WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

URGE U. S. TO BREAK WITH SOUTH AFRICA

Mass Killings Of Africans Termed 'Official Murders'; Governments of World Critical Of 'Brutal Slaughter'

NEW YORK—The NAACP has urged the United States to break diplomatic relations with the government of the Union of South Africa following the massacre of Africans by South African police.

The NAACP action was part of a world-wide wave of criticism touched off by the use of police bullets to quell non-violent anti-segregation demonstrations.

In a letter sent March 22, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins called upon Secretary of State Christian Herter to recall the American Ambassador to South Africa and cut off all economic aid and commerce with that country.

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POLICE ACTIVITY in the March 21 demonstrations in South Africa were called "massacre" and "murder" as protests against the killings continued to be heard around the world.

Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament in New Delhi that he "severely deplored the largescale killing" when police opened fire into African crowds demonstrating against pass laws.

He drew a parallel with the 1919 Amritsar massacre in India when British troops killed more than 400 Indians.

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AFL-CIO PRESIDENT George Meany called for immediate United Nations action against South Africa for what he termed the "ruthless" slaying of the demonstrators.

"These official murders — they can be called nothing less — are the bloody fruition of a program of terror and inhuman racialism," Meany said in a statement issued by AFL-CIO headquarters.

Meany's statement followed a mild statement issued by the U. S. State Department deploring the slaughter.

The State Department, in concert with other democratic nations, to place this matter before the appropriate body of the United Nations for urgent and immediate action."

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MEANY IS chief spokesman for the labor federation which claims jurisdiction over about 13,500,000 workers who are members of the AFL-CIO.

In London, the South Africa House was ringed by anti-segregation pickets. Two leading politicians from Britain's Caribbean colony of British Guiana who appeared there and Guiana's chief minister complained he was "manhandled" by police.

Meanwhile, the executive bodies of the opposition British Labor Party and the powerful Trades Union Congress condemned the "massacre" in South Africa.

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MOSCOW RADIO said in its English-language broadcast:

"It is high time an end should be put to the racist crimes being committed by the civilizers in South Africa."

The All-Africa People's Conference issued a statement in Accra, Ghana, condemning the South Africa government's "inhuman act."

The African National Democratic Party in Southern Rhodesia sent a letter to South African Premier Hendrik Verwoerd expressing the "deepest shock and horror" that his government had through its police "murdered scores of defenseless Africans."

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN demonstrations opened Monday when some 20,000 Africans staged a non-violent demonstration against laws requiring them to carry identification passes at all times. The Africans invited arrest by police under a pre-announced plan to fill the jails.

South African police fired on the unarmed demonstrators with machine guns, rifles and armored cars, while jet planes swooped down on the protesters in an effort to terrorize them.

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ESTIMATES OF the death toll range from 70 to 100, with more than 200 wounded. These estimates are considered conservative and there is a probability that the actual figure is much higher.

The demonstrating Africans responded by calling a labor strike which crippled South African industry. The shootings flared first in the Vereeniging coal mining area.

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THE MASS demonstrations are the result of years of oppression by the all-white South African government as three million whites seek to impose their will on 12 million voteless non-whites.

The South African government has continued to restrict the non-whites with discriminatory laws that include banishment.

Instead of intimidating the Africans, the terror tactics of the South African police have made the demonstrators more determined.

A nation-wide strike has been called in protest to the killings by police. A growing number of militant Africans are staying away from their jobs, particularly in Capetown and near Vereeniging, the coal and steel center south of Johannesburg.

Mearwhile, despite world-wide protests, the South African police have continued to round up persons they believe to be leaders of the demonstrations.

The police, however, have refrained from arresting thousands of natives who marched into police stations pleading to be arrested for not possessing the passes they are required to carry day and night.

Leaders of the Pan-Africanist Congress said that a growing number of their supporters would seek arrest, and that the strikes would continue until the passes were abolished.

TALKING OVER AFRICA with President Harold C. Case are three African students at Boston University, dressed in colorful native costumes to hear President Case's Founders' Day address on his recent tour of Africa. With the president are, left to right, T. N. Igboeli of Nigeria; E. A. Addo of Ghana and J. A. Onwumelu of Nigeria.

PRINCE OF THE CHURCH — Pope John XXIII places the red biretta on Julgambisa, of Tanganyika in a Vatican ceremony which climaxed the elevation of seven new Catholic Cardinals.

—New Cardinal

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such a visit at present.

Maybe I'm chicken, but I just couldn't ask the Cardinal about politics and the race question. I stuck to religion and personal things.

There's something about a cardinal that impresses you so you're afraid of getting out of line. I know that's the way it struck me.

Injections

Cardinal Rugambwa flew to Rome with a party from Entebbe. He has an ordinary passport like all of us, and he had to get a whole slew of injections — again just like you and me.

"It took a lot of time getting injections," he told me. "And my arm is still sore."

I asked if any member of his family had come with him.

"No one," he said. "My two brothers, Peter and Revelian, are still at home. And so is my father, Domitian, and my mother, whose name is Asteria. I do have with me my assistant treasurer (or procurator) of my diocese. He is Father Bamanyisa Justinian.

"I have known him since he was a very small boy."

Benefactor

Cardinal Rugambwa also told me, "I have sent two students from my diocese of Rutabo to study in the United States. They are now in Vermont. Next year, I expect to send two more of our young men to the United States."

The new Cardinal is deeply grateful to Pope John XXIII for elevating him to the Sacred College of Cardinals.

But to me he seemed even more conscious of the tremendous responsibility that is now resting upon his thin shoulders.

At the first African in 1,500 years to be a part of the top echelon of the Holy See he realizes that he is now a world figure and a man of power in religious circles.

He has a special word of praise for The White Fathers, "whom I know so well, and with whom I have lived and worked."

African politics

"I didn't ask about politics, and I'm glad I didn't. Cardinal Rugambwa brought it up himself. 'You will please excuse me,' he said, 'for abstaining from any comment on the political situation in Africa.

"I will just say this, that in my own country, Tanganyika, things seem to be going smoothly, thanks to the sensible cooperation of all concerned.

"I should like to add, however, that a very great deal of devoted work has been done in all spheres for Tanganyika and its people by Germany previous to the First World War, and by Great Britain since Tanganyika became a Mandated Territory, and this in no small measure due to these constructive efforts that today it is possible to envisage the transfer of governmental responsibility to the people of the country.

"To all those who have made a contribution to bring about the present promising state of things, we of Tanganyika are deeply grateful."

Twenty minutes

In all, taking picture and talking to the new Cardinal took about twenty minutes. It was much too short a time — but I thanked Cardinal Rugambwa for giving me that much consideration.

Other people wanted him, including the BBC for a newsreel. And when they didn't chase me away, I looked around to take a picture of him at the microphone.

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placed by one of cardinal rank. Then he got up, bowed and was led off to stand at one side.

THE CAPRING CEREMONY took two minutes for each cardinal. When all were capped, they took seats facing the Pope and one man thanked the Pope for all seven. The Pope then spoke to them and the world, saying seven were capped today but three others in his heart would be named later.

Pope John XXIII blessed the audience, shook hands with the new brothers and was taken away in a chair.

White Americans asked if any colored Catholics were in Rome for the ceremony. I saw none.

On leaving St. Peters, I saw crowds still standing in the square hoping for a glimpse of the Pope, but mainly for a look at the new African Cardinal.

Rugambwa has excited the imagination of Rome as never before. At 47, he is youngest of the cardinals. He was designated prince of the church on March 5.

BORN A PAGAN in the Tanganyika Territory of East Africa in 1912 Rugambwa was converted to Christianity at the age of eight, along with his father and mother. In the four decades, the brilliant African bridged the vast chasm between paganism and prince of the Roman Catholic Church.

A former member of the Nuba Tribe, Rugambwa is a product of the White Fathers, a Roman Catholic missionary order that has trained 550 Africans for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest in 1934 and assigned assistant pastor of the Rubya mission, where he served for five years.

Then only a generation from the tribal drum beat, Father Rugambwa went to Rome for intensive studies in the Gregorian Pontifical University. His doctoral thesis was on social and educational work in East Africa. In 1951 he returned home and was named the first Bishop of the newly-formed diocese of Rutabo.

Today, special interest centers on the tall, slim, slightly balding prelate. He speaks excellent English, stilted English with a British accent. He also speaks six other languages including French, German and Latin.

The new cardinal is uncertain as to his future.

"I may go back to my diocese, with little change in my life," he said. "It all depends on what the Propaganda Fide wishes."

The Propaganda Fide, known in America as the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is the central organization governing the Catholic Church's missionary activities. As Africa is missionary territory, the African cardinal comes under its jurisdiction.

Wilkins hits massacre in South Africa

WASHINGTON — The U. S. The text of Mr. Wilkins' letter to the U.S. State Department follows:

"The shockingly brutal slaughter of more than 100 men, women and children by the police of the Union of South Africa in the past twenty - four hours warrants, we believe, a re-examination of the relations of the United States of America with that nation.

"The butchery reported when Africans invited arrest in protest against the law requiring the carrying of passes, is unmatched except by the wholesale killings of the Hitler regime in Nazi Germany.

"Conservative and usually dispassionate news dispatches use the phrase "mowed down" to describe the police action with automatic weapons against unarmed men and women.

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"THE UNITED STATES cannot remain inactive in the face of mass murder perpetrated by a state against unarmed civilians. Just a few days ago the State Department expressed its concern over pre-election violence and other alleged irregularities in connection with an election in the Republic of Korea. We have deplored policies and practices in Communist China.

"It is a matter of pride to every American that our country has continued to conform in the strongest terms the ruthless murder of Hungarian citizens by troops and tanks of the Soviet Union.

"The Government of the Union of South Africa was not content with using automatic weapons and armored cars against its people but all reports state that diving jet plane were also employed to frighten the civilian men and force them to disperse.

"It is altogether possible that either the armored cars or the jet planes or both were purchased with funds made available to the Union of South Africa by the United States under its arms agreements.

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"IN OUR OPINION, never has there been a more justifiable reason than this massacre for withdrawing recognition of a country. The Union of South Africa, through this callous and murderous action, against its own citizens has forfeited its right to recognition by the leaders of the Free World nations. The dark action of the past two days places that country outside the pale of western democratic society.

"The diplomatic representatives of the United States should be recalled at once and all economic aid and commercial relations with this government of barbarity should be cut off.

"We are not unaware that the steps we urge constitute a grave breach in relations between nations and demand the most thoughtful attention on the highest level.

"Nevertheless, we urge prompt action to avoid any conclusion in the minds of the people of the world that the United States of America, itself born of protest against tyranny and oppression, condones wanton slaughter as an instrument of state policy."

Sudan obligated to advance cause of freedom in Africa

The new fact that this African nations and African communities have in common is that they are independent. The Republic of the Sudan is a vast country that covers an area of one-quarter of a million square miles. That nearly equals the combined area of all European countries.

The Sudan is bordered on the north by Egypt, on the east by the Red Sea, on the south by Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, on the west by the Belgian Congo, French Equatorial Africa, Libya and the Mediterranean Sea.

Among important aspects of the new republic is its location between North Africa and the Middle East countries.

THROUGHOUT ITS history, the Sudan has witnessed various stages of independence. Its first period of complete independence was from 1800 to 1900.

The Sudan is the second country of this stage of independence. The first country was Liberia, which gave its independence to the Sudan.

The Sudan is basically an agricultural country. Cotton is the chief product.

THE SUDAN location implies foreign obligations towards the Arab nations and African countries. The ambassador said, "Our country is a better life."

Revealing the ties of the new Sudan with the Arab world, the ambassador said:

"Although diplomatic representations have been established only since 1956, there have been cordial relations between the Sudan and the Arab world. Established on firm foundations of friendship, complete confidence, understanding, and mutual respect, the relations of the Sudan with the Arab world are fortunate to have a common language, which includes many expressions of friendship and mutual trust.

"We are fortunate to have a common language, which includes many expressions of friendship and mutual trust.

"Advance the cause of freedom in Africa and help millions of our brother Africans in their progress towards freedom and

'Man of deep faith,' D.C. priest recalls

Cardinal Lautian Rugambwa, Catholic Bishop, visited the United States, Washington in 1958. He was met by Catholic officials in local circles recall the visit this week.

At the time, none of the officials who met the then Bishop envisioned him as a possible Cardinal.

The Catholic press, during Bishop Rugambwa's here on behalf of schools in his do-

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FATHER ALFRED RICHARD provincial superior of the White Fathers of Africa in the U. S., recalled Bishop Rugambwa's trip.

Father Richard said he received a letter from the then Bishop Rugambwa asking that the White Fathers arrange for him to make the American

The Bishop discussed the poverty in his diocese and the poor conditions of the

As a result, Father Richard made arrangements for the Bishop to stay at the White Fathers' headquarters, 5655 Loughboro Rd., N.W., for approximately a week. During that time, he was introduced to many other dignitaries making appeals for funds.

THE FORMER BISHOP was a student at the White Fathers' seminary in Kipalapala, Tanganyika, Tanganyika, East Africa. He was ordained a priest in 1943.

He recalled that Bishop Rugambwa visited New York, Chicago, Detroit, Michigan and many other dioceses making appeals for funds.

Final rites held for Charles Edwards, 59

Funeral services for Charles Edwards, 59, 2111 Ashburton St., who died Sunday in Lakeland Philippe Lutcum officiated.

Mr. Edwards, a native of Georgia, died Saturday at Lakeland Hospital after a short illness.

He was a member of Sharon Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Nettie Banks of Phoebus, Va., and others.

The body will lie in state Saturday and Sunday at the Holland Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held from Sharon Baptist Church, Pressman and Stricker Sts. at 2 p.m. Monday.

Judge clears Rebs of treason charge after 92 years

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Circuit Judge Joseph Bradley this weeks dismissed 32 indictments returned 92 years ago against members of a raider band from the Confederate state of Kentucky.

The indictments charged the raiders with giving aid and comfort to the enemy, treason and other offenses.

Judge Bradley said Wednesday he dismissed the cases because the statute of limitations had run on the charges.

He said he could find no record that any of the men had been arrested.

A NATIVE of Fayetteville, N.C., Mr. Edwards came to Baltimore in 1928 where he was employed on the Service staff of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

A member of Sharon since 1924, he served on the Usher Board.

He was married to the former Miss Savannah Jordan of Rockingham, N.C. They celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary, May 17, 1959.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Savannah Jordan of Charlottesville, and a cousin, Mrs. Andrew Jordan.

And three grandchildren, Mabel Ann Fisher and Ardell Fisher and Ardell Edwards.

Mrs. B. Denmark

Mrs. Bessie Neal Denmark, 529 Laurens St., died at 9 p.m. Wednesday at Montebello State Hospital after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Denmark was the wife of Harvey Eldridge Denmark Sr., well known singer in church choir circles for many years, and mother of Harvey Eldridge Denmark Jr., actor of the legitimate stage, formerly of the Carmen Jones cast.

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The Rev. James Moore, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, officiated.

Now Get Both At No Extra Cost

Complexion Care-Deodorant Protection

At last, in one great soap you get long-lasting deodorant protection as well as deep-down help for your complexion. Don't fret over ugly skin blemishes. Stop the spread of infection-causing bacteria. Let the gentle, foamy medication of Palmer's "Skin Success" Soap work on the skin germs that aggravate the awful blemishes. Your skin feels more alive, and healthy. And while your skin is beauty-benefited you get real head-to-toe deodorant protection with a "Skin Success" bath. Don't just cover up body odors. Wash them away. Use "Skin Success" Soap daily.

PALMER'S SKIN-SUCCESS SOAP

Southern U expels 18 in sitdown

(Special to the AFRO)

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Following the expulsion of 18 Southern U. students, some 2,000 of their classmates took steps to quit the institution.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Eighteen students from Southern University were suspended and expelled as a result of three days of passive resistance sit-down and open demonstrations protesting segregation.

Southern University's dean of students, Martin L. Harvey, announced the disciplinary action Wednesday evening.

He said the eighteen students "have been suspended or expelled from the University for violating university regulations, relating to insubordination, and conduct unbecoming to the Southern University students."

The seven students who were arrested Monday on charges of "disturbing the peace" and later freed on bond included Marvin E. Robinson, (junior student in law) a resident of Natchitoches, La., and from Gary, Ind.

He is a track star and president of the student body and one of the leaders of the demonstration.

The others are: Fenton Valdry, 23; John W. Johnson, 23, (a junior in law); Donald T. Moss, 22, (a junior in law); Miss Jo Ann Morris 19 (a freshman in sociology); Miss Jeanette Hoston, 20; (Freshman in psychology); and Kenneth Johnson, 22, (a junior in law).

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THOSE ARRESTED Tuesday included John Garner 24; Vernon Dr Jordan 26; Mack Hayes Jones, 23; Miss Sandra Ann Jones, 19; Miss Mary Briscoe, 21; Lawrence Hurst, 20; Eddie C. Brown Jr., 19; Larry L. Nichols, 20; and Charles Peabody, 23.

Major Johns (a psychology student studying for the ministry) who led the march on the State Capitol where an estimated 800 to 1,000 students heard that he and eight more students had been prayed, sang hymns and listened to oratory in protest of segregation, was reportedly suspended indefinitely. He and eight more students had been suspended indefinitely. He didn't name them.

Robinson, appearing over a New Orleans television station, was asked if the NAACP was backing them up. He replied:

"The NAACP favors passive resistance demonstrations but so far, we have only their moral support."

He further stated that they were unable to get the remaining nine students out of jail due to lack of funds. He said, "The students presently in jail expressly requested that we do nothing toward getting them out."

BOND FOR the seven arrested Monday totaled $10,000 ($1,500 each). The bond was raised at a rally attended by 2,500 university students where hundreds of dollars were collected.

Also a group of Southern University high school students got into the action by donating all of their money in the treasury, which was subsequently used for the Junior - Senior prom, to help their college brothers.

Another major development in the day of fast - moving action came with the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury conducting an informal investigation into the demonstrations and at its request Dr. Felton G. Clark, Southern's president, appeared before the group.

Dr. Clark was closeted with the grand jury for a little over 40 minutes, leaving the grand jury room to face members of the press in wait at 3:10 p.m. (Wednesday).

He was quoted as saying: "The University does not condone any acts which are in violation of the laws, regulations or policies of the University of the State Board of Education or the State of Louisiana."

GOVERNOR EARL K. LONG said the disciplinary action was "strictly the school's business" and I think that Clark is competent to handle his business."

Earlier in the day in reference to his previous statement suggesting that "the students go back to Africa" he said "I am willing to double a reasonable amount of money to hire a boat to take the Negroes — satisfied N — s back to Africa."

Wednesday morning the grand jury also had a session which included Mayor-President Jack Christian, Sheriff Police Shirley Archie, Sheriff Bryan Clemmons, Parish Attorney Gordon Kean, and three colored leaders.

They are Rev. T. J. Jemison, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, who led a rally at his church Tuesday night, suggesting, in effect, a boycott of downtown business; the Rev. E. D. Billups, and Johnnie Jones, attorney, who was among a group arranging for bond of the seven students released Monday night.

Red, yellow or blue make that bonnet new

WASHINGTON

A session on redesigning last year's top any other year's Spring hat will be held at Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, At 8 p.m., April 11.

Sponsored by the Homemakers Clubs, professional milliners will help you in redesigning or remaking your spring bonnet, or make a new one.

Requirements are easy. All you have to have is the hat, trimmings and time to attend.

SIT-INERS SIT—Although refused service in the main dining room at Hutzler's Department Store last week student demonstrators quietly sat for four hours. After they entered, the dining room, seating 250 persons, closed. White customers were served in the Quixie. But because of its size,—it seats 99—the lobby was soon overrun by shoppers seeking lunch. Unable to be served, many left. Other stores not serving colored are Stewart's and Hecht-May.

—Sitdowners

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sounded, but there was no fire.

AS THE student protest demonstrations end a third week, they are gaining support from widespread areas of the city.

The Civic Interest Group's campaign against segregation at lunch counters and dining rooms has been pledged financial and picket line aid from organizations and individuals.

Offers of cash donations, promises to close accounts at the stores involved — Hecht-May, Hutzlers and Stewart's —and volunteers to join the picket line have come from varied segments of the community.

Among them are:

YWCA, Baltimore AME's Preachers Meeting of Baltimore and Vicinity, CORE, the NAACP, Fellowship House, Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity and individual citizens.

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ARRESTS GROWING out of the demonstrations have been called "illegal test cases" by the NAACP.

Its national league bureau has stepped in and a representative from the office of Chief Counsel Thurgood Marshall is expected to be in Baltimore when the cases are heard before the Supreme Bench.

Date for the trials had not been set at presstime.

In Northwood, where the demonstrations began three weeks ago, the young college students are still walking picket lines. However, due to an injunction, signed by Judge Joseph J. Allen, picketers have been limited to two at the entrances of the Store and Roof Top Restaurant.

But at the Northwood Theatre, an average of 12 pickets are taking turns on the line during evening hours.

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DURING a sit-in demonstration downtown last week, only one of four department stores served the students.

At Hochschild Kohn, they received prompt and courteous service.

The three others refused service and two dining rooms closed.

At Hecht-May, students were barred from the dining area by roped off doors manned by store detectives.

Stewart's seated its dining room at 12:15 p.m. and kept it closed for the rest of the day.

Although Hutzlers continued serving white customers in its Quixie room, the Colonial, main dining room, seating 250 persons, was closed.

However, not before 50 students entered. They remained seated from noon to 4 p.m.

50 YEARS ON JOB — At the company's stockholders' meeting last week, AFRO photographer Carl Murphy, left, presents a clock to D. Arnett Murphy, vice president, treasurer and advertising director, who has been employed 50 years. He also completed 45 years as stockholder and officer of the company.

YWCA board writes stores about sitdowns

The board of directors of the Baltimore YWCA agreed Monday to go on record to support the sitdown demonstrations at downtown stores which refuse colored customers the right to sit down and eat.

Here is the text of the letter the board has sent to commend Hochschild Kohn and Co. for opening dining facilities to all.

Also, following are the letters the YWCA board directed to Stewarts, Hutzlers and Hecht - May Co., urging them to change their policy.

All letters are signed by Mrs. Carl Wheelock, president and Mrs. Joseph M. Beatty, secretary.

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MARTIN KOHN, HOCHSCHILD KOHN AND CO.:

"Dear Mr. Kohn: The members of the official board of directors of the Young Womens Christian Association met together and unanimously agreed to tell you how pleased we are that Hochschild Kohn and Company has seen fit to open its doors to all people regardless of race, color or creed.

"We are proud of the stand you have taken for our city. YWCA believe in the dignity of the individual and the right of all to share equally in all opportunities. We want to compliment you on opening your restaurant to all individuals and are happy that you share with us the belief in the right of all races to participate in community life."

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LETTERS To Luther Heuerman, Stewart and Co.: Albert Hutzler, Jr., Hutzler Brothers; Robert Levi, Hecht-May Co.:

"During the 105 years that the Young Womens Christian Association has functioned as a world - wide organization, and services on the dignity of the individual and the value of all people.

"The board of directors of the Baltimore YWCA want you to know that we eagerly await the time when your facilities like ours will be open to all members of the community so that we may continue to give support to your organization.

"We urge you therefore to follow the example set by Hochschild Kohn and Co. in making all parts of your store available to all people, regardless of race color or creed."

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IN ATTENDANCE at the Monday meeting when the action to support the sit-down efforts were taken were:

Mesdames John Motz, Harry Scott, Joseph M. Beatty, Norman Gross Bernard Harris Sr., Morgan M. Buchner, Jackson;

Mesdames Martin Jenkins, Proctor Rogers, James T. Vernay, Henry Welcome, Beryl T. Williams, Dr. Ruth B. Quarles;

Also, Misses Beatrice Baird and Mary T. McCurley, Staff directors present at the meeting were Miss Beatrice Seibold, North Area Branch; Miss Gay Dickerson, Central; Miss Lena K. Roth, International Center; and Miss E. Estelle Thomas, Madison Ave.

AME churches back sitdowns

Members of the 50 churches affiliated with the Baltimore Methodist Episcopal Preachers Meeting of Baltimore and Vicinity went on record Monday to support the Morgan State College students in the downtown stores which refuse colored customers the right to sit down and eat.

The Rev. J. Wayman Henry, pastor of the Allen AME Church is president of the organization which embraces churches in Washington and Maryland.

The meeting was held at the Bethel AME Church in Baltimore. The motion was made by the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant.

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BTC DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of The Baltimore Transit Company at its meeting today, declared a dividend of 23 - cents per share on the Common Stock of the Company, payable April 22, 1960 to holders of record on April 11, 1960.

Howard County NAACP meets

Membership and Freedom Fund goals were set at the recent—meeting of the Howard County Branch of NAACP at Hopkins Chapel in Highland, Md.

At the meeting, reports were heard on the Maryland State Conference of the NAACP on the sit - ins at Morgan State College Mrs. Verda F. Welcome's civil rights bill, recently before the House Committee in Annapolis, and of Roy Wilkin's recent television appearance.

The meeting also heard a report on the trailer case, which resulted in a statement from the Howard County Zoning Commission that trailer camps in the area will have to be removed.

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MATERIALS FOR the Nation - wide Freedom Flag Day, were turned over to the acting chairman, Silas E. Craft.

Youth group memberships were sent to the national association by Mrs. Dorothy Craft. This group meets the first Sunday of each month and is planning a fund raising campaign. Mrs. Marie Curry is chairmen.

Members of the Howard County branch drafted letters to be sent to the presidents of Woolworths and Kresges dime stores concerning segregation at their southern lunch counters.

Fellowship to hear students on sit ins

The College group of the Baltimore Fellowship House, 21 W. Preston St., will discuss "The Sit - Down Demonstrations in Various Sections of the Country," Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Emphasis for the discussion will be based on the thinking behind the demonstrations, what they have actually done in the past, and what is to be accomplished as a result of the demonstrations.

The public is invited to take part in the discussion.

'In hands of State,' Trenholm

By RAY ABRAMS

MONTGOMERY — Dr. H. Council Trenholm, the president of Alabama State College, refused to comment on the student movement in Montgomery, Ala., in a special interview with the AFRO.

Dr. Trenholm stated that the situation was not his, to comment upon.

"It is all in the hands of the State Board of Education," he told an AFRO reporter who contacted him at his office at the college.

The Alabama State campus has been the scene of trouble and unrest since early this month when 33 pupils and a faculty member were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct following an anti-segregation demonstration at the courthouse.

On March 11, thirty-one of those arrested were found guilty and fined $100 each and costs.

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THE CONVICTED students were immediately placed on probation by college officials after Governor Patterson declared that as far as he was concerned, Dr. Trenholm would have to straighten out the situation or the school board would find someone who can.

Dr. Trenholm has served as president of the college for 35 years and was a member of its faculty for four years before that.

The college president disclosed that 100 students have been ordered to leave the college since the demonstrations, but denied that the ousters had anything to do with the anti-segregation activity, claiming that they were ordered to leave after they failed to take necessary steps prior to the March 14 registration deadline for the spring quarter.

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HE SAID that he was busy checking the applications which the students had made for the following term and had no time "to discuss the situation" which had caused the enrollment of ASC to drop from 2,600 to an estimated 900.

When he was asked what would happen to the students who had been expelled from the college, what chances they had of readmission, he answered: "Don't you know the meaning of the word expelled?"

When he was told that the circumstances were a bit different in these cases and was asked if they would be reconsidered, he said:

"That's up to the Board of Education."

When he was asked if there was any truth in report of Governor Patterson's threat to close down the college, Dr. Trenholm said he didn't know.

In a recent Board of Education meeting the Governor of Alabama supposedly said that he would close down the college unless the students stopped the demonstrations because it was clear to him that "the college has been training mobsters and agitators."

The Governor was out of the city and could not be reached for comment about his future plans for the college.

Following an investigation ordered by Governor Patterson, State Superintendent of Education Frank Stewart said that he had learned that at least 11 members of the Alabama State faculty "have not been loyal to the school" and "have not shown cooperation with the colleges in trying to get them straightened out."

Dr. Trenholm said Saturday that he would work with the state school superintendent to purge the college of "disloyal" faculty members.

MIXED COUPLE CAN'T EAT EITHER—This student couple, posing as man and wife, sought service in the dining room of Hecht-May Department Store. The husband entered and told the detectives-door men he was expecting his wife shortly. When she arrived, and was denied admittance, her "husband" was paged. The manager told the young groom, "I didn't know your wife was colored. We are not serving colored people at this stage." Hutzler's and Stewart's also refused service.

Catholic U students support sitdowns

Undergraduates at Catholic University, Washington, went on record recently to support student demonstrations in numerous Southern cities.

The statement of support was adopted by the Catholic U. student council and was presented to two senators in a ceremony at the Capitol.

Copies were also distributed by the students, to all members of the Senate, which is debating civil rights measures.

An afternoon mass was also sponsored in the National Shrine, adjacent to the university campus, for the passage of a "just civil rights bill" by Congress.

The student council's resolution reaffirmed the belief that racial discrimination "cannot be reconciled with the truth that God has created all men with equal rights and dignity."

AME Conference backs student sit-downers

The 14th session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the AME Church's meeting in Baltimore this week adopted a resolution which includes support of the student sitdowners in Baltimore and the South.

The resolution was made by the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church and seconded by the Rev. I. M. Gray, pastor of St. Johns Trinity AME Church Thursday.

The resolution is:

"The 144th Session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the AME Church, in this moment of universal upsurge for freedom, goes on record to endorse and support the spirit of the students throughout America and especially in the South in the protest against segregation and much for American citizens."

The Baltimore conference also named a committee to form a resolution to be sent to church papers asking for the return of the presiding bishop of the Second Episcopal District, Bishop Frank Madison Reed, when the church General Conference meets in Los Angeles, Calif. in May.

Members of the committee are Revs. T. M. Tilghman, W. V. Sewell, M. B. Simpson, J. Arthur Pretlow, Harrison J. Bryant, W. P. Mitchell, W. H. Nash.

Also Josiah Henry, Mrs. Alvena Pretlow and Mrs. Helen Martin Beard.

Women adopt 7 points to support sitdowns

Representatives of local, social, civic, church, and community organizations met Tuesday evening at the Madison Avenue YWCA and endorsed and adopted a seven - point program in support of student sitdowners in the Baltimore area.

The meeting was called by the Maryland League of Women Clubs which represent 102 state - wide clubs and has 5,000 members. Mrs. Lena K. Lee is president.

Adopting the seven point program, that students agreed to sent also agreed to a statement which said: "This is a bold, united front to support the stores which are our friends and to immediately withdraw our patronage from those which are not our friends.

"We will not let down our best opportunity we have ever had to show our strength to the community."

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THE SEVEN - point plan is as follows:

1. Withdraw patronage and close out accounts with Hutzlers, Stewarts, the Hecht-May Co. and any other stores which do not welcome all people to use all facilities including dining rooms and restaurants.

2. Write letters, and send telegrams of commendation to Hochschild Kohn which has opened dining facilities to all citizens and to write the management of other stores urging them to open their facilities to all.

3. **Urge all persons of all races to back the Morgan students in their efforts and to write letters of commendation urge them to close out accounts and refuse their patronage to other stores which practice discrimination in any form.**

4. To join Morgan students in the picket lines when necessary.

5. To give money to support the cause.

6. **TO FIRMLY** stand behind the Morgan students in all efforts in the non - violent sitdown but to let the demonstrations remain principally a student effort.

7. To form a cafteen at the picket lines for the students and to supply a car pool and other means of transportation for the students.

Mrs. Lee said the effort to organize all civic interest groups is for the purpose of obtaining a single avenue through which to channel information, mail and communication.

She stated: "We do not wish to substract from any other group which has already formed to support the Morgan students who are carrying the ball.

"We simply want to become closely knit in order to present a bold, united front to the community.

"All organization are urged to join with us, so that our unity will not die in two weeks — so that when we are successful in this present effort, we can go on to other areas which need our attention to help our city become a wonderful city for all to live happily together."

366th Infantry plans reunion

WASHINGTON

Veterans of the 366th Infantry Regiment are planning the third annual reunion, August 2 - 4 at Hampton, Virginia.

Contact Lt. Col. James H. Carr or Sgt. Major Willie H. Finnie at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia or Major John T. Martin, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C., for reservations.

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