Jack-Jill foundation okayed after changes

WASHINGTON — After dropping the "middle-class" term that led some members to label its newly-chartered Jack and Jill of America, Foundation "snooty," delegates to the 18th annual convention gave the chairman a strong vote of confidence.

The 108 delegates representing Jack and Jill of America, Inc.'s 5,000 members, went on to okay four projects to be carried out by the foundation aimed at helping young underachievers of all races.

Mrs. Jacqueline Robinson, president of the new foundation, had told the AFRO in a pre-convention statement that there had been, some misunderstanding about the use of the term "middle class."

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

Once this was made clear to the delegates, the controversy was over.

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MRS. ROBINSON explained in her report that middle income was a misnomer where as the group actually had referred to all persons above the poverty level of $3,500.

The foundation is launching four projects:

(1.) The one for underachievers, to be held at St. John's College in Annapolis for 6-8 weeks during the summer of 1969, at a cost of about $100,000.

2.) A tentatively scheduled project in computer education at the University of Pittsburgh for 200 poverty-stricken pre-school age children, with a similar program suggested for New Haven, Conn., at a cost of $10,000.

3.) A tentative project for 30 youngsters at the Illinois Institute of Technology, through the Department of Psychology and Education, for children lacking in motivation. This is expected to run about $15,000.

4.) A project in leadership training for secondary school children.

It was explained that the foundation's projects would be funded in part by other foundations or organizations.

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—Girl held

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eastern District police drove the girl to the scene of the attacks for her to identify the suspect of the house.

The man who was later shot was stopped by police coming out the back of a house in the 1000 block of E. North Ave., officers said.

Police said he put up a fight when they attempted to arrest him. During the course of the fight, police said he struggled with two officers, was struck on the head, and after he broke away was shot twice by Sergeant Grover C. Sharp III.

Witnesses to the alley shooting questioned the need for the shots in an area in which children were playing.

"One more step and he would have fallen on the children," said Joseph Carter, 1100 block Bonaparte, adding that the man was running toward the children when he was shot.

Floyd Rogers, who lives nearby on Cecil Ave. and is a former FBI man and was a candidate for City Council, also questioned the manner of arrest, noting that the man had not been handcuffed before the struggle started.

Charges against the suspect are pending his stay in the hospital, police said.

-Lucky diamond

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If Italy's 2,294-mile coastline were stretched out in a single line, it would reach from Rome to beyond the northern tip of Norway.

The average male buffalo weighs between 1,000 and 2,000 pounds.

—Polarization

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in 1985 but "will still be all but lost in a sea of whites, with the colored suburban population increasing only from 5 to 6 percent of the total."

The overall colored population is to increase from 11 percent to 14 percent by 1985.

It was pointed out that the report was based on projecting the future on the basis of what has been happening rather than predicting what would take place.

Drastic changes in attitudes and practices would have to take place to significantly alter the projections.

The study also showed a "startling increase" for the age group between 15 and 44 with a national increase of 57 percent due. Colored would increase by 129 percent and whites by 67 percent in metropolitan areas.

-Ray pleads

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him for the secret trip from the airport to the jail after he arrived from London Friday.

He was taken along the enclosed bridge that connects the jail with the county building. Three deputies walked close together behind him.

About 80 persons were in the courtroom for the arraignment. All were either newsmen or court officials, and were identified by colored, numbered tags. Newsmen were taken into rest rooms and searched. Then they were placed before a small videotape camera and microphone to announce aloud their name, address and employer.

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COURT CLERK J.A. Blackwell read the first indictment against Ray, charging that he "did kill and murder Martin Luther King Jr. against the peace and dignity of the state of Tennessee."

Judge Battle, in a soft voice, said "you do not have to enter a plea at present." But Hanes entered the innocent pleas.

He asked Hanes and Chief Prosecutor Phil Canale when they would be ready for trial. Canale said "we felt at first the latter part of September" would be best. But he said Tennessee election laws make no provision for absentee voting by jurors; and the jury would miss the November elections if the trial were still in progress.

-Nab GI

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Buick four-door sedan.

The car had been reported missing last week by the police in Fayetteville.

Following his arrest, the young soldier was returned to Fayetteville early Friday morning and charged with auto theft. The charge of murder was brought against him later that afternoon.

FAYETTEVILLE Police Chief L.F. Worrell told the AFRO the accused had no lawyer, but would get one soon. "The judge will name one for him," he said.

Chief Worrell said investigation on the case hasn't been completed. "All the facts in the case are not known."

He disclosed that the accused was no stranger to the victim. "I think he knew him," Worrell said, revealing that the soldier had been at a party.

He said Harris has relatives in Greensboro and Burlington. "They came down here during the weekend and they are coming back again," he added.

"We don't know whether Harris has wife or children. We are in the midst of the investigation right now," Chief Worrell told the AFRO.

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THE TEENAGED soldier charged with the murder of Harris and with car theft is from Greensboro. He has been in the Army for 18 months, stationed at Fort Bragg.

Officer Worrell disclosed that the suspects real name is Penn. He entered the Army under an assumed name, Walker. He was declared a deserter on June 28, thirty days after he failed to report for duty.

He has relatives in Greensboro. He has been stationed stateside all the time and has never been overseas.

HE IS NOW being held without bond pending a preliminary hearing scheduled

The murder weapon—a butcher knife, was found near the victim's home.

Chief Worrell said there was no sign of a struggle where the murder took place and no witnesses had been turned up by Saturday morning.

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New Nigeria peace bid

NIAMEY, Niger — Nigeria and the secessionist Republic of Biafra Friday night agreed to hold immediate peace talks with President Hamani Diori of the African state of Niger as mediator.

The peace talks will be the second attempt by Nigeria and its breakaway former Eastern Region to end a 13-month-old civil war that has been taking a heavy toll in lives, both military and civilian.

Agreement to peace talks came only hours after a group of other African leaders issued an urgent appeal to the two warring sides to try again to reach a peace settlement.

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A PREVIOUS attempt by the two belligerents to achieve an end to the war in May in Kampala, Uganda broke down shortly after they began because the two sides could not agree on their purpose.

Biafra insisted on immediate ceasefire in the war before taking up other questions. Nigeria, on the other hand, demanded Biafra renounce its secession before agreeing to a ceasefire.

Previous efforts to get the two sides to come to the conference table and renew peace talks made little progress.

The former Eastern Region governor of Nigeria, Lt. Col. Odumegwu Ojukwu, announced the region's independence on May 30, 1967.

Civil war broke out on July 6, 1967, when federal Nigerian forces entered Biafra to try to force it back into the Nigerian federation.

THE ORGANIZATION of African Unity (OAU), concluded a six-day meeting on the civil war just a few hours before the announcement of new peace talks and issued an urgent warning to both sides to resume the talks.

The committee also appealed to both Nigeria and Biafra to agree on a corridor through which food and medicine could be swiftly shipped to an estimated 600,000 Biafrans on the verge of starvation.

The committee heard Friday from Ojukwu, who flew to the Niger capital from Libreville, Gabon, under strict security. Earlier, Nigerian Leader Maj. Gen. Yakubu Gowon met the committee.

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BIAFRA has no chance of winning the conflict but with thousands of its civilian population facing starvation, still has not agreed to re-join the federation.

Biafra claims the tribesmen face mass murder but it has been pointed out that many members of the tribe are living unmolested in other areas and that some indeed are serving with the federal government's military forces.

Although much of the world has offered food stuffs and emergency aid, there have been little effort on the part of Western nations to have the combatants solve the war on a basis of Nigerian unity — which seems certain to come one way or the other.

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In 1967, 53,000 Americans died in traffic accidents which cost the nation an estimated $811 billion.

At the last census there were 1,352 titled families in France.

'Ivy' actress wins part in 'Paradise'

NEW YORK — Marlene Clark has been added to the cast of Allan Gitler's "Parachute to Paradise," which has been filming in New York since June 3 under the direction of the author.

Miss Clark, who made her motion picture debut in "For Love of Ivy," will have a featured role opposite Martin J. Kelley (star of "Finegan's Wake") in the satiric fantasy about the advertising world.

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NIXON QUIBBLES

Rocky quits club with racial bars

NEW YORK — Gov. Nelson Rockefeller has resigned from New York's exclusive Knickerbocker Club because it has not changed its allegedly discriminatory admission policies.

Rockefeller made the announcement in response to a question at a street corner rally in Harlem Friday.

"They are not ready to change their policies and therefore I'm dropping out," Rockefeller said.

Rockefeller said he had asked his lawyer, John E. Lockwood, to talk to the club's board of directors about its admission practices after he was critized by colored leaders for his membership.

The club allegedly discriminates against colored and Jews in its admission policies.

The building which houses the club is owned by a trust of which Rockefeller's 4-year-old son Nelson Jr. is beneficiary.

The Governor said that he did not know whether the club had yet received his letter of resignation and added that he would decide whether to resign from other clubs of which he is a member on "case by case basis."

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HIS ACTION in resigning from the Knickerbocker Club contrasted with that of Richard M. Nixon who last week said he would not resign from a golf club which also allegedly has a clause that excludes colored and Jews.

In a meeting with the New Jersey delegation to the Public National Convention, Nixon told the delegates that he preferred to work for changes from within the club rather than quit in protest, but gave no indication of an action he had taken.

About 500 Harlem residents gathered outside the Rockefeller For President Headquarters to hear the presidential aspirant, perspiring freely in the stifling heat, promise to curb poverty and inflation and end the Vietnam War.

A few hecklers in the crowd drew a stern rebuke from a woman. Rockefeller was speaking on ending the Vietnam War when some of the hecklers shouted, "What about the war at home?" "What about the black people?" "What about medicaid?"

"Stop that," an elderly lady shouted, "He's our only hope."

Rockefeller later flew to the Hopplebrook Farm of Mrs. Reeve Schley in Far Hills, N.J. where he was warmly greeted by the 40 New Jersey delegates to the Republican National Convention. The delegates reportedly lean toward Rockefeller by a 2-1 margin.

There he harped on his main selling point—that he can win more Independent and Democratic votes than frontrunner Nixon.

He said Nixon's strength is largely in the south and would be dissipated in a three-way race which included former Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

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IN CLEVELAND, civil rights leader James Farmer said the Republican Party must nominate Rockefeller if it hopes to win in November.

"It's Rocky or nobody," Farmer said when he arrived here for a meeting of national civil rights leaders.

The former national director of the Congress of Racial Equality said the Republicans were in a position to revive hopes of black citizens.

He said if Nixon gets the nomination the "Republicans are almost certain to lose."

"The Republican Party can win the presidential race outright if Rockefeller is nominated," Farmer said.

"The black vote may well prove to be the balance of power in the 1968 election, and either party which ignores the significant position of the black vote may be courting disaster," he said.

Church plans homecoming fete

SOUTH HILL, Va. — Trinity Episcopal Church will celebrate its 8th Annual Homecoming Day Sunday, at 11 a.m. with the New Liturgy. This is an annual day in which the former members and communicants of Trinity Church come together to renew their loyalty.

The Choral Eucharist of the New Liturgy will be celebrated by the Rev. S. Russell Wilson, rector of the South Hill Parish in which Trinity Church is located.

The speaker will be James N. Hunter II, a senior of the Divinity School of Bexley Hall in Rochester, N.Y. Hunter, a graduate of St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, was a member of the Tau Society and athletic trainer while there.

LAST YEAR he completed his clinical training at the Andy House in Chicago. This summer he is doing field work in South Hill.

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—11 perish in fire

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heavy smoke blocked his way to Shenella and Darlene. Meanwhile she tried to get to Mrs. Gibson's children, who were in another room but a wall of fire stopped her.

Then fleeing to save her own life she managed to crawl through the window, her hair getting singed in the attempt.

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REACHING SAFETY she realized her own two children were trapped inside and she yelled frantically, "Come on Shenella, come on."

She heard their screams for help then the last faint words, "I can't get up mommy."

They found her trapped in bed, burned almost beyond recognition.

The house was owned by Harry Carter, 104-17 Farmers Boulevard, brother-in-law of Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Gibson, sisters from Fayetteville, N. C., who had come to New York in 1961.

They had lived nearby in St. Albans until nearly a year ago when they received dispossesses for not paying rent.

Carter let them move into his Mexico St. house with the Department of Welfare paying $25 a week for each of the three relief clients, bringing the income to $300 a month for the place.

During the height of the fire helpless crowds watched an undermanned fire company battle valiantly.

Two young neighbors, Charles Short and Robert Grier, recently returned from Vietnam, caught the two children leaping from the roof.

Adults were helped to safety by firemen who scrambled up ladders to effect the rescue.

However, firemen trying to get inside were driven back repeatedly by gushes of flames.

By gray dawn there was nothing inside the house but charred wood and a crumpled refrigerator bent out of shape by the intense heat.

Outside, were smoldering couches, broken chairs, a little plastic tugboat and hanging on a back porch railing five-day red and green bathing suits.

According to protocol the first fire company on the scene takes away the dead. This sad task was delayed because the fire company brought only six canvas body bags and had to wait for the police to bring more.

The dead were taken to Queens Hospital Morgue. Arrangements have been completed to claim the bodies Saturday morning. An official of the Welfare Department told the AFRO that funds were provided for burial in such instances.

Further, a community relations officer of the fire department told the AFRO that fire marshals are still investigating the ruins attempting to determine the cause of the horrible fire, the second worst since the fire in the Williamsburg section claimed the lives of 13 civilians.

Meanwhile, medical corpsman Penny Coon, 19, from St. Albans Naval Hospital, has been charged with "malicious false alarm."

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