Poor head for new resurrection city site

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A remnant of the early-summer marchers on Washington will begin a three or four week's trek Saturday to the site of a permanent Resurrection City they hope to build near Selma, Ala.

They plan to tour the South by car and bus, in search of financial and moral support before setting on land given them 16 miles from Selma, where they envision building a modern city run without capitalism.

Calling themselves "Refugees of Resurrection City" — the plywood village built on part of the Washington Mall last spring — the remnant has camped since late June on private land in suburban Fairfax County, Va.

The group refused to disband when the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, head of the SCLA, discarded his Washington demonstrators and offered them all bus rides home.

Mrs. Amelia Boynton of Selma has deeded 10 acres of farm land to a corporation formed by the refugees and given them an option to buy 330 additional acres as the site of their proposed city of 5,000 to 10,000 population, they said.

A group of students from Durham and Chapel Hill, N.C., will pick up the refugees and drive them back to North Carolina on the first leg of their planned Southern tour, they said.

The refugees, claiming to have no leader or spokesman, called an outdoor news conference Friday on the Mall to announce travel plans but no one would pinpoint their route or the size of the traveling group.

On hand for the conference were about 60 persons, mostly well-wishing Washington hippies who apparently do not as yet plan to join in the trip.

Most of the talking was done by Ray Robinson, who regularly wears blue denim garb, and his blonde wife Cheryl. Robinson responded to newsmen's questions by making speeches in which he gave few detailed facts.

A prepared statement distributed to reporters said the proposed permanent Resurrection City, inhabited by people from all over the world who wish to be a free society, will be self sufficient, producing nearly all vital materials for daily living.

Their dream is to eliminate money from the community, or a man to sell his talent, labor, ideas to buy food, clothing and shelter is evil) and to create an economy that is an opposite of capitalism.

Will the city have a police department? No, Mrs. Robinson said. It will be under the jurisdiction of State and Dallas County Police, she pointed out. It also is likely the first winter will be spent in plywood shacks.

Inhabitants will not remain in the city as if it were a reservation, colony, or ghetto — the group hopes to depart from all existing prototypes, she said. They will be active politically, she said.

On hand were a number of children of varying ages including the Robinsons' two-year-old child, Desiree. Most of the group sat on the grass during the news conference.

Several officers of the National Park Service's Washington Police Force watched from a distance and one Lieutenant stood on the fringe of the group during the news conference.

SOLACE — A member of the 70 miles south of Saigon, last U.S. 9th Infantry Division week. He was given some comforts a youthful Viet C-rations before being taken Cong suspect picked up dur away for questioning. (UPI ing a sweep near Soc Trang, Radiotelephoto)

Escapes prison 25 years ago—now he returns

NEWARK (NPI) — Clarence Clark, 58, who escaped from an Alabama prison camp in 1943 while serving a sentence for killing a fellow convict 17 years before, has turned himself in to local police.

According to Newark police officials, Alabama authorities are preparing extradition papers. But that doesn't bother the soft-spoken Clark, who threatened to hold his breath until he's dead, should he be returned to prison.

CLARK SAID that he had murdered a convict who terrorized other inmates with beatings. When the man came at him with a letter opener, Clark grabbed it and plunged it into him. "It was 6 a.m., March 13, 1526," he said. And he was only 16.

Since escaping from the prison camp, Clark has lived under the name of Calvin Johnson in nearby Colonia. He is married and has four children.

Clark hopes his good record during the last 25 years will save him from being returned to prison.

OEO seen as tool against poverty

WASHINGTON — The Office of Economic Opportunity has said that changing institutions and the conditions of poverty often bring fear from the rich; resistance from the middle class and unrealistic anticipation from the poor.

Speaking recently at the New School for social research in New York, OEO's acting director Bertrand Harding said America has probably seen more institutional change in the past few years than any similar period in history.

Harding referred to a number of programs his office his successfully undertaken. "OEO is now funding 47 health centers," he said.

He mentioned the Head Start program which was violently opposed when it was first started. "Today, more than 2 million children have been served in more than 13,000 centers."

The acting boss also presented the Upward Bound program as a major educational change. The program has put under-achieving students into nearly 600 colleges in all states, he said.

Director Harding spoke of the influence his organization has had on churches. "Today, the churches are in the thick of the poverty war. The National Council of Churches runs migrant labor programs and ministers and priests are on Community Action Boards," he said.

Regarding institutional change as the most effective weapon in the anti-poverty arsenal, Mr. Harding said much remains to be done to bring 26 million Americans out of poverty.

He did not contend that his office is the sole cause for this change but stressed that this agency and its programs have made a substantial contribution in this direction.

Harding, acting director of the anti-poverty agency since March 1968, pointed to the institutions of law, medicine, education and business as areas that have awakened to the problems of poverty and joined actively in the effort to eliminate it.

He cited a number of law schools that are offering courses in poverty law. These include Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Notre Dame, Southern Methodist University and New York U law school.

Morals preclude workman's benefit, court tells woman

ATLANTA (UPI) — A woman knowingly living in adultery has been denied workmen's compensat on benefits because the state Court of Appeals says immoral conduct should not be rewarded.

But one dissenting judge declared that the 5-2 decision amounted to a puritanical witchhunt and made the court look like the Keystone Cops.

The Workmen's Compensation Act, the court stated, should not provide a statutory reward for immoral conduct.

It turned down a request for benefits by a woman living with a man who later was killed in an industrial accident. The court noted that both of the individuals were married to other persons.

THE OPINION said that when the man died, his legal widow did not apply for the benefits. Instead, the other woman sought aid as a secondary beneficiary, claimant's bed.

The appeals court ruling overturned a lower court decision. In a dissent, Judge Robert H. Hall, said the reversal ground on the women's morals "casts this court into the role of the keystone cops."

The compensation law, he said, was not enacted for the purpose of preserving chastity, but to alleviate human suffering.

Hall, who dissented along with Judge Robert H. Jordan, admonished the board and the court for going beyond the question of whether the woman was actually a dependent and added that neither should go looking under or into the claimant's bed.

Neither the board nor the court, he added, is empowered by the act to go on a puritannical witchhunt with the avowed purpose of scouring the claimant's so-called unclean hands.

James Bailey laid to rest

SCOTTSBURG, Va. — Funeral services Over the remains of James A. Bailey were held at the Piney Grove Baptist Church, Saturday, Oct. 5.

An earlier eulogistic service was said by the Prince Hall Masonic Temple in New York before final committal in Va.

Bailey received his early education in this city and later attended Hampton Institute. He was also a student at the Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg.

He was affiliated with Medina Temple 19 St. Johns Commandery; King David Consistory and Celestial Lodge No. 3.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lyndall Shepherd Bailey, formerly of Lynchburg, Virginia; mother, Mrs. Esther J. Bailey, five sisters; two brothers and a host of relatives. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Saunders' funeral held

ROPER, N.C. — Funeral services for Mrs. Sunbeam D. Saunders were held at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, Sunday Oct. 6.

Mrs. Saunders was born in Roper and was a former member of the Mt. Eprew Baptist Church. She is the sister of Clarence Downing of Roper.

ATTENDING THE funeral from here were members of the Downing family, Mrs. Sarah Wilkins, Mrs. Mildred Hill, George James, Mr. and Mrs. William Haggins.

Others included Mr. and Mrs. Julius Walker Sr. and Jr., Mrs. Mary Javis, Reginald Weldley Sr. and James Artis.

MADAMS HELEN DOWNING and Amaza Brown visited their sons at Elizabeth City State College Sunday.

JAMES DAVENPORT, who was hospitalized in New York has returned home.

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MRS. ESTELLE SANDERS and "Scotty" returned to Peekskill, N.Y. after visiting her parents and his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Wilkins.

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SGT. AND MRS. Allen Hunter and children of Ft. Story, Va. were the weekend guests of Mr. Helen Downing.

FUNERAL RITES for Loretta Denise Simpson, 11, were held at Mt. Eprew Baptist Church with Elder Elmer Cooper officiating.

Cops suspended

CHICAGO (UPI) — Six Chicago policemen were suspended Friday by Police Supt. James Conlisk as a result of an investigation into clashes between police and demonstrators during the week of the Democratic National Convention.

The six — one sergeant and five patrolmen — were among 10 policemen for whom suspensions were recommended by the department's Internal Investigations Division a week ago for actions in the Lincoln Park melee Aug. 25, the eve of the convention.

The patrolmen were suspended for removing their badges and name plates while police cleared the park of yippies, hippies and antiwar demonstrators after the 11 p.m. curfew, in operations that broke down into violence.

Brooklyn pastor teaching Rochester divinity course

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, recently participated in the public opening ceremonies of Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall, members of the Rochester Center for Theological Studies.

Dr. Taylor, a member of the board of trustees of Colgate Rochester, will teach a course in preaching at the divinity school this semester.

One of several developments in the black church ministry and urban studies, the course will include a survey of some little known black preachers of other generations and the social context of their ministries.

IT WILL also examine the distinctiveness of black preaching such as identification with a congregation, its great themes, the gifts of imagery, the employment of language, and the use of the voice.

Commenting on the emphasis of his course, Dr. Taylor said:

"Strangely enough, only within the last year or two has the possibility become manifest that the black preacher, rising up out of heart-break and hope, apostle at the same time of apocalyptic escape and determined protest, may have a 'Word of Life' to speak to the American society."

Suit filed by protestors hits treatment by police

ST. LOUIS — Militant civil rights and anti-war groups filed suit recently in the United States District Court to prevent harassment by police.

Unless the sought-for injunction is granted by the court, the petition said, St. Louis police would "continue to deprive them of their constitutionally guaranteed rights to peacefully assemble, speak freely, demonstrate, picket, petition for redress of grievances and engage in other lawful activity which is unpopular with the defendants."

Among those named in the suit as defendants are members of the Board of Police Commissioners, Mayor Alfonso J. Cervantes, Police Chief Curtis Brostron, Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Shannon and City Counselor Gary Gaertner.

THE SUIT was filed by Charles Koen, leaders of the Black Liberators of Percy Green, head of ACTION, a civil rights group and Richard Koch and Joel Allen, both members of the chapter of Students for a Democratic Society.

Twenty-one examples of police harassment were cited in the suit, which is sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The court was asked to rule unconstitutional certain city ordinances that were said to have been used by the police in making "deliberate, unlawful and arbitrary arrests" of militant leaders.

BEATING BY police, excessively high bail, and trumped up charges were some of the specific complaints registered by the plaintiffs, who asked for a speedy hearing.

The suit does not seek a specific amount as payment for damages, but asks the court to "allow plaintiffs their costs, attorney fees and grant such further order of additional relief as may appear to the court to be just and equitable."

Viet casualties decline sharply

SAIGON (UPI) — The number of Americans killed and wounded in the Vietnam war dropped sharply last week, the U.S. command reported Thursday in a communique which reflected a lull in major combat.

Headquarters said 190 Americans were killed, lowest figure since the week ended Aug. 17 when 159 died. The wounded total, 1,326, was the lowest in six weeks.

The report said allied forces killed 1,654 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong, lowest toll since the 1,461 recorded in the week ended Aug. 3.

Minister says church must 'tell it like it is'

GREENSBORO, N.C. (UPI) — A Providence, R.I., minister told North Carolina NAACP members Thursday that no Christian can believe in the brotherhood of man in a segregated church.

The Rev. James Blake, pastor of Bethel AME Church in Providence, told some 500 delegates to the state NAACP conference that churches should "tell it like it is."

"THE CHURCH has the responsibility to say, because it believes in the brotherhood of all mankind, that we cannot afford to fall into the pit of hate wherein we subject ourselves to hating others because we have been oppressed and deprived.

"White churches have a tremendous problem in trying to educate their people of the necessity for understanding other human personalities and realizing that full equality cannot come about until we recognize all men as brothers," he said.

"The churches should become integrated because one can not believe in the brotherhood of man in a segregated church," he said. "We must see that the community is integrated, the church is integrated, the lives of people are integrated.

Charles Bingham, layman, buried

By AVIS F. WILKINS

SALISBURY, N.C. — Funeral services were held recently for Charles Bingham at Smith's Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Dett Marshburn officiating.

Mr. Bingham, a Salisbury native, sang in the Soldiers' Memorial AME Zion choir and was a Sunday school teacher there before moving to Brooklyn, N.Y.

While there, he was a Sunday School teacher in the Rev. A. O. Carrington's Methodist Church for 37 years. He later moved to Hampton, Va.

Surviving are his wife, of Hampton; a son, Charles Jr., of Brooklyn; two brothers, Arthur and Ernest, of Salisbury; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Yancey, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Inez Medlin, of New York; and a grandson enrolled at St. Paul's College.

Statistics show decline of riots

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Ramsey Clark recently released figures which he said indicated "a clear and significant decline in the number and severity of riots and disorders this summer."

Clark's report went on to state that even though "there were many reasons to believe the summer of 1968 would be the worst in our history," only 19 deaths were recorded during June, July and August of 1968 compared with 87 during the same period last year.

The report questioned the validity of the figures concerning minor disturbances, stating that the high number of 95 may have been the result of a more complete reporting system.

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