR. ANN PETERSON
Death a mystery

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FORMER WIFE of Dr. Chester Peterson, also a dentist, Dr. Peterson had been living on the college campus with her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. James Byrd Sr., since her divorce.

She was the sister of Mrs. Henry Parks of Baltimore, who with her husband, attended the final rites.

A 1944 graduate of Wilberforce University, she received her dental degree from the Howard University School of Dentistry and taught a year at Howard before returning to Ohio, her native state.

1,500 expected for mission session

WASHINGTON (ANP)— The third quadrennial convention of the Women's Missionary Society, AME Church, will be held here July 5-14, based on the theme, "Seeking Christ through World Tensions."

General sessions will be held in Metropolitan and Turner AME churches, with special programs at Uline Arena on Sunday and Griffith Stadium, Wednesday.

About 1,500 delegates are expected from all sections of the U.S., Canada, Mexico and several South American and African countries, said Mrs. Anne E. Heath, society president.

THE SOCIETY, believed to be the oldest organization of colored women in the U.S., was founded in 1827 by Mrs. Richard Allen, wife of the church's first bishop. Its first members were wifes of seven ministers.

In 1874, the women raised $600 to send the church's first missionary to Africa, and by 1931, they had raised more than $502,000 to sponsor missionaries and other charitable projects. During the past 10 years, the society has expended some $1,400,000 for these purposes.

Hostesses at the convention will be Mrs. D. Ward Nichols, New York, and Mrs. Frank M. Reid, Columbia, S.C., wives of the bishops now presiding over the AME Second Episcopal district. The hostesses will be assisted by Mrs. I. A. Müller and Mrs. Dewey Robinson, wives of the ministers whose churches will house the convention.

Other society officers are Mrs. Artishia Jordan, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Mary L. Parks, Champaign, Ill., program committee; Mrs. Vanessa Vanhouses, Texas, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Ricks, Charleston, W. Va., Mrs. Raymond Taylor, Louisville, Ky. and assistant secretaries; and Mrs. Romayne Portlock, New York, badge committee.

Mrs. Edith Bryant, Baltimore is in charge of public relations, assisted by Mrs. Cleo R. Love, San Francisco; Mrs. M. E. Thornton, Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. Janie B. Epperson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Oretha T. Hatcher, Monrovia, Liberia; and Mrs. Charlotte C. Wright, Philadelphia.

In charge of officers and committee reports is Mrs. Janie Wilkinson, Kansas City, Mo.; kits, Mrs. E. A. Adams, Columbia, S.C.; conference branch composite reports, Mrs. Birdie L. Farmer, Oklahoma; chaplain-chairman of worship committee, Dr. Martha J. Keys, Louisville, Ky.; and associated members, Mrs. Catherine C. Hemmingway, Washington, D.C.

BIG TOWN

BY JAMES HICKS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—When the NAACP convention opened in Dallas last year it was greeted by a daily newspaper which carried the story of a man charged with assaulting a white woman on one side of its front page, and a story on the other side which said that Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier of Texas Southern University had a degree.

Mr. Hicks

stated that colored people did not want integrated schools.

Despite the fact that the convention was bolstered by the Supreme Court's decision, the two stories in the bass daily newspaper had a dampening effect on the delegates to the convention. This year as the convention opened here in Atlantic City there was another story about Dr. Lanier.

This time the story stated that Dr. Lanier had "resigned" or been fired by the white people he apparently tried so hard to please with his statements about segregation.

Whether Dr. Lanier resigned, or whether he was fired, this column cannot find space to feel sorry for him. On the contrary, I feel that no matter what the situation, Dr. Lanier's removal will be a liberation of a top leader in a world of integration is good riddance to bad affairs.

I feel that the time for tears Let's get rid of some more "leaders" who are "confused" about what the people they are leading really want!

THE LARGEST PIPE organ in the world is located here at Convention Hall. Last Thursday sitting in the press room of the Hall, reporters were greeted by some of the sweetest-organ music they had ever heard. I just had to see who was playing.

I found that at the console of the world's largest organ was Mr. E. Power Biggs, noted organist, Albanian, Willie Mays homerun, organist for the Baptist Baptist Sunday School convention. Mrs. Williams, wife of the Rev. W. Williams of the First Baptist Church of Fairfield, left Friday to attend the World Baptist Alliance in London.

I asked her how it felt to play the biggest organ in the world and whether she had found it different from other organs.

"Well" said Mrs. Williams —" It's like the recipe for a cake. It's a bigger cake than the rest and it naturally has more ingredients. The ivories in this organ than others and you have to mix more together to get what you want out of it."

Mrs. Marie Fowler of Atlantic City conducted the square dance at the NAACP convention and directed the youth parade at the Baptist Convention. It was only natural for a reporter to work his way around to such a busy person. When I introduced myself she said "I know you. You wrote something about my sister in your Big Town column.

I thought that all the things in Big Town are not exactly complimentary, I braced myself for a tongue lashing. But all ended well when she added, "My sister is the former Bernice Norwood of Connecticut and I think what you wrote about her was very very nice."

Thus began what I hope is another beautiful friendship. Maybe I'll learn to square dance!

THE FOX MANOR HOTEL which is off the boardwalk, but which charged some delegates up to $18 a day for rooms, has been put out of the Hotel Association at Atlantic City.

During the NAACP convention Don Byrd, and Joe Laws of New Orleans, and this writer, paid $25 a day for an entire floor in the basement of a cottage one block off the beach.

But when you broke it down into three parts we paid less than some delegates who had paid $12 a day rates all alone. Besides we had an ice box and kitchen. Boy! Nobody ever cooked anything.

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THE REELECTION of Dr. Jernagin and all others of the Baptist Sunday School convention reminded me of the days of Finley Wilson, When the leaders of the organization makes his "annual report" that is the cue for one of his lieutenants to take out and make the indispensable" and call on the coonskin, Jim Crow Bill.

Then when the chief is reelected that is the cue for all the lieutenants to rise and for the return of all the officers to their positions. It takes a bold fellow to jump up and say eight thousand people and say, "I'm against it!" Nobody tried it at the Baptists. Few people have tried it for the past 30 years!

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I ASKED Dr. Jernagin if the Baptists would adopt any resolution condemning the Rev. Adam Powell in his fight for antisegregation amendments.

He looked at me and smiled as he said, "You know the Rev. David Licorish? I said "Yes." "Well he is chairman of the resolutions committee."

He did not need to tell me that Licorish is the Rev. Adam Powell's church in Harlem!

The London Times wired their agent here to take a good picture of Dr. Jernagin and forward it to London. I posed for Dr. Jernagin left on July 4 for the Baptists Alliance in London. Perhaps the London Times will get reelection to pay all his expenses.

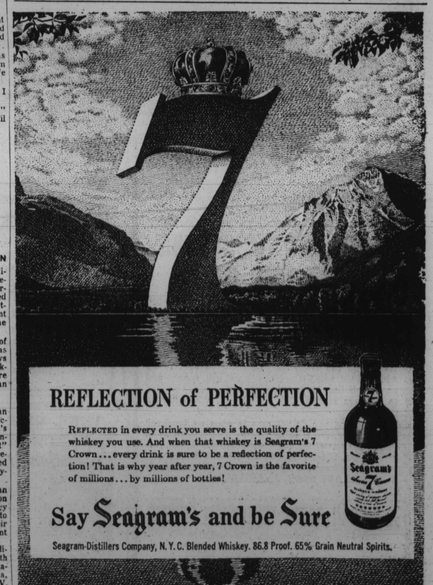
The New York Life Insurance company which put up the money to build Carver Hall Apartments under FHA requirements is quoted here as saying that its experience with the Hall has been so bitter that it is through with minority housing.

That is not all the whole story, however, the AFRO is digging into the whole affair. And it really stinks. Stick around for the series.

BY THE TIME you Jerseyites read this I will be sitting like a bump on a log behind the desk of Sam Haynes, editor of the New Jersey AFRO while Sam basks in the sea and the surf of the shore points. I'll be needing news copy like a baby needs his bottle.

So if I have any friends in Jersey I'm saying to them now "Y'all Come" to the office of the AFRO on West Kinney St. in Newark. Or pick up your phone and tell me to come to you.

Can I count on YOU!



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2,700 kids celebrate 4th at playgrounds

Thirty-one parks and playgrounds held Fourth of July celebrations. A total of 2,700 children took part in more than 20 playground events, and RELAY awarded Red, White, and Blue certificates.

The events included races, games, special contests and talent shows.

The following were winners in contests held at centers throughout the city.

CLOVERDALE RECREATION CENTER

POTATO RACE (Girls) — Winner, Sonia White; second, Connie Green; third, Myrna Cox; fourth, Catherine Case.

GRASS SACK RACE (Boys) — Won by Eugene Brown; second, James Blake; third, Gregory Case; fourth, Ronald Womack.

GRASS SACK RACE Ne. (Girls) — Won by Sonia White; second, Connie Green; third, Harris White; fourth, Geraldine Blake.

GRASS SACK -RACE No. 2 (Girls) — Won by Brenda Cox; second, Myrna Cox; third, Catherine Case; fourth, Veronica Case.

THREE -LEGGED RACE (Boys— Won by Eugene Brown and Ronald Womack; second, Gregory Case and James Brown.

THREE LEGGED RACE (Girls) — Won by Connie Green and Myrna Cox; second, Sonia and Gloria White.

BALLOON CONTEST (Girls) Won by Arlene Flanagan; second, Sonia White; third, Angela Flanagan; fourth, Myrna Cox.

BALLOON CONTEST (Boys) — Won by Wilmer Flanagan; second, Eugene Brown; third, Ronald Womack; fourth, James Blake.

DISC THROW No. 1 (Girls) Won by Angela Flanagan; second, Catherine Cox; third, Sonia White; fourth, Myrna Cox.

DISC THROW No. 2 (Girls) Won by Catherine Cox; second, Arlene Flanagan; third, Veronica Case.

DISC THROW (Boys) — Won by Walter Butler; second, Frederick Butler; third, Eugene Brown.

DISC THROW (Boys - Junior) — Won by Gregory Case; second, Wilmer Flanagan; third, Gerald Lomax; fourth, Patrick Flanagan.

RELAY (Girls) — Won by Arlene Flanagan; second, Sonia White; third, Myrna Cox; fourth, Brenda Cox.

DOUGLASS CENTER

20-yd. DASH (Girls—8-10) — Won by Geraldine McIntosh; second, Bertha Brown; third, Chie Whitaker.

BLOCK RELAY (Girls — 8-10) — Won by Geraldine McIntosh and Cale Whitaker; second, Rosina Brown and Francine Rivers.

40-yd. DASH (Boys — 5-14) — Won by Alvin Austin; second, Emanuel Oliver; third, Alvin Freshy.

ONE LEGGED RACE (Girls— 8-10)—Won by Francine Rivers; second, Geraldine McIntosh; third, Rosina Brown.

50-yd. DASH (Girls—12-14) Won by Bertha Oliver; second, Bertha Patterson; third, Forestine Brown; fourth, Brenda Smith.

ONE LEGGED RACE (Boys— 7-9) — Won by Emanuel Oliver; second, Gregory Tate; third, Harold Trusty.

BOYS RELAY (Boys—7-10) — Won by Emanual Oliver; second, Robert Freshy; third, Alvin Austin.

HOP DASH (Girls and Boys —6-7)—Won by Peggy Ann Lee; second, Melvin Oliver; third, Larry Blanton.

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HOP RACE (Boys and Girls) — Won by Hope Lee Smith; second, Charles Hollingsworth; third, Laverta Neil.

HOP RACE 2 (Boys and Girls) — Won by Carrington Hollingsworth; second, Eddie Smith; third, Carlton Weeks; fourth, William Lee.

WHEEL-BOX RACE—(Girls) — Won by Geraldine Oglesby; second, Carlton Cathern; third, Willie Mae McNeil; fourth, Marsha Bryant.

SKIP RACE (Girls) — Won by Ernestine Jones; second, Letitia Carey; third, Brenda Carey; fourth, Sandra Banks.

STANDING BROAD JUMP (Boys) — Won by Wayne Cole; second, Donald Robertson; third, Prentiss Dowdy; fourth, Charles Mainali.

HEEL-TOE 2 (Boys and Girls) — Won by Dorothy Martinez; second, Curtis Howard; third, Lois Hollingsworth; fourth, Tony Dorsey.

BALLOON RELAY (Boys and Girls) Won by Lois Hollingsworth; second, Barbara Richardson; third, Diane Smith; fourth, Ronnie Crowell; fifth William Watt; sixth, Gerald Wilson; seventh, Pearline Burton.

CRACKER EATING CONTEST (Girls and Boys) — Won by Frederick Thomas; second, Lois Hollingsworth; third, Carrington Hollingsworth; fourth, Thomas Lee.

BOYS RACE — Won by James Hollingsworth; second, Eugene Burton; third, Thomas Lee.

ONE HOPPING RACE—Won by Thomas Lee; second, Donald Moody; third, James Burton; fourth, Bobby Hollingsworth.

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TOAD-IN-HOLE (Girls — 12-14) — Won by Richard Herman; second, Gwendolyn Williams; third, Allen Wells; fourth, Theodora Chase.

GOALS PER. MIN. (Boys — 9-10) — Won by Gerald Bailey; second, Cardillo Griffen; third, Henery Edens; fourth, Ronald Bailey.

RUNNING BASES (Boys 12-14) — Won by Richard Arnold; second, Jerome Parson; third, Ronald Bailey; fourth, Alvin Young.

FLEE CRACKER TOSS (Boys 12-14) — Won by John Miller; second, Roland Dixon; third, Richard Herold; fourth, Jerome Parson.

OVERHEAD DODGE BALL THROW (Girls — 11-12) — Won by Earlene Cooper; second, Constance Cook; third, Alberta Cook; fourth, Joyce Williams.

BLOCKHEAD RACE (Boys,— 10-12) Won by Tyrone Jones; second, Joseph Young; third, Jerome Parson; fourth, Ronald Bailey.

BLOCK RACE (Girls — 7-8) — Won by Martha Jones; second, Joyce Cook; third, Michell Day.

SKIP ROPE (Girls 9-10) — Won by Patricia Cook; second, Linda George; third, Ruth Ann Cook; fourth, Windy Cook.

CRACKER EATING (Girls — 6-7 — Won by Patricia Cook; second, Cynthia Jones; third, Michell Day; fourth, Gloria Wright.

HOP RACE (Girls — 6-7) — Won by Linda George; second, Cynthia Jones; third, Gloria Davis; fourth, Cynthia Jones.

HOP DASH (Girls 9-10) — Won by Patricia Cook; second, Charlotte Gray; third, Barbara Cook.

50-yd. DASH (Girls — 11-12) — Won by Earlene Cooper; second, Joyce Williams; third, Patricia Cook.

CRACKER EATING (Boys and Girls—11-12). Won by Joseph Young; second, Harriet Strawberry; third, Earl Scott; fourth, Earlene Cooper.

BLOCKHEAD RACE (Girls) — Won by Lavinia Cook; second, Earlene Cooper; third, Deflores Parson; fourth, Harriet Strawberry.

75-yd DASH (Boys — 15-16) — Won Lanto Chance; second, Winston Richburg; third, Calvin Richardson; fourth, John Miller.

BLOCK RACE (Boys — 12-14) —Won by Edward Nickison; second, Jerome Ward; third, Stanford Carter; fourth, Roscoe Keaton.

SOFTBALL THROW FOR DISTANCE (Boys — 12-14) — Won by Edward Nickison; second, Bernard White; third, Stanford Carter; fourth, William Savage.

50-yd. DASH (Boys — 12-14) — Won by John Miller; second, Melvin Brunson; third, Edward Nickison; fourth, Jerome Parson.

SOFTBALL THROW FOR DISTANCE (Boys — 15-16) — Won by Winston Richburge; second, Billy Smith; third, Roland Dixon; fourth, Lanto Chance.

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POTATOE RACE (Girls under 12)—Won by Jacqueline Middleton, Theodora Chase, Gloria Montague, Jean Todd; Barbara Lee; second, Gwendolyn Lee, Antoinette Newsome, Edwina Black, Annie R. Bradshaw, Margaret Montague.

TRY YOUR LUCK CONTEST (Girls) — Won by Dorothy Newsome; second, Barbara Lee.

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EGG AND SPOON RACE (Boys—12)—Won by Robert Johnson; second, William Imes; third, Jerome Brewer.

WHEEL BARROW RACE (Boys and Girls—10-12)—Won by Joseph Gorden and Gloria Bolling; second, Clyde Redd and Brenda Parker.

THREE LEGGED RACE (Boys and Girls — 10-12 — Won by Donald Robertson and Theresa Williams; second, Garfield Thomas and Gloria Bolling.

50-yd. DASH (Boys — 13-14) — Won by LaFonte Lee; second, William Johnson; third, Charles Paul.

GET THERE RACE (Boys and Girls — 5-6) Won by Gaylord Wilson; second, Brenda James; third, Anthony Williams.

POTATOE RACE (Girls—7-9) —Won by Pricilla Williams; second, Diane Byers; third, Patricia Parrish.

SACK RACE (Girls — 7-9) Won by Sandra Singleton; second, Esther James; third, Helen Hinton.

50-yd. DASH (Girls — 7-9) — Won by Patricia Williams; second, Daisy Mae Jordon; third, Maria Wilson.

POTATOE RACE (Boys —7-9) Won by Joyce Jones; second, James Jordon; third, Z. Scott.

SACK RACE (Boys — 7-9) — Won by Kearney Austin; second, Floyd Johnson; third, Milton Peaks.

50-yd. DASH (Boys — 7-9) — Won by Kearney Austin; second, Leonard Chambers.

EGG AND SPOON RACE (Girls — 10-12) — Won by Gloria Bolling; second, Brenda Parker; third, Theresa Williams.

SACK RACE (Boys — 10-12) — Won by Conrade Byrd; second, Ronald Freshy; third, Alvin Austin.

HOPSCOTCH (Girls and Boys —6-7)—Won by Peggy Ann Lee; second, Melvin Oliver; third, Larry Blanton.

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