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JERSEY CIVIL RIGHTS PROBE

N.Y.C. (WDL) Following initiation by Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey of a statewide civil rights investigation the Workers Defense League called upon him not to overlook the repeated denial of civil rights last summer by Cliffside Park and Fort Lee police in conjunction with the owners and private guards of Palisades Amusement Park.

The League sent the governor a detailed report including the beatings by park guards and police, the deportations and the 36 arrests which marked a campaign of interracial groups to end the ban on Negroes at the park's swimming pool. Governor Driscoll's investigation was prompted by an increasing number of civil rights violations throughout New Jersey.

OUR COVE

"THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING"
pen and ink drawing by Earl Hill

A LITTLE BOY THANKS GOD

Dear Little Child

He gazes at the cloudless sky, whose yellow sun heightens the drab grayness of the street.
He sees the yellow and not the gray and so

He Thanks God

Poor Little Tyke

She stands shivering in the winter's day but the sun looks warm and he feels the warmth of God's sun; not the cold He whispers..."Thank You God."

Thoughtfully, he hears the soft wailing of a new born infant;
The curses of men drunk from life's sadness.

The little boy smiles sadly, but still says thanks to God.

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YOUTH COUNCIL PICKETS REPUBLIC THEATER

by Syl Ross

Sunday October 12th, was quite a day for members of the Youth Council. The meeting was held as usual at the "Y" but was called to an early adjournment when a message was sent to the Youth Council from the National Office that our help was needed on a picket line outside the Republic Theatre at 52nd Street and Broadway. This message really started the excitement for the day.

The NAACP was picketing the picture "Birth of A Nation", which glorifies the Ku Klux Klan. Our assistance was needed. Who were we to shirk our duties, we joined NAACP for a fight for freedom, well here it was! President, pro-tem, Evelyn Clarke quickly closed the meeting. We all rushed down to take our places on the picket line. We marched steadily around and boisterously shouted to those few callous persons who dared disregard us. We received many words of encouragement from passersby (and I might add a few dirty looks too) but all in all I think that our attempt to ruin the show's patronage was rather successful.

Picketing continued for about a week and shortly after the Republic Theatre announced that it was withdrawing the picture, "Birth of A Nation."

Although most of us really enjoyed the excitement of picketing, I am sure that all realized the seriousness of our task. I had previously invited the members of the Council to spend the evening at my home and one by one they all straggled in foot-weary but smiling. I was a little discouraged at first at the lack of response to good music, but before long the melodious notes of Savannah Churchill Nellie Lutcher, The Ravens etc, got the best of those aching feet and we settled down to an enjoyable evening.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO COLLEGE

The NAACP has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that separate educational facilities are not equal. Cases in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and South Carolina are in the courts to establish the rights of Negroes to go to already-established Universities in those states. Others will undoubtedly be instituted in other southern states.

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*****GUEST COLUMN*****
THE PRESENT INFLATION
Gladys Holmes

Many of the people who said that there would not be an inflation after price control and rationing were lifted, say now that inflation has reached its highest peak. This may or may not be true, today the price and profit set-up is so crazy that a break must come soon.

You see a large portion of people in the lower income brackets have already exhausted their savings and are turning to credit. This is not the only problem. The purchasing power of the dollar has fallen so low that it is almost impossible to keep up with the cost of living. Some even think that there is a possibility of unemployment. I believe that I can safely say that most people realize the importance of finding ways and means to stop soaring prices and the rapidly increasing inflation facing our country.

On Nov 11th, President Truman spoke to the nation on this pressing problem. He proposed certain legislation to be enacted by the present Congress, or the Special Session to be held on Nov. 17th. They are as follows: 1-restoration of consumer rationing; 2-extension and strengthening of rent controls; 3-authorization of price ceilings on products in scarce supply and such wage ceilings which are necessary to maintain the price ceilings; 4-extension and strengthening of export controls; 5-restrictions restored on, installment buying; 6-extnd authority to allocate transportation facilities and equipment; 7-restrain the creation of inflationary bank credit; 8-authorization of measures which will induce the marketing of live stock and poultry at weights and grades that represent the most efficient utilization of grain; 9-enable the Department of Agriculture to expand its conservation program and to formulate measures designed to increase the production of food in foreign countries.

Whether or not this legislation is acted upon presents another problem, for if these suggestions are not acted upon needless to say we all realize that the outcome will be disastrous for the country. Something must be done and the TIME IS NOW !!!!!

Mrs Gladys Holmes is the retired chairwoman of the Membership Comm. of the NAACP,

Youth Council.

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*****GUEST COLUMN FOR DECEMBER*****

Communism versus Our Civil Rights

Aston K. Harris

(Mr. Harris is a Sr. Staff Member of the Clintonian Magazine of DeWitt Clinton Ho.

"Are you a communist? answer yes or no", the question rings throughout the chamber. "No you are not allowed a lawyer, this is not a court of law". Is this scene taking place in Germany, 1938, no, it's taking place in America, 1947. The place is in the senate chamber in which the Parnell Thomas Committee is conducting an investigation into our movie industry. This investigation is being carried on to find out whether or not Communism is present in the film industry and in some of our pictures.

According to the Bill of Rights this procedure is neither legal nor constitutional, but an encroachment on our civil rights. This committee in Congress is reviewing an ever increasing number of movie stars, producers, and directors as to their political beliefs and views which I think they should be allowed to keep to themselves. Due to their not answering questions asked them on their beliefs and views they are held in contempt of Congress. During my life I have seen many scapegoat used in the U.S. in order to quench the thirst of some big shots. Wrapping themselves up in both the Constitution and the U.S. Flag, they start their campaign of Con't on Page 5 col. 2

EDITORIALS

JIMCRO PROBE IN CCNY

From the latest reports, the situation at City College seems to be about the same. Some weeks ago a group of students at City College charged the authorities in charge of Army Hall, dormitories for CCNY students, with practicing discrimination against Negro students. The Residents Council has stated that 14 out of 17 Negroes living in Army Hall were deliberately roomed together by William J. Davis, Army Hall Director. President Harry N. Wright appointed an all faculty committee to investigate the charges and make recommendations to him. The sole Negro member is Dr. Kenneth Clark, psychology instructor. This Newspaper sincerely hopes that the investigations to be conducted by the committee will be made public and not kept in "private" as has been announced by College authorities. We are confident that CCNY which has long had a good record in community relations will rectify any irregularities in the dormitory set-up.

N.Y. YOUTH COUNCIL, NAACP ADOPTS NEW POLICY AND PROGRAM FOR '48

On Sunday, Nov. 9, 1947 to a packed Council meeting, Chairman Orville Clark, Program & Research, read a superbly written document to the hushed audience concerning the future of the N.Y. Youth Council (see Pg. 4 for story). This Newspaper wishes to commend Mr. Clark for his outstanding work on the Policy & Program for N.Y. Youth Council. We salute you, ORVILLE CLARK.

***** THE TIME FOR REASON

Once again election time approaches for the N.Y. Youth Council of N.A.A.C.P. We announced in this space last issue that the elections would be held on Nov.

23rd, since the Nominating Committee was to be picked on Nov. 9. However because of technical difficulties, Election Day will not be until December. Special notices are being sent to you in connection with this matter.

We feel that at this time we must make

the "TIME FOR REASON". Let us examine a few of the issues in this campaign. The N.Y. Youth Council has for several years been plodding along in a mediocre way, more dead than alive to the issues and needs of the community which surrounds it. A bold and practical program has been given to the Council by its hardworking Program & Research Chairman. Among the things included in Mr. Clark's report are: (1) a pledge to fight locally for P.R.; (2) for rent control beyond the expiration date; (3) for extension of the franchise to citizens 18 years old; (4) We oppose the formation of cliques within the Council and condemn personal attacks as working to the detriment of the Council. This is only a part of the program, but it needs a strong executive to carry even this much out. This newspaper feels that we have approached the CROSSROADS when we must decide, will the N.Y. Youth Council remain like, "a fem of stagnant waters," or will it, "facing the rising sun of our NEW DAY begun, march on till VICTORY IS WON?"

It is time that we demand from those who would run for our highest offices the answer to the question, "Will you, Can you do the job which N.A.A.C.P. will require you to do? Can you forget the prejudices which exist in the Council and build a working fighting team?" Let the answers which you receive and the record which they have made in the Council be your guide, not however forgetting the real, true, sincere personality of the person. This is your, "TIME FOR REASON," and you and only you can exercise the right to vote for a militant and progressive Youth Council.

***** NEWS-BULLETIN Vs. PRESS & PUBLICITY

Several months ago, the Executive Committee merged the News-Bulletin into the Press & Publicity Comm. They declared that whoever was to be Chairman of P. & P. should be Editor of the News-Bulletin. We want to go on record as opposing this and calling on the members of the Council to aid us in our fight to again become free. The P. & P. job is a fulltime job for a special committee and so is the Editor's job. We ask all members to be present at the next Council meeting and vote to divorce the News-Bulletin from the Press & Publicity Committee. THE STAFF

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"In these days of increased racial tensions, high prices, war at the peace table, and which hinting, it is imperative that organizations professing an interest in the furtherance of democracy make known their stand on the issues vitally affecting their constituents. Accordingly the New York Youth Council of the NAACP records its views on some of the important issues of the day."

These are the powerful opening words of the "new" Policy and Program of the N.Y. Youth Council, NAACP. Unfortunately because space is so limited, this newspaper is unable to print the entire report. However we will give you what we consider the outstanding points of the policy and our own opinions. The entire report will be ready for sale and distribution to the public on or about the first of the year.

NATIONAL :

a-F.E.P.C.; that all men might have equal opportunity of employment;
b-Anti-Lynching; that all men might have equal justice under law and no man be deprived of life or property without due process of law.;

c-Anti-Poll Tax; we feel it is an unnecessary hinderance to democracy and recommend its abolition.

d-Un-American Activities Committee; we feel it is contrary to the public policy and should be abolished as a public service.

e-Civil Rights; we endorse in principle the recommendations of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

LOCAL:

The Council pledges to fight locally for a-Anti-Restrictive Covenants;

b-Low Rent Public Housing

c-Rent Control beyond the expiration date

d-extension of the franchise to citizens eighteen years old.

e-Police Brutality- we pledge to fight against this as contrary to Public Policy

f-against discrimination in any public place.

INTER-ORGANIZATION POLICY:

"We warmly endorse the Co-ordinating Committee set up at the Workshop Conference at the NAACP Workshop Conference, October, 1947, and pledge our full support.

INTRA-ORGANIZATION POLICY:

We oppose the formation of cliques within the Council, and condemn personal

attacks as working to the detriment of the Council."

OPINION:

While the News-Bulletin realizes that this report doesn't include all that one might expect or want, we do feel that it is nevertheless a powerful report. Indeed, we feel that should this program be carried out by the Council, we shall certainly win the 1948 Ikes Smalls Award or at least run second in the nation.

This paper condemns bitterly those within the Council who feel that this report is insufficient and would favor weighting it down with loads of amendments. We wish to point out to these persons, this fact, if we put every thing that we want to fight for in the policy it would run into hundreds of volumes. We further wish to point out to these members in general of the Council that while we have endorsed the report, everything does not have to be acted upon. We of the News-Bulletin would like to see the Council work on the entire program.

We feel that there are two items which might be placed in the official policy or made part of the public policy of the Council.

A-State University:-we feel that a state university is necessary in order to relieve the current over crowding of our local and state schools, and to provide a further opportunity to students of needy or low income families to complete their education. In this way we will have provided full opportunity to all.

B-Interracial Organization:-we feel that this Council should make an attempt to make the Council interracial, that is to say to make an effort in enlisting Jews Chinese, Japanese-Americans, caucasians, and other members of the darker races. We feel that it is necessary so that we might win our fight and really make this a "New York" youth council.

C-Co-operation:- we feel that this Council should cooperate with other youth councils, college chapters, and other organizations on specific issues and projects.

In closing we wish to say that we think that it is the job of the Program & Research Committee to bring in a program by which this policy can be implemented for the 1948 season. We wish to commend again Mr. Orville Clark, for his outstanding work as Chairman of Program & Research.

The Staff

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STRAIGHT TALK
by Harry Doman

Hello friends and readers. This month we have just celebrated Thanksgiving Day. Many of us went to Church services on that day mindful of the one great thing for which we are thankful, in these troubled times we are still alive. Some of us may not have sufficient clothing to put on our backs, but we are thankful just the same.

There are probably those young people who through no fault of their own are living in broken homes; there are probably those whose homes are in frightful physical condition, you know the type I mean, the garbage thrown down in the backyard, the plaster falling everytime you pull the light chain in the bathroom the walls so thin and airy that when the next door neighbors argue you hear it in your bedroom, the common things which you consider necessary for decent living neglected by the underpaid janitor and much more. With all these afflictions you still live in houses fit for kings when you compare them with those of your brothers in Europe and parts of Africa and Indonesia.

Yes my friends we have an awfull lot to be thankful for. Politically we are YOUTH ON THE MARCH and we can be thankful for the brave report of the President's Civil Rights Committee. We can be thankful that the U.N. still exists and we can be thankful for men like Ben Davis, Adam Powell, William Dawson, and Hulan Jack. We do not all agree with their policies and indeed we have criticized them severely, but we should indeed be thankful that we have someone to plead our cause before the nation's legislatures.

We are thankful too, for organizations like the N.A.A.C.P., the Council on African Affairs etc., for they with us behind them, fight the good fight. Yes in taking stock, there is much to be thankful for..... I think that our thanks may best be expressed by the "Prayer of Thanksgiving."

"We gather togather to ask the Lord's blessing, He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing cease them from distressing, Sing praises to his name, He forgets not His own."

Besides us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His Kingdom divine, So from the beginning

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COMMUNISM vs. OUR CIVIL RIGHTS
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trying to eliminate any element that tends to threaten our capitalist form of government. This time the scapegoat happens to be the Communists in the U.S. of which there are only a few in the movie industry. These few I am sure are not threatening our government in any way and are not a group to be worried about. The method of questioning the people in Hollywood who are the movie favorites of the American people should I think serve only as an example to show what could happen to us if we were suspected of any activities of this sort. Examination without cross-examination on the accused's behalf along with the fact that the accused is not allowed to have a lawyer or legal representative to present his case. An example of this is shown in the case John H. Lawson, screen writer who was accused of being a communist. Due to his failure in affirming or denying this charge, he was held in contempt of Congress. Later Lawson who tried to read a statement prepared by his lawyers was denied the right to read it on his behalf. This made the public see what could happen to people who couldn't afford legal advice and the like. They also saw that this committee was also depriving us of our civil rights granted to us in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution. The question is definitely not one of Communism but of our civil rights in America today and the quicker we get rid of things like the Thomas Committee the more assurance we have of still possessing the inalienable rights to think, and speak as we wish....

A LITTLE BOY THANKS GOD
Then suddenly!! a clap of thunder; a streak of lightning!

The grey street becomes gray;
The winter's day becomes cold;
The infants wail a shriek;
The curses a dreadful roar....

The Little Boy is frightened now and his smiles turn to tears; his prayers of thank to prayers of supplications.

But why feel sorry for a little boy?
For with the return of the sun his dreams will return.

Rather pity yourselves; you are too wise for dreams,

Yet we too must thank God;
Thank God for the blind dreams of children
Thank God !!!!

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BETWEEN US GIRLS

by Sylvia Ross

Hello Friends.....

Although this generally a girls column I just know there must be a few of our male friends who deem it necessary to shall we say... "glance over" our column. Don't let your consciences bother you fellows, You're quite welcome.

And so to all my readers(female and otherwise) I would like to say, "hope you had a hearty Thanksgiving," and leave a little thought with you.

Kids, remember that Thanksgiving is really a time for Thanks. Be Thankful!! Stop for a moment and remember the good things in life. There are many things that we can each be thankful for but how often we forget.....

I actually received my first bit of fan mail this week. Our friend who signed off "Cautious" wanted to know what I thought of the new broad look. Well... I'm not really an authority but I do take a good view of things, and to our friend I would say..."Be cautious, Cautious" (Please pardon the Pun) The idea seems to be broad shoulders and hips but do let's be careful, about overdoing it. I dare say many of us carry around our own 'broad look' to spare and it is to you that I give a bit of warning. However, broad shoulders do make the average girl look a bit slimmer so, if that's your goal, "stuff in the pads kids, stuff 'em in!"

There seems to be a lot of Sadie Hawkins dances going on lately. I'm inclined to wonder at their increased popularity? Are the boys getting gayer or are the girls getting bolder? From where I stand it looks like a little of both, but here again girls, I you Don't over do it!(I have spoken)

Girls! Have you combed your eyebrows ?????????? Sounds daffy, doesn't it. But believe if done the right way it really works and is inclined to make your face look much more well groomed without the use of eyebrow pencil. Just comb them straight up(a fine toothed comb preferably) then placing the comb gently above the brow, push them down easily about halfway. If it doesn't work the first few times try applying just a little vaseline first. Try it and see !!! It worked for me.

Do you want rouge to match your lipstick??? This is a pretty old idea but I was surprised to find out how many girls

STRAIGHT TALK

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the fight we are winning; Thou, Lord, WAST AT OUR SIDE? ALL GLORI BE THINE!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader in battle, And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised; O Lord, MAKE US FREE! LORD MAKE US FREE!

Happy Thanksgiving friends and good luck.

DIDN'T know it. Just use a little of the lipstick itself. It usually looks better too. My last hint for now on that well groomed look is for your hair : 100 strokes daily, keeps hair shining clearly. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Well girls guess I'll say so long till the next time but do let me hear from you in the meantime, (special thanks to our shy friend "Cautious" and to Gladys of Bklyn for the enhancing eyebrows)

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WHAT HAVE YOU READ RECENTLY?

HOW ABOUT THESE?

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(Autobiography of NAACP)...Mary White

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The Hour GlassDavid Alman

The Other Room....Worth Tuttle Hedden

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JIM-CRO has got to go.

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A representative from Johns Hopkins Medical School to the NSA informs us that the present student body of Johns Hopkins is favorable to the admission of Negro students and they will do all they can materially aid such applicants.

This student has supplied us with the following information:

Applicants should write to the Committee on Admissions, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, 710 North Washington Street, Baltimore 5, Maryland.

In addition to regular pre-med requirements, applicants should have an AB degree; French and German (2 yrs. each or equivalent); comparative Anatomy; 270 hrs of Organic Chemistry or thereabouts, Calculus, as much Chemistry as possible, English, Literature, History other liberal arts subjects, psychology, introductory and abnormal, and Physiology is useful.

If any students wish to apply please notify the Editor (see Staff Box) so that he might advise our contact person at Johns Hopkins.

just for a smile ??????????

KILIROY DID IT

The absent-minded professor, drove up to the door of his garage, looked inside blinked, and then leaped back into his car and drove at breakneck speed to the police station.

"Sergeant!" he gasped. "My car's been stolen!"

CAUGHT

wife: "How many pounds of fish was that you caught last Saturday, Harry?"

Husband: "Ten, darling."

wife: "I thought so. That fish shop has made a mistake again. They've charged us over fourteen."

WISE GUY

A certain John Smith witnessed an auto accident, and when the policeman asked the innocent witness, replied, "John Smith."

"No foolishness," the cop barked. "Give me your real name!"

"Okay," Smith replied. "Put me down as Abraham Lincoln."

"Well that's better," the officer said as he jotted down the name and address. "I've been fooled often enough by that Smith stuff."

CONT'D ON NEXT COLUMN

***** THE VOICE OF THE TURTLE

(Warner Brothers. Produced by Charles Hoffman. Directed by Irving Rapper) (taken from Sr. Scholastic Magazine)

Put this down as the best romantic movie comedy to appear in months. Based on John van Druten's popular Broadway play the film, surprisingly enough, preserves the freshness and lightness of touch that made the play a hit.

We say surprisingly enough, because frankly, we had expected Hollywood to muff this one up. The play was a slight thing to begin with, almost devoid of plot. Plot: Girl decides she is through with love. Boy persuades her in the course of a weekend that she doesn't really mean it. Development of plot: Boy and girl go out to dinner once, to theatre once, cook one meal at girl's apartment. (not exactly earth shaking devices!) However the Broadway production had a deft touch. This coupled with the simplicity of the story, managed to convey that elusive quality of young love. And one left the theater in good spirits, if not with any new or startling ideas.

We didn't think Hollywood could reproduce this effect mainly because Hollywood shudders at simple plots. In effort to give the audience its money's worth most movie directors feel they must toss in every melodramatic or comic trick they know. This time they didn't. Instead of going for fancy complications, the film wisely concentrates on lively dialogue and amusing bits of characterization. A varied pace and clean cut acting also contribute to the success.

Eleanor Parker plays the charming, if somewhat giddy, heroine who at heart yearns for the domestic life. Ronald Regan is likeable as the boy who senses her trouble and Eve Arden is in to comic form as an aging but gay, actress who would like to effect a monopoly on all attractive young men.

"ALL LANGUAGES SPOKEN HERE"

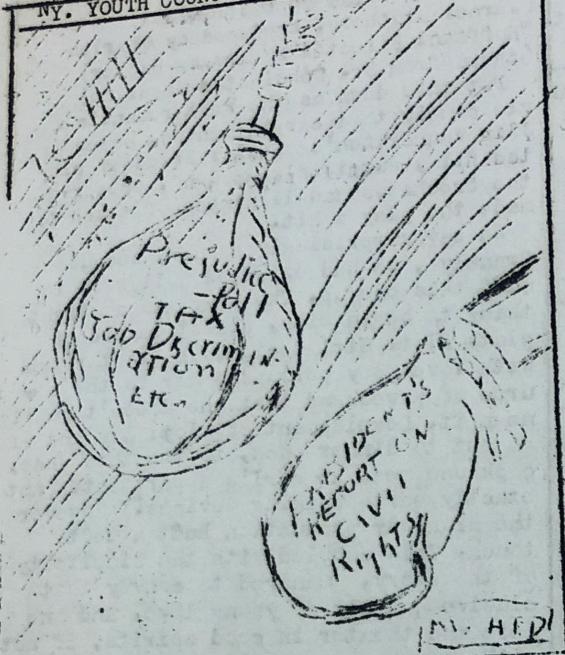
(this was a sign hung in a window)

One day a customer entered and started to speak English to the shop owner. The owner indicated that he didn't understand. The customer began to speak German, and then French, and then Russian. But the owner continued to shake his head. Finally the customer protested in Spanish "But your sign." The owner shrugged, "That doesn't mean me. It's my customers."

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AS I SEE IT
by Orville Clark

Recently, after about ten months of careful study, the President's Committee on Civil Rights issued its report. This historic document has been the subject of many a debate ever since. Basically, the report is a good one calling for the abolition of segregation and discrimination in many phases of our national life. Should its recommendations be enacted into law, it would be the boldest step towards freedom since the Emancipation Proclamation.

The report is not all good however. There are a few recommendations with which I am in disagreement. One, is to be found in Part Four, Section Four. Specifically the Committee recommends legislation to require groups, "which attempt to influence public opinion, to disclose the pertinent facts about themselves through systematic registration procedures." This may seem all right at first, but read it over two or three times paying particular attention to "systematic registration procedures." The results of such legislation could be catastrophic. It means that churches, schools, movies, radio, newspapers, civic organizations and all people and businesses organizations that advertise would have to register, presumably with the government.

Therefore all groups which refused to register, or which the government refused to register would be suppressed. I believe this to be a flagrant violation of the Bill of Rights. The free exercise of our democratic prerogatives must remain inviolate if our American institutions are to survive. The recommendations in the report are numerous and while we must oppose a few, we must not fail to give our unqualified approval to the others. Pressure must be brought to bear on the government for such legislation as anti-lynching, anti-restrictive covenants, anti-pool tax, and FEPC all recommended in the report.

I would suggest that Youth Councils and other organizations obtain copies of the report for their members. After carefully reading it, the groups should devote a full meeting to a discussion of the recommendations. Every available means should then be employed to disseminate its content and meaning to the masses. Rallies should be held. Delegations should be sent to the local congressmen demanding their support and, if finances permit, lobbies should be sent to Washington. The release of the report could not have come at a better time. We are now in a position—if we act quickly—to flood the President with telegrams, letters, and postal cards requesting that he include in the Committee's recommendations in his annual State of the Union Message to Congress in January. We are also in a position to bring pressure to bear, through unified action, on both party conventions scheduled for next Spring.

A politically mature people should make the profound recommendations of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, a political issue.

A THOUGHT FOR THANKSGIVING &
CHRISTMAS

We've just celebrated the American institution of Thanksgiving day in which we were supposed to give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us by the Almighty. How many of us are able at this season to say, "Thanks God for every thing that you've done for me and please God help me to do some thing for others less fortunate than I. Or perhaps you say, My God, I give a tenth of all of my goods to the charity, I give etc. and I know that I am not as that publican over there who gives nothing but a penny to them." I hope you are all honestly able to say, I say the former.

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U.N. GROUP KILLS PROBE OF BIAS ON U.S.
NEGRO

Geneva, Dec 3, (U.P.) A subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights to day voted down a Soviet proposal to investigate discrimination against negroes in the United States.

The subcommittee also rejected Russia's demand for on-the-spot investigations of discrimination against natives in colonies.

Russia's A.P. Borisov was the only delegate voting for the two proposals. He asked the groups to consider a "petition presented to the UN twice since 1946 by 15,000,000 Negroes residing in the United States who are subjected to discrimination on racial grounds."

Jonathan Daniels, American delegate, said he voted against the proposal because he felt it was the committee's job to guarantee human rights for all minorities everywhere. It was wrong, he said, to single out the American Negroes or to give their petition priority over those of other groups.

CHINA STAR FOR TEN

Chinese Ambassador Wellington Koo will present China's Order of the Auspicious Star to ten distinguished Americans on Dec. 3, in the Hotel St. Regis. Among the recipients will be Charles Edison, chairman, who is retiring of the United Service to China.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC:

Dear Friends and Readers:

Last month we told you of our plight and that we were in danger of losing our little paper and we appealed to you the reading public for help. We received some response and we were gratified to hear from you.

However we have not yet crossed the danger line. More money is needed if we are to continue bringing you the fine coverage which we have brought you for the past several months.

As Christmas draws near and we are reminded of the things which we have to be thankful for, we ask you to remember the Youth Council News-Bulletin on your gift and new year subscription lists. We want to thank those below who responded to our call and urge more of you to do the same. The amount we ask is small, only fifty-cents a month for any length you like. We do however to keep our records straight prefer the three month subscription of \$1.50.

In closing we want to wish you all a very Merry and blessed Christmas. Remember the starving peoples of Europe and America. Give generously to the Christmas Seal campaign. Give generously also to the N.A.A.C.P. Christmas Seal campaign.

Sincerely yours,
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NEW YORK YOUTH COUNCIL ADOPTS FALL PROGRAM

Sept. 10, New York -- By a unanimous vote of the membership, the 1950 Fall Program of the New York Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was adopted. Earlier in September, the Executive Committee reviewed the program and voted to recommend it favorably to the membership.

The Program sets forth certain objectives: (1st) - To build a strong New York Youth Council as the local youth unit of N.A.A.C.P.; 2nd - To make the Association's youth program and the Youth Council a community-wide enterprise rather than just another "club"; 3rd - To create an informed and militant youth fighting discrimination and segregation that Negroes as a minority group face in New York.

As presented to the membership by the Council's dynamic president, Mr. Aurelio D. Sterling, Jr., there were three divisions:

The first part outlines points of mobilization for the membership and for all Youth. There is to be an investigation of alleged segregation of Negro tenants in the 15 City Housing Authority projects in Manhattan; Participation in the current efforts to keep the streets and backyards of Harlem clean; and a public meeting on the candidates and issues in the Fall elections for U.S. Senator, Governor and Mayor.

The second part aims for an informed and alert membership and "youth" public opinion. There is to be a joint program with the Youth Division of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (composed of the conservative Jewish Synagogue youth groups) centering on the spiritual values of American Democracy.

Youth Council meetings are to become more informative with programs on; The Negro's contributions to American History, Human Relations; Community issues such as Health

housing, rat control, employment, and other timely topics as the United Nations, World Series, etc.

The Council's monthly publication THE CHALLENGE is to come out with material of an educational and "reader's interest" nature. There will be a comprehensive public relations effort to unite the Youth Council and the Community in a much closer relationship. Lastly, Council members will participate in a Metropolitan NAACP Leadership Training Course for Officers and Members.

Such an ambitious program runs on money, and efforts to secure it were outlined in the third part. A series of fund-raising socials were initiated last night, with others to come on September 23rd, a Halloween Costume Dance; all culminating on Sunday, November 12th at the Club Barron, from 4 to 9 pm

Planned is a membership campaign concentrating on Junior High Schools Churches and Community Centers. Also projected in cooperation with the New York Branch is a campaign to increase the ranks of Adults supporting NAACP's work among young people.

The parent body, the New York Branch, through its President, Mr. Lindsay White, and the co-Advisers to the Youth Council, Mrs. Aretha McKinley and Mrs. Ella J. Baker has expressed complete support and cooperation to the New York Youth Council. The National NAACP Youth Division through Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Youth Secretary, has also expressed complete support and cooperation.

With its adoption by the membership, implementation of the Program was begun immediately. Special Committees were formed and procedures worked out. As worked out by the Executive Committee and voted by the membership Exec members were assigned along with non-exec members to chair specific projects.

The program was adopted in a spirit of "All for One, and One for All".

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HIGHLIGHTS IN THE NEW YORK YOUTH COUNCIL

BUS RIDE TO CONNECTICUT

Amidst buckets of rain and an occasional ray of sun, 31 council members set out on a bus outing to Pleasure Beach, Conn. on Sunday August 20th. The bus was loaded with umbrellas and raincoats, jugs and lunch baskets--and a group of people who were determined to get to Pleasure Beach.

Though most of the amusements were closed, most members enjoyed themselves playing cards, singing and just plain talking while sitting in the bus.

With the sun shining brightly at 6:00 pm, the bus left on the return trip to New York.

NO MORE CHORAL GROUP

The Choral Group was forced to disband last month because its directress, Dorothy Ross, is en route to Missouri to teach music. The group started in April 1949 and even as it closed, it was the largest hobby-interest group. The group's president, Cedric Clark said that he hoped that the group would find a satisfactory replacement for Miss Ross.

The members were quite disappointed and are anxious to reconvene as soon as possible.

RECORD LISTENING CLUB

Plans are in the making to form a Record Listening Club to replace the Choral Group. If a meeting place can be found, the group will meet on Saturday nights. Former members of the Choral Group will be part of this club, and also anyone else who wishes to join.

A gala fall dance is being planned to be given at the Club Baron on Sunday afternoon November 12th. This matinee affair will be the first Council affair in a club and is expected to be a big success.

Numerous small socials will be held between now and November 12th as a means of raising funds for the big affair. Be sure to attend and tell your friends about it.

CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club met every other Monday evening throughout the summer. However, its meeting day will be switched back to Sunday starting with September. The group has progressed rapidly from the discussions conducted by Orville Clark. Actual developing and printing of pictures was done at the last meeting.

The group will have tours and picture taking techniques as the fall season progresses. Other phases will include night photography, time exposure, portraits, indoor and outdoor fotos, and eventually, enlarging.

HELP.....HELP

The CHALLENGE is desperately in need of funds. If you enjoy reading it, how about being a sponsor. Here's all you have to do. Just send one dollar to Cedric Clark, Editor, 69 West 130th St. Your name will appear in the paper as a sponsor. The money is used to buy paper and mimeographing supplies. We depend on you--our readers for support.

Please demonstrate your interest this paper by sending in your contribution today.

The November issue of THE CHALLENGE will be a bigger and better issue. Now staff members have been added, plus additional features. The rising cost of materials has forced a rise in the price of THE CHALLENGE. Future issues will sell for ten cents in an effort to continue publication of the CHALLENGE on a self supporting basis.

How about buying an extra copy of the paper to give to a friend? He will appreciate it.

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THIS 'N' THAT
by Cedric Clark

How many stopped to think about the important national and local events which took place since our last meeting? How many realize the effect they will have on the youth of the nation?

Let's mention briefly, and without comment a few of those events. First, and probably of greatest concern is the draft. Then we have Universal Military Training, the Korean war, the United Nations and the going on in the Security Council, the Foreign Policy of the United States, the Atomic Bomb and its effect on the peoples of the world, and numerous other problems which face this nation. Any one or all of the above mentioned subjects would provide an interesting topic for round table discussion.

A council meeting devoted to a few of these topics would serve a useful purpose.

About the members.....

Dorothy Ross, former directress of the Choral Group is presently teaching music in a Missouri school. We wish her lots of luck..... "Greetings" from Uncle Sam have been sent to Reginald C. Grier.... Paul Wilson has volunteered his services to U.S.A....(Uncle Sam's Army)...

Cedric Clark joined the Meteors S.A.C. after the break-up of the Council Softball team early in August....The fascinating female President of the Boston NAACP Youth Council and the fascinating President of the New York NAACP Youth Council seem to get along quite well. As a result, our Pres will be going to Boston University in February. (Look out, brother.)...

Alfred Collins was scheduled to be married on August 27. The knot was tied in July. (Guess he couldn't wait, Especially with things the way they are in Korea.....

James Boffman returns from Europe early next month....Agnes Henderson secured a scholarship with the Catherine Dunham Dance School which will take her on a tour of Europe.

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THUMBNAIL SKETCHES cont.

Rosalie Fauntleroy: joined Youth Council Spring 1946; was recording secretary, chairman of the Crisis Committee and a Executive Committee member-at-large. She attended George Washington High School and New York University.

Elaine Valeria Woods: joined Youth Council September 1949; was social committee chairman; went to Walton High School; was active in Council's chorale, tennis group; was a captain in Spring 1950 Membership Campaign.

Aurelio Sterling, Jr.: joined Youth Council September 1947; was chairman of Labor & Industry Committee, the Education Committee and Membership Committee. In addition he was vice president in 1948 and has been president since 1949. As membership Chairman he directed membership campaigns in 1948 which increased the Council's membership from 12 in September 1947 to 210 in 1948.

Besides Council positions he has been a Regional representative of the National Planning & Advisory Committee to NAACP Councils & Chair-

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The President's Column
by Aurelio Sterling, Jr.

Our best wishes go to Reginald C. Grier, formerly vice president, Rosalie Fauntleroy, formerly exec. member-at-large and Valeria Woods, formerly social committee chairman. Rosalie Fauntleroy left a week ago for the Woman's Army Corps, and Reginald Grier leaves September 30 for the U.S. Army in Kentucky. There are several other Council members leaving but being unsure of their status I'll report on them in a later issue.

The Youth Council started the fall by adopting a program which is reported on in this issue. Left out of the report in some information on mode of implementation. Presently the program is being written in a documentary form with info on past activities of the Youth Council and on the NAACP. Copies should be available the first week in October.

The membership should judge each Executive Committee member on the basis of what he does to make the program successful. But also, each member should examine his fellow member and himself on what he did to carry out the group's decision. Let he who is without sin, judge but also people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

A lot of us are very concerned and uncertain of our future six months hence. This is so if you've completed your 21st birthday or are close. The United Nations police action in Korea and the possibility of it repeating other places in the world has taken already four members into the Armed Forces with more to go.

The actual possibility of a war in which bombs will be dropped on America or where there will be sabotage or where the government will examine our thoughts and association and treat us accordingly is here.

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The question of the integration of Negroes and other minority groups becomes even more important in today's explosive world. It becomes even more important to each of us to make it his business that democracy wins out. In a world fraught with danger the best way to save your life is to help NAACP save everybody's.

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Ypls Entertainment News

by Phil DeWindt

The big thing in sports at the present time is the annual pennant fights-(pardon me)-pennant fight. The sports surprise of the year, the Phillies, are about to clinch their first pennant in 35 years in the National League. The beloved Bums (Pride of Brooklyn) are saying "Wait 'til next year babe."

In the American League a torrid battle is being waged by three clubs (Casey Stengle's Crusaders, Steve O'Neil's Stompers, and Red Rolfe's Ruffians.) I believe it will turn out to be the Stompers from Boston who will emerge victoriously. In any case, I feel very sorry for the Phillies when the World Series comes around.

In a lower league (financially only) the METEORS have closed out their 1950 season with a fair record--a little above the .500 mark. Thomas DeWindt, Carl Coleman, and Hugh Scott led in various team honors.

Another big question on sports-minded fans minds is the Ezzard Charles--Joe Louis scrap. Will the Cincinnati Cobra (Charles) be bounced by the great Mr. L. or, on the other hand, will Louis, old as he is, become Sir Charles' forty fourth knockout victim?

My prediction: Joe Louis--a winner by a knockout.

For the big things in literature, you might read:
History of the NAACP....Robert L. Jack/The Walls Came Tumbling Down
Killers of the Dream....Lillian Smith by Mary White Ovington
Frederick Douglass.....Benjamin Quales/The Negro Ghetto ...Weaver
A Man Called White.....Walter White Black Odyssey...Roi Ottley

The recent movies to our local theatres have been extremely good. "Woman on Pier 13" exposing the Communist Party was the best I have seen done along those lines: Robert Ryan doing his usual A No.1 job. "Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye", the latest Cagney flick was positively sensational. I hear that some of the girls are mad about the use of the wet towel by Master Cagney. (What's the matter girls, bring back memories?) "711 Ocean Drive" sparkled with Edmund O'Brien taking his usual cross country sprint. If you will notice, deaths are becoming very dramatic, beautifully in front of the cameras.

In another trend in movies (the racial question) "The Lawless" the story of what can happen to a person of a minority group when he has done something wrong. How the press builds up the story, how certain law officers act and how normal people can be twisted to hate another person because of his color are all part of the plot of this film. "No Way Out", another flick dealing with the race problem, starring the sensational Richard Widmark and aided by Sydney Poiter, the eminent Negro actor, is another fine picture and has been on Broadway for over a month. For entertainment, a few hours of relaxation--go to the movies.

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213 PUPILS FILE CHARGES IN
FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT

Atlanta, Sept. 21.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, accepting Governor Herman Talmadge's challenge, this week filed a suit to open Atlanta's "white" elementary and high schools to Negro pupils. Following the Supreme Court decisions in the Sweatt and McLaurin cases, Talmadge announced that as long as he was governor, Negroes and whites would not be permitted to attend the same schools in Georgia.

The suit, filed in the United States District Court here on Sept. 19 asks the court to issue a permanent injunction "forever restraining" the Atlanta Board of Education from denying colored elementary and high school students, "the rights and privileges of attending public schools where they may receive educational opportunities, advantages and facilities equal to those afforded to white children."

Instituted in the name of 213 elementary and high school students this suit is the second of its kind to be filed attacking segregation in the South in schools below the college level. The other suit is now ready for trial in Clarendon County, South Carolina.

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SECRETARY ACHESON ADOPTS WALTER WHITE'S AID-TO-KOREA PLAN

New York, Sept. 21.—When Secretary of State Dean Acheson addressed the opening session of the General Assembly of the United Nations urging international assistance to Korea in post-war reconstruction, he incorporated a proposal first advanced by Walter White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP. On August 10, Mr. White suggested in a telegram to Warren R. Austin, chief of the United States Mission to the Unations, that "we offer through the United Nations to restore all property destroyed (in Korea) because of military necessity to beat back Soviet aggression." This would serve, the NAACP executive

said, "as an answer to Soviet propaganda in Korea that the United States is heartlessly destroying property."

Addressing the General Assembly on September 20, Mr. Acheson said: "The lives lost as a result of this aggression cannot be recalled, but as the people of Korea set about the task of re-establishing a free and independent nation, as they begin to rebuild their country, the United Nations must be prepared to marshall its resources and its experience to help them...The United Nations and the specialized agencies can demonstrate to the world what they have learned about helping people to combat disease, to build hospitals, schools and factories, to train teachers and public administrators, to make the land fertile.

"I suggest that the General Assembly have the Economic and Social Council set up a United Nations Recovery Force to harness this great collective effort."

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RALPH BUNCHE WINS 1950
NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Oslo, Norway, Sept. 21.—The Nobel Peace Prize for 1950 was awarded to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, the U.N. mediator between Israel and the Arab states. He is the first Negro to win the award. He was selected from 28 nominees; among them—President Truman, Gen. George C. Marshall and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The cash prize of \$31,700 will be awarded on Dec. 10 in Oslo.

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E V I C T E D

The New York Branch of the NAACP was forced to move from its offices at 2272 Seventh Avenue last week. The building, formerly occupied by the branch, was sold and notice to find new headquarters was given to Lindsay H. White, President.

The temporary address of the Branch is now St. Phillips Parish House, 211 West 133rd Street. The phone number is still AD4-8050.

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STRAIGHT TALK
by Harold Doman

Since last we met in this space, the world seems to have gotten itself into a couple of difficult situations. The "Police Action" in Korea, sponsored by the United Nations, using mainly U.S. Troops, with a goodly number of the darker brothers involved in it, seems to have upset the current planning of a number of us. It is almost impossible to have a normal life. The Armed Services are draining the flower of our young manhood. Three of the fellows in our Council have been called up for active duty, and scores more will be going. Some of us will not be coming back.....

This whole situation which seemed so remote at first to you and me has come right into our living room, so to speak. Men of color are still discriminated against, even though they are performing some of the most brilliant action of the war. I have in mind the fellows who comprise the 24th Infantry Division of the crack Eight Army. According to the articles of Frank Whosinat Pittsburgh-Courier columnist, the 24th will be made scapegoat for some of the setbacks suffered in the present war (pardon me..... "police action"). Mr. Whosinat reports some very disturbing items, which are too lengthy to go into here. One of the things that he reports is that the 24th which has been in action since the beginning of the war has not been sent back for a rest period. This is very definitely contrary to military regulations and human decency. We advise you to read the on-the-spot articles for yourself in the Courier.

Discrimination still faces us here at home. We are spending billions of dollars for defense and propagation of the democratic ideal abroad, yet even our young men, who are fighting, are being given what I call the "hell" treatment. This means that you and I still have a job to do here at home.

The war against Jim Crow must still be fought. And in order to fight we have to be trained. With so many of us going, new leadership must be brought up. It is still not early to think about the November elections and to study possible candidates for the very important offices of President and Vice-President. We must set ourselves to the task of recruiting new members from the Junior and Senior High Schools of the City. We must begin to carry our message to the public. Each one of us must carry the message to his friends; the time has come for us to stop saying that we haven't any program in the New York Youth Council, or that they (the Council) don't ever do anything. Everyone of us in this Council has certain definite ideas and unless we get up and state them, we'll never get anything done.

Your Executive Committee has drawn up a new Fall Program, which was approved at the September 10th meeting. It is up to you and me to see that this program is carried out. The fellows in Korea are fighting for America and its ideals; this is the America which you and I love. We may gripe a lot but when it comes down to the basis of it all, we do love this our native land. While we are here at home we can aid the boys by striking determined blows for racial justice and equality, whether its by a forum and meeting or by a court case. The fellows on the battle lines are depending on you. Will you let them down? Won't you get in this fight now... today?

Thumbnail Sketches

Reginald Clifton Grier: joined New York Youth Council Spring 1949; was captain of boys Softball Team summer 1949 & 1950; directed Fall 1949 Membership campaign; was 3rd Vice President in charge of social & membership