

# Negroes face 2 critical factors in race effort

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The next few weeks probably will provide important clues to the route the desegregation movement will follow in the immediate future.

Two factors are critical:  
—Can Negro leaders be persuaded to declare a moratorium on street demonstrations during the weeks it will take to consider a strong new civil rights bill now before Congress?

—Can Negro groups settle their differences and join forces in one unified drive for the "civil rights" they are demanding?

President Kennedy has proposed a bill that would for the first time guarantee access by Negroes to privately owned facilities such as hotels and restaurants which generally are used by the public traveling across state lines. The Senate Commerce Committee has started on one phase of the bill.

Negro leaders are under the strongest pressure from both the President and Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy to call off racial demonstrations while the measure is under consideration.

### Attitude Is Negative

So far, the attitude of major

groups running the nationwide desegregation campaign has been completely negative to any proposal, even from the White House, for a moratorium on "direct action" demonstrations.

In keeping with their "no trace" policy Negro groups are moving ahead with plans for a massive demonstration in the nation's capital Aug. 28, timed when they expect the bill to hit the Senate floor. They say the demonstration would point up the urgency of passing the bill and would be a deterrent to an expected Southern filibuster.

Kennedy administration officials, sympathetic with the Negro

cause, have warned that a major demonstration could have just the opposite effect. Administration Democrats know they will need strong bipartisan support to shut off debate on the bill. They don't think they could attract much Republican interest — and might lose some from the Democratic side — if demonstrations outside are being used to pressure congressmen inside.

### Optimistic Figure

Negroes speak of promoting a crowd of 100,000 demonstrators. Granted the figure is optimistic, a crowd even half that size would present a monumental problem

at best and a possible riot at worst.

Who among the Negro leadership would be responsible for the conduct of such a crowd?

Many groups, principally the NAACP, have found it necessary to campaign for Negro support.

Rep. Charles C. Diggs, D-Mich., a Negro congressman, proposed a "summit meeting" of Negro organizations "where we start concentrating on objectives and forget the differences which may exist among our leadership with respect to the pace and approach."

Aside from reducing the overall effectiveness of the desegregation campaign—a point that was

## Firemen still fight pier blaze

TACOMA, Wash. (UPI)—Firemen continued today in an attempt to douse small fires in the still smoldering timbers under Pier 7, scene of a huge waterfront blaze here Sunday which claimed one life, injured 17 and caused a great amount of property damage.

The fire roared over the million dollar pier Sunday afternoon, killing Fire Department Battalion

chief Arthur Strong, 57, and scorching four gigantic cranes. The cranes were left standing over weakened and still burning timbers that threatened to give way and topple the 45-ton machines into the bay.

Seventeen firemen were injured and one, Dave Wiltfong, 34, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital with smoke inhalation. His condition was listed as satisfactory today. Nine others were treated and released at hospitals.

The fire started when a crane ran over an electric cable and caused a short, sending sparks and flames onto the wooden pier area.

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### WOULD-BE PURSES SNATCHED

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