Recent Wave of Unrest in South Seen Negroes' Most Determined Effort

Editor's note: Lunch-counter sit-downs by Negroes in half a dozen states in the South have given a new dimension to the South's racial segregation picture. In the following dispatch UPI Correspondent Al Kuettner, who has covered southern segregation developments since well before the U.S. Supreme Court's 1954 school decision, writes of the new effort to break segregation barriers in the midst of the long and continuing struggle over public school desegregation.

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Atlanta – (UPI) – The South has reached a new peak of racial unrest that has produced the most determined effort so far by Negroes to break down all segregation barriers.

The newest assault on southern segregation customs has given rise to a "Young Turk" element – youthful Negroes who appear unwilling to wait for the years-long efforts of their elders to win civil rights victories in the courts.

A "passive resistance" theme has held violence and injuries to a minimum, but there have been nearly 1,000 arrests, mostly Negro demonstrators with a scattering of white sympathizers.

Sitdowns Start

Leaving the efforts to desegregate public schools to the direction of older hands, the young crowd has aimed its attack mainly at segregated eating facilities. There is no reason to believe they will stop there.

The lunch counter sit-downs started with four students at one lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C. Within days, the demonstrations spread over six southern states.

So far, the lunch counter revolution has achieved little if any permanent desegregation of the facilities in the Deep South but has served to draw a lot of attention to the racial struggle. Many Negroes, arrested for the demonstrations, have chosen to stay in jail for days rather than accept release on bond. A number have been given stiff fines for disturbing the peace.

Expels Students

Placard - carrying pickets and parading Negro college students have kept their message in the forefront.

"Freedom and Justice," proclaimed signs carried by students of Alabama State College for Negroes in Montgomery.

Nine students at the college were expelled on orders of Gov. John Patterson for attempting to integrate a courthouse grill in Montgomery. The firing touched off mass student demonstrations, a peaceful march on the Alabama capitol and a boycotting of examinations.

Sympathy demonstrations popped up on the campus of famed Tuskegee Institute.

A similar planned capitol march in Columbia, S.C., where Negro students joined in the lunch counter sitdowns, was nipped by Gov. Ernest Hollings.

Accuses Outside Groups

"We will not tolerate any such pilgrimages at the state capitol or anywhere else in South Carolina," Hollings said. "Initially the incidents were confined to student movements, but we now have definite proof that outside, selfish, antagonistic groups are taking part."

Several interracial groups, in addition to the NAACP, are helping the Negro efforts.

One such group, the Atlanta Council on Human Relations, has issued an appeal to Negroes to use facilities that already havee been desegregated here, such as public transportation, airport restaurant and rest rooms, public library, Atlanta Art Museum, golf courses, certain discussion and education groups and specialized public welfare facilities.

"These facilities are not being used as much as they should," the council statement points out. "In some cases, they represent privileges won at much sacrifice."

Future Cars May Be Glued Together

Detroit – (Science Service) – Tomorrow's automobile will probably be glued together.

Two adhesive experts told this to the Society of Automotive Engineers here. A. Farley Thompson and Albert F. Martin of the coatings and sealers division of Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing company reported that structural adhesives can compete with welding and riveting for fastening light metals such as aluminum.

"The fact that joining with adhesives forms a seal as well as a bond should not be overlooked," Thomson and Martin's research paper said.

Lawyer's Slip Ends Damage Suit Trial

New York – A slip of a lawyer's tongue ended a damage suit trial here even before it got started.

A defense attorney questioning the first prospective juror asked if she had ever been insured by an insurance company.

The opposing lawyer challenged the question and the judge declared a mistrial.

The defense attorney said later he had intended to ask whether the juror had ever been employed by an insurance company.

Conscience Is Driving Authority Commanding Us To Choose Right

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"Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck." (I Tim. 1:19).

We read in our daily newspapers examples illustrating the power of conscience. A middle-aged man confessed that when he was about 14 he had placed arsenic poison in his father's coffee with fatal effect. But conscience drove him to confess after many years of decent living.

A 47-year-old man confessed that 33 years before, he had tampered with the brakes of his uncle's automobile, contributing to the death of his kinsman.

What is conscience?

1. It is a sense whereby we distinguish between right and wrong.

2. Moreover conscience is an authority commanding us to choose the right and refuse the wrong. Conscience not only tells which way is right and which is wrong, but it commands us to choose the right.

3. Conscience is a judge approving and rewarding us if we do wrong. Who does not know the delight of the soul when the right course has been chosen and followed.

The Bible furnishes examples of the sting of conscience. We see Cain wandering vagabond-like over the face of the earth. Herod, upon hearing of the preaching of Jesus, cried, "It is John the Baptist, whom I beheaded, risen from the dead." Judas rushed into the jaws of death rather than abide the fires of conscience.

Conscience is indestructible. It may be hardened, changed, silenced, suppressed but not slain. You can't kill it.

One may believe from the behavior of the race at home and abroad that sin has sickened the conscience of humanity. We are doing things that once shocked our conscience. The saddest of all crimes is the deadening of the conscience.

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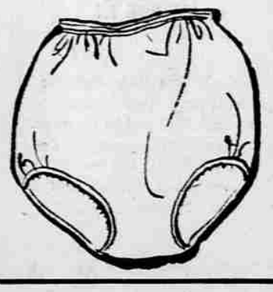

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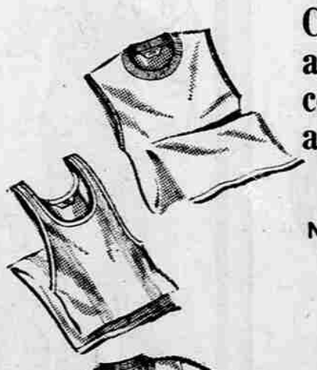

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