—Jack-Jill denies

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ted as:

"To aid mothers in learning more about their children by careful study; To seek for ALL children the same advantages we desire for our own and to support all national legislation aimed at bettering the condition of all children."

In an exclusive AFRO interview this week Mrs. Jacqueline Robinson of Washington, D.C., president of the new foundation, admitted that there has been much concern expressed about emphasis being placed on the "middle-class" youngster.

"We are not abandoning our main purpose of being concerned about all children," she said.

"We have used the term 'middle-class' not with a snobbish intent but rather in an effort to reach the unreached.

"The expression can mean different things to different people. To us it means average people who can be better than average.

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"MOST PROGRAMS presently in existence relate to children of families with less than $3500 yearly income.

"There are many persons who earn less than this amount and consider themselves middle class.

"By the same token, there are those who earn far more than this amount and still consider themselves eligible.

"Sociologists and educators at Howard University and St. John University in Annapolis have expressed keen interest in our program and consider it to be something that is very much needed."

Mrs. Robinson explained further that the male underachiever program is only one of a four-part program of the organization.

The other three involve average youngsters of both sexes who will be helped to achieve more in a program at the University of Illinois; a computer program for culturally deprived preschool children at the University of Pittsburgh and a student leadership training program in Columbus, Ohio.

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JACK AND JILL, which was incorporated in Delaware in 1947 opens its membership to mothers who in turn plan activities for their children from ages 2 through 19. Its teen-age conventions at colleges across the country have attracted wide attention.

The Jack and Jill Foundation, although drawing funds from the local chapters, is set up as a separate body with leadership outside the parent body.

Incorporators of the new foundation, according to national president Mrs. Eleanor DeLoache of Columbus, are Mrs. DeLoache, Mrs. Jacqueline Robinson, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Margaret Simms, St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Muriel Spaulding, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Barbara Tillmon, Kansas City.

National officers of Jack and Jill besides Mrs. DeLoache are Mrs. Spaulding, vice president; Mrs. Aurelia T. James, Chattanooga, Tenn., recording secretary; Mrs. ViCurtis Hinton, Washington, D.C., corresponding secretary;

Also, Mrs. Barbara Tillmon, Kansas City, Kans., treasurer; Mrs. Hazel W. Partee, Dallas, Tex., program director and Mrs. Ray N. Moore, Durham, N.C., editor.

Regional directors are. Mrs. Josephine P. Brown, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Vivian Hewitt, New York, N.Y.; Mrs. Ruthe Spencer, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Maggie S. Nelson, Petersburg, Va.; Mrs. Alma Mayson, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Gladys J. Hill, New Orleans, La. and Mrs. Lula H. Morton, Chattanooga, Tenn.

ANOTHER objection to the foundation as raised by one east coast chapter is that "All monies raised by local chapters must be channeled into the foundation."

This will prevent chapters from contributing to any worthy national or local cause, no matter now valid or urgent.

"Further, it is inescapable that more emphasis will be placed on fund-raising in order to meet our obligations. This will divert our energies from our main purpose — our children."

In answer to this criticism, Mrs. Robinson told the AFRO that no greater degree of support for the national effort is now expected than has been the practice in the past.

"The local chapters have always supported national efforts wholeheartedly. We do not intend with the foundation to delimit financial support for any worthwhile local programs to which our chapters want to give their support."

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IN 1964-66, according to financial reports, Jack and Jill gave $20,140.87 to the Legal Defense and Educational Fund of the NAACP.

The largest amount, $4,007.50 came from the Nassau County Chapter Queens, N.Y. chapter gave $3,290.80 and the St. Louis and Buffalo, N.Y. Chapters contributed $2,000.

The chapters across the country raised this money by giving charitable affairs, ranging from art exhibits to dramatic plays.

According to the constitution of National Jack and Jill, Inc., it is a "nonprofit organization" and its object is "to create a medium of contact for children which will stimulate growth and development, and provide for them a constructive, educational, cultural, civic, recreational and social program."

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THE BALTIMORE chapter is among those on record as against the project as it is now set up. The chapter voted to give only a total amount of $25 to the national project until recommendations made by the regional convention are followed.

The regional convention recommended to the executive committee for consideration at the national convention in Washington that:

1. The words 'middle income' be deleted from the name of the project.

2. The foundation committee be required to give concrete proposals on the project before it is adopted.

3. That a financial statement on the foundation be sent to each chapter prior to the national convention (this reportedly has not been done).

4. That all monies collected by chapters for charity will not have to go to the national project.

Massachusetts was the sixth of the original 13 states to ratify the constitution.

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—Star's body

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Regal Theater.

Several weeks before the $1.5 million Regal was to open, the management announced, along with Fess Williams, one of the nation's most brilliant jazz arrangers and orchestra leaders, that Sammy Williams, organ genius, and the Right Quintet, formerly with the Ziegfield Follies, had been placed under contract.

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—N.Y. suspect

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minutes with a legal aid council and then reappeared before the judge, flanked by detectives.

Roberts asked that Rogers be held without bail for a hearing Aug. 5. He said that if a grand jury handed up an indictment before Aug. 5, Rogers would be rearraigned immediately in State Supreme Court.

"We're going to handle this case just like any other case," Roberts said.

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CHARLES ROGERS, 28, a brother of the accused man, was in the courtroom and talked privately with other members of the family outside after the arraignment. He refused to speak to newsmen.

Another brother, Henry Rogers, said in Graham, North Carolina that his brother had told him he shot the three youths in self defense when they tried to break into his apartment where his sister, his girlfriend and another girl were staying.

"He said my sister and his girlfriend and another girl were in the house. A couple of Puerto Ricans were trying to come through the window. His sister came and got him.

"He went back and they tried to keep him from getting in the house. He asked them to get off the stoop. The guy said he was going to kill him. The Puerto Rican stuck a gun in his stomach.

"He took it away from him and shot him. He shot all of them.

"Well, he's the one that shot those Puerto Ricans in New York and he wants to give himself up," Henry Rogers said.

Wilkinson took the two men to the nearby Alamance County Courthouse.

WILKINSON said Henry Rogers told authorities that the suspect had arrived in nearby Burlington Friday morning on a bus.

They said Henry Rogers and their mother, Mrs. Avester Cracker, talked Rogers into surrendering. Henry Rogers and Mrs. Cracker live in nearby Burlington. Graham is the county seat of Alamance County, which is a furniture and textile manufacturing center in North-central North Carolina.

Rogers was wanted in New York City for shooting three Puerto Rican men to death on East 138th Street in the South Bronx Thursday night. A fourth man was slightly wounded.

The Korean War veteran eluded 200 police Thursday night after shooting down three youths and raking their bodies with bullets from a sawed-off carbine. He also wounded a passerby slightly and killed his own pet rabbit as he escaped over a back fence of the tenement where he worked as a janitor.

No one knew what turned the normally mild-mannered, thoughtful bachelor into a killer but police said there was reason to believe he knew at least two of his victims.

There were reports in the neighborhood that he had argued with them several hours previous and they had roughed Rogers up.

ANOTHER BROTHER, Charles Rogers, 28, walked into a police station Friday morning to issue this appeal:

"Our mother is very sick. Please turn yourself in for her sake. We love you very much." He said his brother was one of 11 children.

An alarm was sent to police in 13 states but authorities first believed Rogers was hiding out in New York armed with the carbine and possibly other weapons. A special police telephone was installed so that the public could call in leads as quickly as possible.

Police questioned Joyce Pugh, 20, and her sister, Louise, 18, who are believed to have shared Roger's basement apartment in front of which the slayings took place. The girls had come here from Lewiston, N.C. and Joyce was known as Rogers' girl friend. Rogers sometimes went under the alias of Bobby Pugh.

THE SLAIN were identified as Manuel Angel Figueroa, 19, Efrain Castro, 21, and Jose Rivera, 20. Efrain, married and a father, was the only one of the trio to finish high school. Even their families did not know whether they were employed.

Figueroa apparently was a popular figure in the neighborhood and he and an attractive neighbor, Frances Pacheco, 18, were to have been married next month after a three-year engagement. His friends set up a candlelit altar on the spot where he was slain and held a nightlong prayer vigil in his memory.

ROGERS, who was well known in the neighborhood, fought with the 82nd Airborne in the Korean War and boasted of being "an expert with guns."

He was known as a peacemaker, however, patching up fights, lending those less fortunate than he money, advising young drifters to return to school or get a job.

Rogers was said to have mourned the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, saying such things were "terrible."

In his apartment, Rogers had hung a plaque reading:

"Bless our home, abide with us through every day and night that we may live in love and peace and in thy blessed light."

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POLICE COMMISSIONER Howard R. Leary apologized to Leo Llonch, owner of a men's clothing store across the street from the shooting scene, for the "discourtesy" of a policeman who allegedly answered Llonch's call on a new city-wide police emergency phone by asking, "Are you trying to pull my leg?"

Llonch said the policeman "wouldn't believe me ... I had trouble convincing him the shooting was going on."

Leary told Llonch his action was "of the highest good citizenship" and there was no reason for the officer's reaction. He said the policeman had been transferred from the communications division and will be disciplined.

BOBBY ROGERS

—Teachers

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AFRO announces the start of a new contest. Coming to Baltimore on July 23 is the AFRO's $1,000 Lucky Diamond Contest.

There's nothing to buy, no votes to clip. All you have to do is check the number on your Lucky Diamond with the numbers that will appear every Tuesday and Friday in the AFRO newspaper. If he decides to appeal he has to present himself to the jurisdiction of the court. This is possible if he can obtain a temporary parole from a judge of the Appellate Court.

Last March, when Powell came to New York to appeal to the Appellate Court, he was not arrested because he was granted a temporary parole by Supreme Court Justice Arthur Markewich.

Justice Markewich is the man who sentenced Powell, in 1966 after a jury trial, which found the congressman guilty of court order violations.

The court had ordered Powell to appear for financial examination following a libel suit won by a Harlem widow, Mrs. Esther Williams. Mr. Powell never did show up and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

POWELL WAS originally guilty of a "civil contempt" when he refused to pay the Harlem Widow as the court ordered. However, he has since made payments of more than $56,000.

Last week's case involved a "criminal contempt," most often found when a direct offense has been committed in the presence of a judge or refusal to appear in court when ordered to do so.

According to the United States Supreme Court, a criminal contempt "is a crime in the ordinary sense: it is a violation of the law, a public wrong which is punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both."

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—Near-riot

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molotov cocktail into a store.

The first fire of record came at 12:55 a.m. at 18-8 N. Calvert St. which originated from a burning pot on a stove.

At 1:37 a.m. two automobiles were set fire in the 2100 block N. Calvert St.

At 2:01 a.m. the interior and flooring in a vacant house at 2004 N. Hunter St., were found aflame.

At 3:03 a.m. the fire at 2013 N. Calvert St. a dwelling was set afire and a room and its contents were burned.

At 3:18 a.m. police officers were called to the 2000 block N. Calvert St. to assist with traffic.

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AT 3:19 a.m. an "officer wanted" was received from the 1300 block N. Calvert St. The responding officer could not locate the complainant.

At 3:19 a.m. the rear of 2031 St. Paul St. was reported as having "something" burning. Firefighters responding found "no fire" but smoke.

At 3:44 a.m. 2131 N. Calvert St., a vacant building, reported afire, was discovered to be trash burning.

At 4:09 a.m. fire was discovered in the vacant dwelling at 2307 N. Calvert.

THE LAST of the crowds that gathered to watch the various fires dwindled down after the 2307 N. Calvert St. blaze and police officers felt there was at least an "all clear."

Commenting on the "scare," Major William Harris, head of the Police Community Relations Division termed it all, "a little spurt."

—Court test

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without risking an arrest.

Some In Washington Still Think Johnson Will Be Candidate

By MARY E. STRATFORD

The scene on 14th St., especially near U is distressing so many people that Congressmen have been making nightly cruises to see for themselves the traffic in prostitution and narcotics.

Some contend they have personally seen police ignore illegal transactions nearby and attribute this to fear on the part of the officer. More and more persons are joining in the demand that troops be brought back to the city.

Many stores are closing earlier in order to be out of the ghetto areas before sundown.

The criminal activity on 14th St. is as serious as it is pictured but it is supported by money from whites. The procurers, idling along the sidewalk, are supported by the prostitutes who cater to white men cruising in cars. Higher-up white men supply the narcotics and the colored users get the money to buy drugs from the white men looking for sex.

EMPLOYEES for the Recreation Department's summer enrichment program got a jolt when the pay checks didn't arrive on time. Someone goofed and they were paid a day late.

Some welfare recipients in the program are complaining because they have been asked to sign affidavits to the effect that they are earning money. They suspect the information will be used to reduce the size of their welfare payment.

THERE'S TALK that button manufacturers are going easy on the political buttons because of continued rumors President Johnson still may be the Democratic candidate in the fall. A growing number of observers now believe only Johnson can beat Nixon and the President would respond to a draft.

WASHINGTON NOTEBOOK

A RECENT incident at an apartment building in a Maryland suburban community seems to confirm that the white racist trick bag continues despite denials.

An angry white teacher who took a colored boy to the apartment building swimming pool, reports the white "fat daddies" were in an uproar.

Checking with the management, she was coldly told the pool is integrated and "it's the perogative of the individual if they want to use the pool."

"The girl, who some people say has a lot to learn, is teaching in the Maryland suburban summer school program and took a particular interest in the young boy whose mother died recently.

On a second trip to the pool, she bitterly explained, "We went down to swim. When we entered, all we got were cold stares and when she child went in the water, the lily-white mothers started to take their children out."

When she returned to the apartment which she shares with another school teacher, the older woman was crying and asked to take the boy home. Later, her roommate explained that the management had called and said she was violating her lease which specifically stated the apartment could not be sublet. The management also demanded an apology from the younger woman who had been staying with her friend until she could find another apartment.

At the meeting with the management, the resident manager informed her that occupants were calling up enmasse saying they were leaving if the colored boy continued coming to the pool.

The manager said, "You understand, dear, these people pay high prices to live here and we have to do what they want. We have two colored families living here but that's only to keep the NAACP off our backs."

The teacher refused to apologize but was permitted to remain on condition she does not bring the child back. She did agree but the incident left such a bitter taste, she now contends white Christianity is a farce.

World churches call for revolutionary action

UPPSALA, Sweden (UPI) — A call for revolutionary action to reshape the world's social, political and economic structures was placed before the fourth assembly of the World Council of Churches this week.

Speaking of the need for revolutionary changes the report said "revolution is not to be identified with violence." But, it added that in countries "where the ruling groups are oppressive or indifferent to the aspirations of the people" the revolutionary change "may take the form of violence."

THE REPORT said measures of restraint taken by the establishment, including maintaining "law and order" may itself be a form of violence.

Sweeping proposals for alliances by WCC member churches with other Christian bodies and secular organizations to bring about equality between rich and poor nations were contained in the formal report of section 3 to the assembly.

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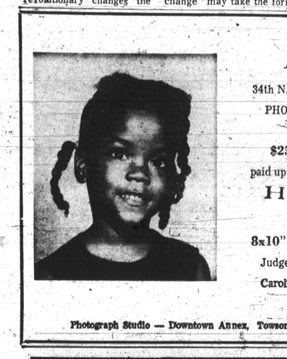

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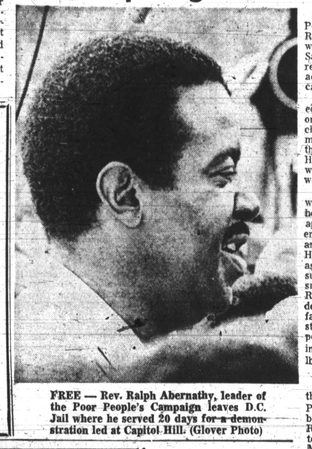
Abernathy out of jail; he renews pledge to help poor



FREE — Rev. Ralph Abernathy, leader of the Poor People's Campaign leaves D.C. Jail where he served 20 days for a demonstration led at Capitol Hill. (Glover Photo)

The leader of the Poor People's Campaign, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, who was released from jail Saturday, stated he had a renewed determination to achieve the goals of the campaign.

The Rev. Abernathy served a 20-day jail sentence on a disorderly conduct charge for leading approximately 300 supporters of the campaign on Capitol Hill grounds after being warned by police that he would be arrested.

The Rev. Mr. Abernathy was greeted at the jail house gate by his wife and approximately 200 supporters some of who had kept an all night vigil at the gate. He appeared tired and weak as he walked to greet his supporters, but managed to smile at the crowd. The Rev. Mr. Abernathy had undertaken a self-imposed fast while in jail to demonstrate the plight of the poor people in this country, and in the process, he lost 12 lbs.

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LATER, HE returned to the spot where the Poor People's Campaign had begun — Resurrection City. Resurrection City had been torn down while the Rev. Mr. Abernathy was in jail, and government ground crews have been working on restoring the area that had turned into a sea of mud while Resurrection City was standing.

Looking out over the freshly sodded plot where Resurrection City once stood, the Rev. Abernathy told the small crowd which gathered there that it was a depressing scene.

"Resurrection City is not dead," he said, "and will live on as a symbol of the Poor People's Campaign." "people will come to this spot in years to come to see where the plight of the poor people of America was symbolized. This is not the end. This is only an indication of the next city to be built in this country, the city of love and brotherhood."

Earlier at the jail house gate, Rev. Mr. Abernathy told supporters that another chapter had been completed in the struggle for freedom, justice and equality. He also thanked the people who had sent him letters and telegrams while he was in jail.

He added that he was not lonely while he was confined because he knew they were carrying on in his absence.

"The prophets of doom say that we haven't done anything," he told the crowd, "but we have. We have made the invisible visible. Never again will the poor people be invisible."

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LATER AT the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, where he went after having breakfast with his wife, the Rev. Mr. Abernathy was greeted by loud and d joyous singing as he entered to talk to the people about his ordeal. Newsmen, who had come for a news conference were kept waiting while Rev. Abernathy spoke to the members of the campaign.

He told the exuberant crowd that he had no hatred for the men who had jailed him, and that he should thank the officials for giving him 20 days "to steal away with Jesus."

"While I was in jail I was able to plan new strategy at their expense." He said he had written a letter of explanation to his children about his jail sentence because he wanted to make it clear to them he did not go to jail as a common criminal for stealing or the like, but because he is "determined to put an end to stealing by the United States government."

He explained to the crowd the reason he was arrested, and told them that the police must enforce the law, but he decided to obey a higher law. "I decided to obey the law of God rather than a man made law and was arrested."

"People are dying of starvation in the most affluent nation in the world," and he asked the audience if they should sit back and wait while this was going on.

"I learned a long time ago that God helps those who help themselves," "we can help God put an end to poverty in this nation."

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It rains nearly every day in La Paz the hospital from December to February.

—Advice proves

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capabilities.

"On the other hand, we tried to prove that even under these handicaps, the job could be done."

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AFTER World War II, Davison was offered a regular Army commission and "I hoped I could get into an Army medical training program and compile two careers." This dream was denied Davison.

Since President Harry S. Truman desegregated the military in 1952, Davison said "It's almost impossible to describe how much an improvement there has been for the colored soldier."

"All the records reflect that when you toss soldiers of all races into an outfit everybody performs up to the outfit's standards," he said from his command post on the outskirts of Saigon.

"As far as I'm concerned if a person is under my command or supervision, then he either performs or I take appropriate measures — no matter what his race is."

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DAVISON is deputy commander of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, one of the key units which held Saigon last January and February.

Why did he volunteer for Vietnam?

"I felt I could contribute in a command capacity. And I feel very deeply that we've got a pretty damned good country and I think everyone who enjoys the benefits of the country owes his share of the effort."

Foundation gives NCC $500 gift

DURHAM, N.C. — Duncan-Fletcher Foundation of Durham has given North Carolina College a $500 gift in the college's million-dollar endowment drive.

NCC President Albert N. Whiting announced the receipt of the check from the foundation this week.

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