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RALEIGH, N.C. — The Raleigh School System has received requests from 240 colored students for assignment to white schools in the fall. There are currently 325 colored students in integrated Raleigh schools.

Memphis unsure of Meredith's walk

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) —If James H. Meredith has enlisted any support for his scheduled march from here to Jackson, Miss., Sunday, leaders here don't know about it.

Meredith, whose enrollment at the University of Mississippi in 1962 sparked violence and death, plans to lead a 220-mile "voter registration march."

Jesse Turner, president of the local NAACP chapter, said Tuesday night, Meredith hasn't talked to him or the NAACP about the march.

"I haven't heard anybody say anything about it," Turner said.

Attorney A. W. Willis, a member of the state legislature, also denied knowing of any Memphis contact with Meredith about the walk.

"I DON'T KNOW anything about it except what I read in the paper," Willis said.

Meredith, who has written Mississippi officials telling of his proposed march, held a news conference in New York Tuesday.

He said the processing would be a "challenge to the all persons and overcome fear that dominates the day-to-day life of the colored man in the United States—especially in the South and particularly in Mississippi."

He told newsmen he would not allow women or children to take part.

"I love my women and children too much to expose them,to even the slightest chance of danger," he said.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Johnson delivers own message in surprise speech at confab

The White House Conference reached its cresendo Wednesday night when President Johnson made a surprise appearance at the banquet and a precedent-setting introduction of Thurgood Marshall as the guest speaker.

Both were accorded standing ovations.

The President evoked thunderous applause when he declared "I came here tonight at the end of a long day to tell you that we are moving (in the area of civil rights). We shall not turn back."

He told the delegates that they were here because their backgrounds and circumstances symbolize them as having a stake in including the colored American in our society.

There are those he said who believe that they can put enough miles or enough dollars between them and the Afro - American's problems to escape the consequences of those problems altogether.

"Yet we know that the country is not large enough, nor any man wealthy enough, to offer or to gain a sanctuary from the effects of widespread poverty and widespread discrimination," he said.

Breaking away from his prepared text, President Johnson said, speaking of the civil rights struggle, "In the time allotted me, I do not intend for history to repeat itself."

Speaking to the distinguished guests at the head table President Johnson said, "your President may not agree to everything you do but will consider everything you say, and I believe we are approaching this in the right way. And as Jefferson said, 'I prefer the recommendations of the many and the judgement of the few.'"

PRIOR TO his introduction of Thurgood Marshall, Solicitor General, President Johnson remarked that it isn't right that the President of the United States has the opportunity to introduce another speaker.

"In his introduction, the President said, "I am glad I have the opportunity, tonight, for I shall introduce to you one who 12 years ago established, in the field of civil rights, a record from which we shall never retreat.

"Since that day he has continued two great careers: as a distinguished justice of the Court of Appeals, and now as Solicitor General of The United States. I am proud he serves this Administration."

Jokingly, the President said he was proud that Mr. Marshall gave up a life time job of security to accept a temporary one with his administration.

IN TAKING over the microphone from the President, Mr. Marshall evoked laughter from the audience when he said, "Boy Am I in Trouble.

"Not only did the President take up his time to come here but he has just explained to me that he had to leave because he hadn't had his dinner and this, I think puts things in its proper prespective."

Mr. Marshall also mentioned that he knew the time was late and he wouldn't get annoyed with anyone he saw looking at his watch...but he would be very angry with anyone he saw banging his watch on the table as it it had stopped.

After a joke about an old lady in a court room, Mr. Marshall said that his immediate task at the conference, Special assistant to the "Rights" was to place the present in proper prespective.

IN ORDER to do this, Mr. Marshall said he had been requested to review the historical background of the struggle for racial equality in this country.

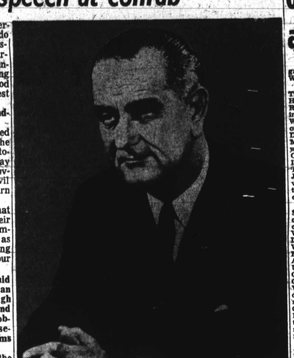
He remarked that he was indebted to the well-known historian John Hope Franklin for the materials covering the period up to 1900.

"If we are to fulfill these rights, if we are promptly and effectively to bridge the gap between theory and practice," he said, "we must first realize fully the depth of the problem of racial prejudice and discrimination in this country."

Mr. Marshall said that there are today two groups of Americans sincerely interested in the problems. One group believes we have made tremendous progress in the last two decades and thinks little more is needed than given time, the problem will solve itself.

And the other group recognizes the progress that has been made, yet views the present achievement as not more than a firm base from which to launch the final attack on the causes of racial and religious prejudice.

Both groups, he said, need to pause for a consideration of the background history of this problem.



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Recalling the dark past and contrasting it with the dramatic accomplishments of the last decade might comfort those who believe the struggle is now over, Mr. Marshall remarked.

But to that group, Mr. Marshall said, "try to sell that to a colored man in Watts or Mississippi."

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'BUT TO those of us who know the struggle is far from history has another lesson" he said, "it tells us how deeply rooted habits of prejudice are, dominating the mind of men and all our institutions for three centuries.

"It cautions us to continue to move forward lest we fall back."

Mr. Marshall began with the 17th century and brought the audience up to date in Crowner

(Complete Speech On Page 29)

Here to stir your conscience — Humphrey

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HUBERT HUMPHREY

have not matched our words —that there still exists a tragic gap separating promise from performance in many crucial areas of civil rights policy.

"And that performance gap must be closed," he declared.

Assuring the conference participants that President Johnson wanted absolute frankness and honesty in their deliberations, and that their words will command governmental attention and action, he declared:

"This government is not afraid to seek 'Freedom Now' for all Americans."

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MR. HUMPHREY said that every major segment of society has contributed to maintaining the gap between human rights promised and performance.

As to major areas where "we must do better" to close the gap:

"First the Federal government itself has some job of meeting its growing responsibilities. And on behalf of President Johnson, he pledged that "we will not shirk our responsibility. The Federal government will improve its performance wherever that is necessary."

"Secondly, states and local governments have often failed to exercise meaningful initiative in a wide spectrum of civil rights issues.

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"THIS DEFICIENCY is especially acute because it is in state houses, city halls and in local town meetings — not the halls of Congress or the federal courtrooms — where the major battles of the next phase of the civil rights struggle will be waged."

"Thirdly, business and labor union must move more effectively toward the goal of equal employment opportunity and achievement.

Finally, the most potential-effective agents in the struggle to fulfill the rights of all Americans, are the churches, synagogues, service and professional organizations and other community groups."

Mr. Humphrey emphasized that one fact seems patently clear: "The goal of freedom now will be attained precisely to the degree that we are successful in enlisting additional sources of strength in our march toward equality and justice." — RUTH JENKINS

Partial list of delegates at conference

Following is a partial list of delegates to the Conference from Washington.

Wallace J. Campbell, President, The Foundation of Cooperative Housing; Robin Caplan, Employee Relations, Humble Oil and Refining Co.; Marvin Caplan, Director, Washington Office, Leadership Conf. on Civil Rights; David K. Carlisle, Director, Client Services, EDP, Management Services Ind.; Edward J. Carlough Jr., Director of Organization Sheet Metal Workers' Intl Assoc.; Thomas W. Carr, 900 Fifteen St. N.W.; Leslie C. Carter, Jr., Assistant Secretary For Individual And Family Services; Chester Carter, Deputy Chie of Protocol, U.S. Dept. of State.

Senator Clifford P. Case, U.S. Senate; S. Douglass Cater Jr. Special Assistant to the President, Special Assistant to the President, The White House; Miss Julia Cellini, Director Conference Arrangements White House Conf To Fulfill these Rights; Arthur A. Chaplin, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor, US Dept. of Labor; Warren J. Chisna, Special Asst. For Equal Opportunity Ad, Dept. of State; Vance E. Clark, Civil Rights Coordinator, Region II, Office of Economic Opportunity; Ramsey Clark, Civil Rights Coordinator, Region II, Office of Economic Opportunity; Ramsey Clark, Deputy Attorney General, US Dept. of Justice; Senator Joseph S. Clarke, US

Lt. Cmdr. Benjamin Cloud, 201 St., SW; Dr. Montague Cobb, Professor and Head Department of Anatomy School of Medicine, Howard U.; Dr. David Cohen, US Commission on Civil Rights; Leroy Collins, Under Secretary of Commerce, US Dept. of Commerce; Edward Collier, Office of Economic Opportunity; John T. Conner, Secretary of Commerce; Jack T. Conway, Executive Director, Industrial Union Dept, AFL- CIO.

Congressman John Conyers, Jr.; Congressman Harold D. Cooley; Mrs. William Cooper, Chairman Personnel Development, Committee Nat'l Council of Jewish Women; Dr. Paul Cornely, Dir Dept. Preventive Medicine College of Medicine, Howard U.; Gus Cramer, Assistant to the President, Communications Workers; of America.

Father John F. Cronin, Assistant Director Department of Social Action, Natl Catholic Welfare Council; Nelson H. Cruikshank, Director, Dept. of Social Security, AFL CIO; George Culberson, Deputy Director Public Community Relations Service US Dept. of Justice; Edward P. Curtis Jr. Manager Wage Administration, Eastman Podak Company; Lloyd N. Cutler, Wilmer Cutler and Pickering.

Father John D. Dedy, Deputy Director, US Employment Service US Dept. of Labor; W. Willard Daniel, Director, Journal of Negro Education, Howard U.; Miss Louise M. Davegna, Chief Clerk, Committee on Education and Labor US House of Representatives; Roy K. Davenport, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense US Dept. of Defense; Lt. Gen. Steve G. Davis, Chief Equal Rights and Motivation Branch Dept. of the Army US Dept. of Defense; Allison S. Davis, Junior Officer Trainee, Agency for Int Development.

Mrs. Dorothy Davies, Spec. Asst. Community Counsels Small Business Administration; Dr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Director of Science, Resources Planning, National Science Foundation; Mrs. Ruth A. Davis, Manager Public Art and Community Relations Project for Progress; Dr. Maurice Dawkins Office of Economic Opportunity; Congressman William L. Dawson; Carlos D. De Alba, Special Director FBOI; Robert A. Deak, propriety Hardware and Barber Shop.

Bert I. Bernhard, Special Counsel, White House Conference to Fulfill These Rights; Mrs. Dorothy Berry, Assistant Director for Community Action Programs, Office of Economic Opportunity; Andrew J. Biemiller, Director, AFL-CIO Legislation; Owen Birnbaum, Chairman, Civil Rights Committee, Federal Bar Ass.; Federal Bureau of Prisons; Mr. Warren Bishop, Director South Central Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation Service Dept. of Interior; Mrs. Ruth Blackburn, Director, Office of Economic Opportunity; Mrs. Jessie Bond, Natl Assoc. of Manufacturers; Congressman Hale Boggs, Majority Whip, Congressman Richard Bolling; Frank Bonadio, secretary treasurer, Building and Construction; Mrs. Ruth Booker, Natl Council of Negro Women; James S. Booker, Director of Information, Office of Economic Opportunity; Mrs. Bookbinder, Office of Economic Opportunity; Richard Boone, Executive Director, Citizens Crusade Against Poverty.

Andy Borg, Commander - in - chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Henry J. Boutwell, Employment Administrator, North American Aviation, Inc.

Gardner Ackley, chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Congressman Brock Adams; House of Representatives; Congressman Carl Albert, Majority Leader; Myrl E. Alexander, Director, Bureau of Prisons, US Department of Justice; Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., Deputy Special Counsel to the President.

Finally Allen, First Vice President United Brotherhood of Carpenters; Curtis C. Aller, Director Office of Manpower Automation and Training; Samuel Alito, General Counsel, US Community Relations Service; David Aster, Deputy Special Counsel to the Vice Chairman, White House Conference to Fulfill These Rights.

Congressman Leslie C. Arends, Minority Whip, House of Representatives; Joseph Argetti, Office of Economic Opportunity; Philip Arthur, deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Planning and Research, US Dept. of Labor; Mrs. Sherry Arnstein, Special assistant to the Assistant Secretary, US Dept. of HEW;

Arnold Aronson Secretary, Leadership Conference On Civil Rights; Kermit Bailer, Director, Office Of Community Programs Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; Mrs. Mary Alice Baldwin, Executive Secretary, National Civil Liberties Clearing House; Robert M. Ball, Commissioner, Social Security Administration, US Dept. of HEW; E. Clinton Bamberger, Director Legal Services Office of Economic Opportunity; Miss Elizabeth Opportunity; Miss Mae Ma Bazadale Programs, Office of Economic Opportunity; Miss Marie Barnaby Office of Economic Opportunity; Miss Edna Barnhart, US Commission on Civil Rights;

Father Gene Barrett, Executive Secretary, Archbishop's Community Relations, Mark Batts, Deputy Director, Neighborhood Youth Corps, US Dept. of Labor; Rev. William M. Baxter, Rector, St. Marks Episcopal Church; Judge David L. Bazelon; Calvin Beale, Population Group Chief, Economic Research Service, US Dept. of Agriculture; Donald S. Beattie, Executive Secretary, Railway Labor Executives, Amer Railway Labor Bldg.; Richard Bellman, US Commission on Civil Rights; L. Howard Bennett, Assistant for Civil Rights, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense Manpower US Dept. of Defense.

Delegates give views on conference

From across the nation they came to the White House Conference bringing many community problems, some peculiar to their own localities, some common to all. . .but all needing remedy "to fulfill these rights."

The delegates came — 2400 strong — all with the hope, as expressed by A. Philip Randolph, the honorary chairman, that implementation of the Conference report "will constitute a major and powerful thrust in giving colored citizens the ability to walk through the gates of opportunity and achieve first-class citizenship in America."

A sampling among the delegates revealed these reasons for their participation in the Conference:

THOMAS A. PAYNE of Washington, member, Community Advisory Council, Office of Economic Opportunity, and community spokesman in the D.C. War on Poverty: "I came because I wanted to explore more fully the issues raised at the Conference Planning Session last November.

"Our major concern in Washington of course is Home Rule, but we are concerned also with something larger — the entire area of human rights.

"At this Conference, I think we should go on record as definitely supporting a universal declaration of human rights, and seek ways to enforce this in all of our communities.

"I am also interested in seeing the Conference go on record as endorsing local self-government and representation for Washington in Congress."

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MRS. BERNICE MILLER of Bolivar, Tenn., president of the Hardeman County Improvement Association: "We have all kinds of problems down where I come from. And I don't think that any kind of conference will really hit the spot.

"Sitting in these sessions, you hear that all kinds of Federal assistance is being given to the states. But we don't get any of these benefits.

"They give the money to segregationist state administrations, so that's how we lose out. From other sources we are told that we are entitled to so many things, but we don't know how or who to get it from.

"We must have some direct representative from the White House on down to the people who really need the help."

ROBERT GREY, executive director, Richmond, Va., Urban League: Naturally, I am concerned with the forward movement of the Richmond community.

I'm here to see that there is available to help implement and add momentum to the slow, methodical progress we're making now and to see resources there are.

My primary concern is the movement of colored youth into the mainstream of the labor market in all areas, including those now blocked by the unions especially.

And into those areas in business that are not utilizing their skills, or attempting to improve the skills of the people that they have available."

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MRS. ALICE ARRINGTON, executive director, Upper Manhattan Branch YWCA, New York City: "I am attending this Conference because I feel that it is important for representatives from all over the United States to discuss these major issues.

"It is significant that everyone here has an opportunity to state their concerns and to make alternate suggestions to those stated in the proposals.

"When I return to New York I will be working with a group there on a post Civil Rights Conference to deal specifically with the situation there."

LEMUEL WELLS, special assistant to the mayor of Boston, Mass., and director of information for the Department of Health and Hospitals: "Our primary concern, as in other cities, is the elimination of poverty through fuller employment — by government agencies like OEO, private business, and community action programs.

"We are also concerned with a racial imbalance in education, which we are attempting to alleviate by such organizations as Operation Exodus, a private group which buses children from predominantly colored to predominantly white schools.

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THREE AT CONFERENCE — Conversation at the White House Conference passes between James Avery of the Esso Refining Co., Judge Austin Fickling and Lawrence Oxley, the latter two from the District.

What they said in meetings

Listed below are some of the issues raised during the workshop sessions of the White House Conference on Civil Rights.

Housing

A veteran agitator for integrated housing in Illinois urged Wednesday afternoon that the federal government allocate millions of dollars for a propaganda apparatus that would shout the advantages and the value of integrated community living.

Donald S. Frey of Evanston, Illinois, chairman of the Freedom of Residence Committee in Illinois, told the Task Force panel on housing that the 75 to 100 successful integrated communities in the nation should be used by the government as examples to popularize the integration concept.

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DELEGATES ON housing expressed concern over two principal problems: rural housing for the colored sharecropper in the South and the psychological impact of integrated housing in the North.

Henry Reaves, a delegate from Holly Springs, Mississippi, reported that in his hometown, which is about 70 colored, the majority of colored sharecroppers have had their jobs replaced by agricultural machinery.

Reaves noted that the natural product of this situation was the mass migration to northern slums and that unless some solution is found in the near future "we can expect a lot more Watts'."

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PROF. J. SAUNDERS REDDING of Hampton Institute called for more Federal control of local public housing programs because of "hard - core local resistance to integrated housing."

Arthur J. Levin of the Potomac Institute pointed out that the Cunningham report recommendation for housing directly provided by the Federal government would solve this problem, as well as suburban resistance to colored residents.

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VIET NAM crept in as an issue in the afternoon session of the Committee 1 panel on housing.

The war first popped up in a statement by Miss Ruth Turner, a Cleveland COPE official who mened dada official who demanded a timetable and details on a realistic budget for the eradication of segregated slum housing.

While 14 billion dollars were being spent for Viet Nam, Miss Turner said, and $5 billion for space exploration, a minimum of $8 billion would be needed to tackle the job of housing.

Unless the Conference came to grips with this, she stated, discussions would be fruitless and the "whole thing . . . an exercise in futility."

The recently - enacted rent subsidy plan came under attack by several delegates to the White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights."

The Rev. Duncan Howlett, minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, received a warm welcome from the delegates when he called the rent subsidy plan a "system to perpetuate the status quo" in urban slums.

Economic Security

The failure of the craft unions to apprentice colored people came under bitter attack by many of the participants in the Economic Security and Welfare Session, but it was James Kemp of Chicago who suggested that many colored youths miss the opportunities that exist in the trade union movement in general because of poor counseling by the public schools.

Other attacks were directed against those unions that negotiate for $1.25 hourly wages for colored - Puerto Rican dominated locals while campaigning for higher minimum wages nationally up to $1.75 and $2.

Towering Bill Russell, Boston Celtics basketball star, looked around and quietly asked participants in the education committee afternoon session of the White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights" where were the members of big business?

"Why are there not representatives of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler here?" Russell continued. "What good is education with jobs? And it is big corporations such as these who control the good jobs," the basketball star said.

"I think that if President Johnson had asked Mr. Ford to come here and meet with us at this conference, he would probably have come," Russell said and sat down. There was an awkward moment of silence.

Delegates and moderators repeatedly referred to living patterns as a root cause of poor colored education in America.

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