

## Dramatic fight for civil rights being waged in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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At the corner of Clark Ave. and Lenox Road in Brooklyn, New York City, one of the most dramatic skirmishes in the civil rights battle is being waged.

The immediate issue at stake is the alleged discrimination against Negroes in the employment of construction workers. The crux of the matter appears, however, to be part of a long-standing and simmering bitterness against what Negroes call the North's "segregation in fact."

Thursday saw "chain-ins" introduced to the New York racial struggle. Negroes locked themselves together at the Brooklyn site where a new hospital is under construction next door to the basic sciences building of the downstate medical center.

Police separated the demonstrators and hauled them off to jail. At 2 p.m. Thursday, the count was 532 arrests for the week, a record not matched in many places in the South.

Demonstrators lie down before moving traffic on Lenox Road. They have halted a number of huge cement mixers carrying fresh concrete to the new building which has its steel girders up. Some have narrowly escaped being run over.

**Liberal Voting Area**

In the tree-shaded Brooklyn neighborhood, a mixture of frame private dwellings and large apartment buildings, the chain-ins have provided a strange commentary on the race issue. It is an area — apparently picked for this reason — where there is a large liberal vote in every election.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) have heavy membership in that section of New York.

The predominant race is this: Negroes and Puerto Ricans, often in competition for jobs, have joined forces in a battle for more jobs in the building trades. The Brooklyn hospital project was selected because of periodic charges of discrimination there.

The demonstrators are demanding they be hired under a formula of 25 per cent Negro, 25 per cent Puerto Rican and 50 per cent other races on jobs financed by state or city funds.

**Rejects Formula**

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, whose New York City office has been regularly picketed over the issue, holds that the demanded formula is unworkable.

"We cannot abandon the concept of giving equal opportunity to all by giving special privilege to a few," the governor said of the proposal.

As for the city's 122-union building trades council, a spokesman insisted there is no discrimination in hiring. But the council recently has proposed a new central board to review Negro applications for apprenticeships and journeymen (advanced) jobs.

"The barriers are invisible and it will take time to remove them," Rockefeller said.

The arrested pickets included ministers who broke into the strains of "We Shall not be Moved," an often-heard hymn at the integration rallies in Dixie Negro churches.

The fight of the Negroes was for more of the good jobs. A top grade construction worker can earn almost \$11,500 a year in New York for 40 hours of work a week.



**SUMMER THEATER**—Bill Bowers, in title role in "Don Juan in Hell," points an accusing finger at George Tadevic, who plays the Devil. Bend Community Players are repeating two-part skit from "Man and Superman," by George Bernard Shaw, as an added attraction for Water Pageant Days. Shows will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at 8:30 p.m. at Bowers Studio, 447 E. Greenwood Avenue. Also in cast are Bryant Hilliard, Shirley Snively and Jan Mouser. Classic Shaw think-piece is described as a dream sequence in abstract form.

## Postmaster General Day quits, to enter capital law practice

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Postmaster General J. Edward Day has resigned to accept what he called "an unusual opportunity" to enter law practice in the nation's capital.

The Post Office Department announced Thursday night that Day had submitted his resignation in a letter to President Kennedy expressing "deep regret" at leaving the post.

President Kennedy has accepted the resignation, a post office spokesman said, Day told Kennedy July 15 that he was resigning, the spokesman said, and it was agreed at that time that the announcement would be made at Kennedy's discretion.

Authoritative sources said President Kennedy has not yet decided upon a successor to Day.

There have been recurring rumors that Day would resign. Asked last March about such a report, the President told newsmen that he had no plans to replace the postmaster general.

that has been offered to me I can no longer postpone my return to private life."

**Leaves For Law**

A Post Office spokesman said Day was leaving to practice law here as partner in charge of the Washington office of the Chicago firm of Sidley, Austin, Burgess and Smith.

Day was associated with the firm from 1938 when he graduated from Harvard Law School until 1949 when he became an assistant to then Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois.

Day told the President that it had been "a great honor to serve in your cabinet" and reported that "the Post Office Department is in excellent condition."

"The goals which at your direction I set out to accomplish are all on their way to successful fruition," he wrote. "There are no pending department crises of a serious nature."

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## Ex-Peace Corps member tells of frustrations

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (UPI) — A former Peace Corps worker said Thursday that many Peace Corps members are becoming "frustrated and disillusioned" because they find many foreign governments "don't really want our help."

"They discourage us because they are afraid we'll acquaint the masses with a better way of life," said Charles L. James, 27. "Autocrats can control a discontented intelligentsia but they wouldn't be able to control widespread unrest."

## They agree with him on cherries

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Officials of the food and drug administration (FDA) are inclined to agree with Sen. Philip Hart, R-Mich., about the lack of cherries in frozen cherry pies.

But they don't know what to do about it.

Hart contended recently that pictures on the packages of the frozen pastry showing luscious wedges of pie crammed with cherries were a snare and delusion.

The senator said the pies were often than not contained far less cherries than the pictures would lead the purchaser to believe and even those floated in watery juice.

Hart, whose cherry state produces more cherries than can be sold, was indignant. He asked the FDA to investigate.

The first word today from Malcolm R. Stephens, chief of the FDA enforcement bureau, supported Hart's complaint.

"We think some of the pictures are not truly representative," Stephens told United Press International.

Thomas Bellis of FDA's food standards division suggested weight of the fruit might be the best standard for assuring the proper proportion of cherries.

## Sheriff Britton found innocent

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI) — Klamath County Sheriff Murray Britton was found innocent of allowing a prisoner to escape by a circuit court jury early today.

The jury of eight women and four men brought in the verdict at 2 a.m. after eight hours and 32 minutes of deliberation.

Britton was accused of causing a prisoner to escape official detention in a case involving a man charged with stealing a horse. The charge was subsequently dropped and the man did not stand trial.

Another charge and a civil action still are pending against the sheriff. He has been charged with contempt of court involving alleged tampering with a juror in another case, and the civil action involves a man who contends he was held unlawfully.

Stanley ordered almost 200 Negroes admitted to Durham white schools this fall, gave others the chance to transfer by Aug. 12 and directed the total desegregation of everything through high school by September of 1964.

Until recently, federal courts have been inclined to accept "stairstep" desegregation plans as moves in good faith by school boards. The jurists usually have retained supervision over the procedure to make certain it was not being used in a discriminatory fashion.

District Judge Frank A. Hooper refused to speed up the grade-year program of the Atlanta schools. Hooper ruled that the city school board was moving in good faith.

**Alabama Law Upheld**

At the pupil placement level, Alabama's law has been upheld by the Supreme Court which left its good faith application up to Alabama school authorities. A district judge has ordered Birmingham to prepare a September desegregation plan under the law.

**ITALIANS OK ALL NAMES**

ROME (UPI)—A bill was filed Thursday that would let Italian parents give their children non-Italian first names. Use of such names as John or Ivan instead of Giovanni and Iwan by a Fascist law of 1939 that still is in force.

## Court decision gives boost to desegregation campaign

**By United Press International**

A concerted campaign by integration groups for faster public school desegregation has received a new boost from a significant federal court decision.

U.S. District Judge Edwin M. Stanley ruled Wednesday that a "stairstep" desegregation program in the schools of Durham, N.C., after just one year's trial, is too slow. He ordered elementary and junior high schools desegregated in September and high schools one year hence.

Stanley's decision, if upheld in the higher federal courts, could provide the legal foundation for attacking similar plans in operation in a number of other Southern school systems. It was one of the rare cases since the Supreme Court school decision of 1954 in which a court has thrown out a gradual desegregation program already in operation.

Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, speaking for the court in a Memphis, Tenn., parks desegregation case, warned that it "was never contemplated that the concept of 'deliberate speed' would countenance indefinite delay in elimination of racial barriers in schools, let alone other public facilities..."

**LIKES GOLDWATER**  
WAYNESBORO, Ga. (UPI)—The Burke County Democratic Party Executive Committee urged in a resolution Thursday that Americans "regardless of party" support Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz. for president.

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## Southwest still gripped by heat

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A heat wave continued to burn the southwest today. Fair weather prevailed over most of the nation.

The temperature stood at 91 at Phoenix, Ariz., and 103 at Blythe, Calif., early today.

The mercury reached between 100 and 110 in many parts of the Great Plains and portions of Utah and Colorado Thursday. The highest recorded was 117 at Blythe.

Most of the moisture that fell was in the southeast, which had been hard hit by storms the past few days. At Winston Salem, N.C., 1.46 inches was recorded and at Appalachicola, Fla., 1.03 inches fell.

A half inch of rain fell early today at Devils Lake, N.D.

The northeast had 90 degree temperatures forecast again today. A reading of 97 at Albany, N.Y., Thursday tied a high for the day set in 1939.

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