Resort found guilty of bias

CINCINNATI — The developers of Lake Lorelei, a resort area in Brown County, were found guilty in U.S. District Court last week of discriminating against a dentist and his wife.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl H. Newbern had contended in their suit against Lake Lorelei Inc. that they had made a down payment of $2,000 for a lot at the resort, but were not permitted by the defendents to make the final payment of $3,495 a month later.

Judge Timothy S. Hogan prohibited the company and a companion membership club, the Lake Lorelei Property Owners Association, from selling the lot.

Hogan also ordered the association to delete its membership clause.

Olympic ring coach named

Robert B. (Pappy) Gault, coach of the highly regarded U. S. Olympic boxing team that brought home seven medals, has joined the staff of the Larry Lundeberg School of Seamanship at Piney Point, Md.

As director of physical education, Gault will work directly with youths in their adolescent years, equipping them physically and mentally for a seafaring occupation.

THE LUNDEBERG school prepares young men, 16 through 21, for starting jobs in the U. S. Merchant Marine, with special age waivers for men with recent military service.

On completion of the 60-day basic course, free of charge, the young men are assigned to merchant ships that course the oceans of the world. Veteran seamen can also upgrade themselves at the school.

FOR BOYS TOWN — Two labor unions have pledged money to support the concept of Boy's Town of Maryland. Steel workers local No. 2609 will give $100 a month on a continuing basis, and the International Ladies' Garment Workers has pledged $5,000. Officials participating in the pledge included: (front, from left) Victor O'Mella, Francis C. Capp, David Wilson, Walter Schmidt, Eddie L. Barton, William S. Evans, Angelo J. Bredariol; (standing) Lynal Jones, John T. Beaver Jr., John J. Yeafer, Otavio T. Bravo, Carl Ritter and Titus Davis.

Monroe, Laughry pace Bullets' win

ATLANTA (UPI) — Baltimore's Earl Monroe and Kevin Laughry combined for 54 points Sunday night to lead the Baltimore Bullets to a 118-111 victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Monroe, last year's NBA rookie of the year, hit 28 points and Laughry 26 to keep the Bullets atop the Eastern division by a full game over Boston.

The bullets took advantage of cold shooting by Atlanta in the first half to take a 14-point lead into the dressing room at halftime.

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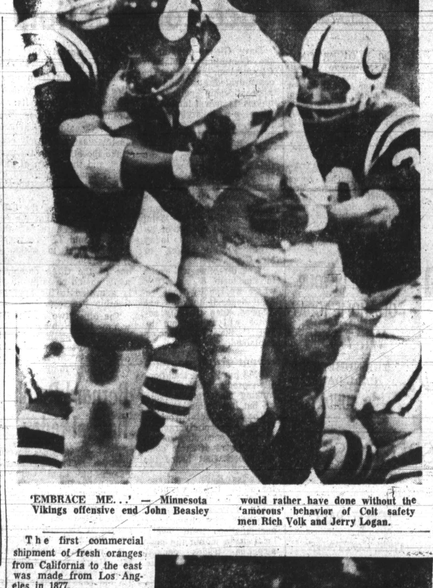

'EMBRACE ME...' — Minnesota Vikings offensive end John Beasley would rather have done without the 'amorous' behavior of Colt safety men Rich Volk and Jerry Logan.

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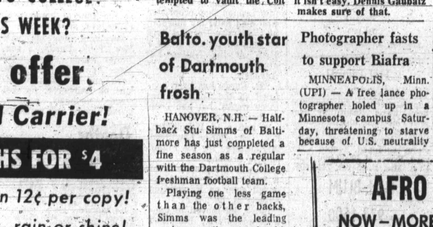

THE IMPOSSIBLE — Viking Jack Clinton loses attempted to vault the Colt forward wall only to learn — like his predecessors — it isn't easy. Dennis Claudaiz makes sure of that.

Balto. youth star of Dartmouth frosh

HANOVER, N.H. — Halfback Stu Simms of Baltimore has just completed a fine season as a regular with the Dartmouth College freshman football team.

Playing one less game than the other backs, Simms was the leading rusher on the squad with 126 yards gained in 64 carries. He caught only one pass, but it was a 28-yard scoring strike against Harvard. He also returned two kickoffs 27 yards.

The 1968 Little Indians were 3-2 on the season, winning against Holy Cross 12-0, Harvard 27-2 and Yale 28-18 while losing to Brown 8-0 and New Hampshire 10-0. A final game against Boston College was cancelled because of adverse weather conditions.

The Little Indians thus enjoyed their eighth winning season in the last nine and gave Coach John Curtis his third winning season in three was while boosting his career record to 12-8.

Photographer fasts to support Biafra

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — A free lance photographer holed up in a Minnesota campus Saturday, threatening to starve because of U.S. neutrality in the civil war in Nigeria.

Raymond Newgarden, 27, Minneapolis, who weighs 116 pounds, began his fast at 3 p.m. Friday and said he would take only water until the Johnson Administration issues a formal commdemnation of "the unconventional war tactics" which he said the Nigerian Federal troops use against the armies of Biafra.

The tallest of San Francisco's famed hills is Mt. Davidson, which rises 925 fe etabove sea level.

—8 of gang held

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the holdups included shootings and pistol whipping of victims.

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THE ARREST last week of John H. Jenkins, 24, 1500 block NW 41st St., now in Dade County jail under $5,000 bail on a robbery count brought up a the number of suspects now in custody.

Others in jail are:

Eddie Lee Burkes Jr., 21, Miami, arrested in Georgia with West and charged with armed robbery and intent to kill in addition to eight robbery charges in Miami.

Lucius Bryant, 22, and Elijah Fulton, 26, of Miami. Bryant is in Broward County jail under $100,000 bail on 11 robbery charges known address, in Dade jail under $50,000 bail on five robbery charges.

Police have taken out a 000 bail in the Wade County jail facing five charges.

Eugene Cooper, 21, of Miami, under $50,000 bail in Wade County jail on five charges.

James Thomas, 21, Miami, in Dade County jail under $100,000 bail charged with robbing a liquor store, beating the owner and warrant for Henry Lewis (Lego) Reed, 22, Miami, in which he is charged with three robberies.

The other two still at large are thought to be a man hiding in Broward County and a 16-year-old youth.

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ARMED ROBBERY is a capital offense in Georgia.

Because of the two-year limitation on robbery prosecutions in Florida, police say they actually will be able to charge but about 150 of the robberies pulled to the suspects.

West, according to police, had been up twice before on burglary charges and dismissed on both occasions.

The trail that led to West began on Oct. 28 when two shooting a customer.

Ike Florence, 24, no men hit a liquor store cash register for $200 and pistol-whipped the storekeeper, George Levine, 55, in a backroom.

Hearing cries for help, Richard Prather, 24, customer in an adjacent bar, ran to assist and was shot in the chest, right hand and left leg.

Both are recovering in South Miami Hospital.

Sgt. Williams and Det. Lou Altobelli used a license number supplied by a witness to trace suspect James Thomas to Broward County the next day.

As a result of that part of the investigation police sent a teletype message to officers at Pelham, Ga., Burkes hometown.

That night, Oct. 30, West and Burkes, police charge, held up an Albany, Ga. liquor store and wounded the owner.

They were arrested the next day at the home of Burkes' family after police had the teletype message.

The other arrests followed.

Cooper was picked up in a Broward County hospital. He reportedly was wounded when a gun went off in a car after three men held up a liquor store in Broard County while enroute to North Carolina.

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ALTHOUGH WEST has but a third grade school education, police credit him with a "mind like a steel trap."

They said "he gave us about 50 jobs he can remember during the past six months, and he's going to send us a list of more. He remembers addresses and dates," they noted.

Police said they were not reluctant to talk about information given by West because they expected him to be tried and convicted in Georgia where the sentence would be stiffer than anything he could get in Florida on the robbery charges.

—Policeman

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under the U.S. Constitution and the laws of the United States.

Specifically, the violated laws were: "The right not to be deprived of his life and liberty without due process of law; the right to be tried for an alleged offense by due process of law, and if found guilty, to be punished in accordance with the laws of the state of Illinois," explained Thomas A. Foran, U.S. Attorney for the Northern district of the state.

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THE INDICTMENT charges a violation of Section 242 of Title 18 of the United States Code. This is the first prosecution of a police officer ever brought under that statute in the Northern District of Illinois, Foran said.

Furthermore, it is the first indictment in the country to be brought after Section 242 was amended in April of this year.

The amendment increased the punishment for the offense where death results. If convicted, Fine is subject to a fine of $10,000 and imprisonment from one year up to and including life.

Foran also said the investigation leading to this indictment was conducted under the direction of his office. This case is assigned to First Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack B. Schmetterer and Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas M. Todd, colored.

Todd developed the case after it was brought to the attention of the U.S. Attorney following a stormy inquest which covered two days.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS Committee of The Woodlawn Organization entered the coroner's inquest as a "friend of Gaston's family."

At that time Atty. E. Duke McNeil, representing Gaston's widow, Bessie, said "The Justice Department was interested in the case.

He also said the inquest required two sessions because of the large number of witnesses to the altercation. The first session was conducted Sept. 5, with the concluding session Sept. 11.

An arrest warrant was issued by Judge Campbell naming Fine. Bond was set at $5,000.

Internal Inspection Division Director Raymond Clark said the IID's investigation into the charges brought against Fine and Smith was continuing.

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CLARK SAID: "Even though the coroner's jury ruled the death accidental our investigation is continuing because there were a number of witnesses who did not testify and we want to speak with all of them."

Clark said Fine was now on medical leave, suffering a fractured arm he received in an auto accident.

He further said that any department action against Fine as a result of the indictment "rests in the hands of police Supt. James Conlisk."

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School Decentralization Rolls To Standstill

ANGRY PEOPLE (left to right) Mrs. Lois Soaries, her six-year-old daughter Mirembe, Walter G. Lynch and Mrs. Sylpia Betty Reed were among the many members of the Ocean Hill-Brownsville community who expressed disapproval when state education officials took over control of their schools last week AFRO Photo by SAID).

Strike compromise provides for state control in Brooklyn

By A. N. SAID
AFRO Staff Writer

NEW YORK — Parents and pupils of Brooklyn's Ocean Hill-Brownsville School District had a good thing going for them up until last Monday.

A coup of sorts took place in the early hours of Monday, Nov. 18, culminating in the take-over of eight community-controlled schools by state education officials.

By daybreak, state personnel completed the takeover of the experimental schools which included PS 271 and IS 55, nerve centers of the operation.

The nation's first major move at school decentralization had churned to a standstill, its future uncertain.

Out went strict orders to keep out all non-personnel, especially newsmen.

Police cars, vans and buses were stationed in the backyard of PS 271, away from public views. Also watched closely were schools 178, 155, 144, 137, 87 and 55.

Even after normal classes began, workmen were seen moving office furniture into IS 5 during a heavy downpour.

The furniture is now being used by the new state appointed trustee for the Ocean Hill-Brownsville schools, Dr. Herbert Johnson and his aides.

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A BLOCK away from IS 55, at 240 Hopkins Ave., the community-elected administrators of the experimental schools and their principals met behind a closed door with Dr. Johnson.

In the hallway, reporters and some parents waited anxiously for the meeting to end while the heavy rain outside kept falling harder.

The community-elected leaders, officially known as the Governing Board of the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Demonstration School District, were suspended indefinitely Monday after the schools' operation was taken over by the state.

(In addition to the new trustee, a panel composed of Walter W. Straley, John Burnell and Harold G. Israelson was appointed to investigate teacher grievances during the city-wide strike).

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THE ACTION by the state was one of the terms (including the suspension of the Governing Board and removal of three principals) in the settlement which ended the 36-day city-wide teacher strike.

The strike which was ordered by Albert Shanker, president of the United Federation of Teachers, started on Sept. 9. It affected a million pupils, 50,000 teachers and 900 schools.

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THE EIGHT experimental schools in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville District operated normally and effectively during the bitter and racially charged strike.

The union, afraid of losing its power, ordered the strike after the Governing Board of Ocean Hill-Brownsville schools transferred 19 union teachers out of the district.

The teachers were transferred for allegedly attempting to destroy the district's experiment in community control of schools.

Main target of the UFT strike was Rhody McCoy, 45, chief administrator of the experimental schools and the entire program.

Mr. McCoy, along with other educators, started the experimental educational program in August, 1967, with an initial grant of $44,000 from the Ford Foundation.

At that time 1,049 parents in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville community voted to elect a Governing Board which in turn elected Mr. McCoy as a unit administrator.

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SHORTLY AFTER the formation of the experimental schools and the subsequent appointment of Mr. McCoy, the following road blocks were set by the powerful United Federation of Teachers and the Council of Supervisory Association:

1). Both groups brought legal action against qualified new principals appointed by the Governing Board, because they were not off the civil service list.

2) All 18 assistant principals left the district.

3) At least 100 teachers sided with the union and objected to the creation of the experiment.

4) Some teachers actually stopped teaching at Junior High School 271.

5) Several of the teachers refused to recognize Mr. McCoy as an administrator.

6) Teachers at JHS 271 started telling Puerto Rican pupils that the school was for colored pupils only.

7) The mayor and education officials failed to straighten the mess with UFT despite promises to the contrary.

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MINOR CLASHES between teachers loyal to the experimental program and teachers against the program occurred in the eight schools between August, 1967 and May, 1968.

Opposition to the community-controlled schools was so great that the program almost didn't get off the ground.

Fuel was added to the burning fire when the most uncooperative people were transferred on May 9, for what the Governing Board called "the actual safety of our children."

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What would normally have been a simple transfer turned into one of the major crisis in the history of this city's schools.

Two days after the transfer the union released stories to the press charging that the educator were in fact fired and their licenses taken away.

Despite the false charges, the Governing Board and the community refused to accept the 19 people back.

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THEREAFTER, some 350 sympathizers refused to teach for a period of six weeks. Although the schools were kept open during this mini-strike, the 350 teachers left their pupils for home. They took with them records and roll books of many children.

During this mini-strike, the 8,000 pupils of Ocean Hill-Brownsville schools were taught by some 100 loyal, good teachers, parents and volunteers from other schools.

New and certified teachers were hired by the Governing Board in place of union teachers who refused to teach colored and Puerto Rican students.

At the same time, Mr. Shanker's union kept the conflict alive.

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WITH THE POWER of firing and hiring controlled by the community, the union saw the experimental program as a major threat to its jealously guarded powers.

Another factor which allowed the dispute to get out of hand was the fear of "black power" by white teachers and some so-called liberal politicians.

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BEFORE THE state take-over last week, the experiment was fully controlled by leaders of the colored and Puerto Rican community.

Mr. McCoy and his group managed to do a wonderful job for the community during the past year that they held control.

For the first time children of Ocean Hill-Brownsville were getting the kind of education their parents wanted them to have.

For the first time in the city's school system instructions were given in Spanish to Puerto Rican children who understood very little English.

For the first time colored and Puerto Rican parents felt a sense of pride by being involved into the operation and control of their community's schools.

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THIS PERHAPS accounts for the anger exhibited by the community toward UFT and some of its members who were opposed to the program.

While the bickering and charges of racism, anti-Semitism were hurled back and forth, the eight experimental schools continued to operate "beautifully," according to Mr. McCoy and others involved with the project.

Attendance was normal and teacher-student relations improved greatly. About 70 per cent of the 541 teachers hired for the district were white, 30 per cent Jews.

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CHARGES OF anti-Semitism were labeled false by the teachers recently. In a public statement to the people of New York, published in New York Times of Nov. 11, the teachers said:

"In an effort to tag the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Governing Board with anti-Semitism, the United Federation of Teachers is engaged in a massive publicity campaign and is distributing UFT reprints of anti-Semitic literature.

"It is time to scotch the rumors and hysteria about anti-Semitism, racism and revolution being the underlying cases of the problems of Ocean Hill-Brownsville.

"What we want to do is to teach the children entrusted to us without having to live and work behind a wall of fear and mistrust that Mr. Shanker has helped to build around us."

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EVEN THE New York Civil Liberties Union discounted the anti-Semitism charges.

After conducting its own study the Civil Liberties Union had this to say:

"The UFT is trying to pin responsibility for anti-white and anti-Semitic sentiments on the Ocean Hill-Brownsville community and thereby discredit the Ocean Hill-Brownsville decentralization program. This is a smear tactic reminiscent of the days of Senator Joseph McCarthy."

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UFT'S SMEAR tactic was designed to gain white support and create a feeling of animosity between the races in the area, Ocean Hill people think.

The praiseworthy success of the experimental school program is seen to have been the most frightening thing UFT, and others of the power structure.

The opposition's goal was, and still is, to attempt to crack the decentralization program at its infancy. Whether they will be able to do that with 100 per cent results is questionable.

However, the union did manage to have the community-elected Governing Board suspended, along with the removal of Principals William Harris of JHS 271, Ralph Rogers of PS 144 and Luis Fuentes of PS 156.

Last Thursday, Mr. Shanker threatened another strike if angry parents who for a time prevented UFT teachers from entering JHS 271 don't abandon their demand for community control of schools.

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SHANKER IS presently facing court action for calling three teacher strikes this term. Settlement was finally reached last week at the expense of the Governing Body of Ocean Hill-Brownsville experimental schools.

Walter G. Lynch, community liaison director of the program, was bitter about the way state education officials "sold out" to the demands of the union.

"The white power structure used open force, humiliation and virtual assassination of black leadership to destroy the project," he told the AFRO.

He predicted that "an agreement by the Board of Education and the United Federation of Teachers, without the approval of the community spells doom for them, doom for every nonwhite child in the city.

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"WE HONESTLY feel this is new open colonialist order of the day to deprive and bury the aspirations, desires and hopes of black people," he explained.

Mr. Lynch said the agreement reached between the union, the Board of Education and State Education Commissioner James E. Allen Jr., "was to put the Ocean Hill under state trusteeship with observers from the Board of Education and UFT. The community can't accept it, but has to swallow it because of police force."

He feared an open confrontation between the community and police if an attempt is made to force the community to accept the agreement.

Mr. Lynch said decentralization "was not a black take-over to oppose Jewish teachers."

He feels both the community and Jewish teachers could work together in atmosphere of peace.

Decentralization of schools is the best thing that ever happened in the educational history of the community of Ocean Hill-Brownsville, according to Mr. Lynch.

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OTHER, TOO, feel the same way. Mrs. Lois Soaries, a mother of seven children, six of them in school, says the Ocean Hill experiment was "a beautiful thing."

On Monday, she was angry and disgusted with the state take-over. "I don't want them (state) here. Because they didn't do a good job before."

A very determined mother, Mrs. Soaries told this reporter she is ready to take her six children out of school and "teach them myself," if the state takeover remains permanent.

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ANOTHER CONCERNED community member is Mrs. Sylvia Betty Reed, a future parent.

"I think decentralization is good, and I feel the job Mr. McCoy is doing is wonderful.

"People from outside came here and had favorable reactions," she said.

Mrs. Reed, lovely with the African bush hair style, feels the experimental schools "have been operating well. Kids learned and teachers taught well."

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MISS L. GEBINER, a teacher trainer at PS. 87, said "I don't think the community will permit state take-over of schools. Operation of the schools was much better under the community control.

"Before, the teachers didn't care. Now you have teachers who want to teach these children. The children can learn," she explained.

Public School 87 has 32 teachers for a student body of 389. It is located across the street from the much publicized JHS 271.

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A FEW blocks away stands IS 55, another trouble spot. Robert Ferlarto, assistant principal, said since decentralization "the schools have run much better, with a greater spirit on the part of the children."

Mr. Ferlarto who is one of the new educators who came to the district during the transition feels the community should control their schools.

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BYRON LEE, a teacher at the modern IS 55, feels community control is the answer.

He said independent observers who visited the eight schools in the district rated the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Experimental Schools "better than the typical" city school.

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AS OF THIS writing, the area remains very tense. Minor clashes between parents and union teachers returning to teach did occur during the week.

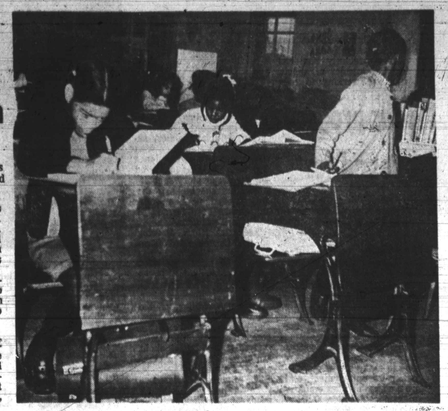
Mr. McCoy was reinstated to his post of administrator by the newly appointed trustee.

The community-elected Governing Board remained powerless.

And a major confrontation between the community and Mayor John Lindsay's forces cannot be ruled out for the moment.

Perhaps the feeling of the whole community was summed up Monday in the following words of the Rev. C. Herbert Oliver, president of the deposed Governing Board.

"We're not going to be allowed to run our schools. The agreement cut out the control."



LEARNING — Students being taught in a classroom at PS 87. The school is one of the eight decentralized in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Experimental School District. Normal classes continued to be held in the eight schools during the lengthy city-wide teacher strike which was settled last week. (AFRO Photo by SAID)

Educator criticizes some aspects of school system

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — A distinguished educator at Tuskegee Institute, Dr. Edgar Epps, has spoken about American education. "America does not have a good thing going in its schools," he said.

Dr. Epps, director of Tuskegee Institute's Behavioral Research Science Division emphasized that the schools have not accepted the goal of providing quality education for everyone.

"They are designed to provide education for 1/3 of the students; another 1/3, a minimum literacy type education; and the final 1/3 are completely written off before they enter the schools," he said.

Dr. Epps continued: "Inferior schools are possible only where parents and students are satisfied with inferior schools. One way to improve the quality of education would be to raise the level of parent and student expectation. This would lower the level of teacher and, or, administrator ability to satisfy."

In communities with good schools, parents are very hard to satisfy. And, teachers and parents usually agree on what quality education is," Dr. Epps stated.

DISCUSSING ACHIEVEMENT tests, he stressed that three should be used only to determine where to start teaching and not as a deciding factor in who can be educated.

Dr. Epps pointed out that in some schools, ability grouping (grouping according to test scores) is used as a method of discriminating against students who don't test well. "It is criminal to take a dent can not be educated," test and decide that a student is remarked.

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DR. EPPS suggested that grades should not be given at any level, including college. However, he said, if there must be grades, they should be based on efforts rather than production.

"Under a system of grading for effort, a genius gets an 'F' if he doesn't work and the less intelligent student gets an 'A' if he works hard," he suggested.

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IN CONCLUSION, Dr. Epps commented, "The whole educational establishment, at present, is spending millions of dollars on programs to change children, and most of it is wasted money, because we don't need to change the children.

What we need to change is the school system. We need to change the kinds of administrators we have, and the kinds of teachers we have. We need to change the whole notion of education."

"We need to convince the teachers that the children we sent to them can be taught, and somebody ought to persuade the teachers that they can teach children."

DR. EDGAR EPPS

Dr. Clark says student rebels have high ideals

YELLOW SPRINGS, O. — Society should understand that "deep and insistent affirmative goals" often motivate even the most outrageous demands of student protestors, according to Dr. Kenneth B. Clark.

"The hierarchies, the structures, and the institutions of the past have failed man in ways that are difficult to articulate but nonetheless intolerable," the psychologist, civil rights leader and Antioch College trustee writes in the November issue of "Antioch Notes."

"The consequences of this failure," Dr. Clark says, "are seen in poverty, starvation, slums, ghettos, unnecessary deaths of children, and wanton destruction of human potential in a nation that prides itself on its material successes and technological advancements."

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UNDER THESE circumstances, "What the new breed of student rebels are saying beneath the incoherence of their frustration and bravado, is that they are no longer able to accept the irrelevance . . . and insensitivity to flagrant injustices that are offered as higher education," he says.

"They are willing to sacrifice their own personal comfort and future for a morally relevant, personally fulfilling form of education."

Dr. Clark, president of New York's Metropolitan Applied Research Center, Inc., points out, however, that "the affirmative can obliterate the destructive potential only if those with power . . . can hear, understand, and respond."

Manpower recruiting set for college grads

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onville, Jan. 8-9, Thunderbird.

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Savannah, Ga., Jan. 13-14, Holiday Inn; Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 14, Holiday Inn-Capital Hill; Huntsville, Ala., Jan. 15-16, Carriage Inn; Augusta, Ga., Jan. 15-16, Downtowner.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 17, Holiday Inn-Downtown; Charleston, S.C., Jan. 17-18, Holiday Inn-Downtown; Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 18, Albert Pick; Atlanta, Jan. 19-25, Paschal's Motel.

CHARLES L. FIELDS

Threats reported on life of Brownsville teacher

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Brooklyn District Attorney's office disclosed Friday it is investigating a reported plot to kill a controversial union teacher at the Ocean Hill-Brownsville school that touched off the recent 10-week teachers' strike.

Union teachers returned to the school, Junior High 271, with no repetition of the incident which marred what was to have been their first day back in the classroom Thursday.

Acting Dist. Atty. Elliott Golden said "several persons" had notified state education representatives that one of the teachers, Fred Nauman, was in danger of his life.

NAUMAN WAS FIRED by the school district's now suspended governing board in September, but was cleared of charges that he attempted to sabotage the district's experiment in local control of schools.

Nauman was reported to have had an altercation with a 12-year-old student on last Wednesday. Thursday Rhody McCoy, the district administrator of schools, said Nauman ought to be removed because he was "a bad symbol for this community."

But Nauman returned to the junior high building Friday morning and remained closeted with Dr. Wilbur Nordon, a state observer, and Acting Principal John Mandrachia.