

North of Birmingham — I

# Eradication of Harlem Would Erase Most of Racial Problem in New York

Editor's note: Following is the first of five dispatches by United Press International on the racial situation in five key areas in the North — New York, Washington, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles.

By GARY P. GATES  
New York — UPI — If one word could be used to symbolize the Negro problem in New York City, the word would be Harlem.

Civil rights leaders on both sides of the color line agree that the removal of Harlem and all it represents from the face of the nation's largest metropolis would all but eliminate the racial tensions here. Harlem is considerably more than a community situated in New York's Upper Manhattan. To many Negroes who live there it is less a home than a condition of life, and the name of the condition is poverty. Or, as more than one Negro leader has phrased it, Harlem is "the black man's ghetto."

**Exceed One Million**  
There are slightly more than one million Negroes living in New York City and they represent about 12 per cent of the city's population. Ten years ago it was roughly 10 per cent and the increase is the result of Negro migration from the South as well as the exodus of the white middle class to suburbia. Since both movements show no signs of decline, the percentage is expected to continue rising.

Nearly 35 per cent of New York's Negroes live in Harlem, and most of the others live in what might be called

subsidary Harlems in other parts of the city. There is no law enforcing this residential segregation, but to escape from it is almost as difficult here as it is in communities where segregation has the official approval of local governments. And therein lies the difference between the racial conflict in New York and the one that now is on the rampage in the South. For unlike the South, the civil rights struggle here is not a legal problem.

**Best in Nation**  
"New York City and New York state have the most enlightened civil rights laws in the country," says Stanley Lowell, chairman of the City Commission on Human Rights. And Negro leaders would be the first to agree.

New York Negroes have no trouble exercising their right to vote; there are no legal barriers to school integration; the housing laws, both city and state, make it illegal for realtors to refuse rental or sale on racial grounds; and it is against the law to refuse employment to Negroes because of race.

"The Negroes in New York have won their battle for legal equality," Lowell said. "Now they are demanding true equality and make no mistake about it: They're impatient and angry and they're tired of listening to empty promises and platitudes."

"The shortcomings of our laws are that they're all negative," Lowell said. "You can enact legislation forbidding people to practice overt discrimination, but you can't pass laws demanding em-

ployers to actively seek out qualified Negroes and you can't pass laws forcing white Americans to accept Negroes as first-class citizens. And that's what the white community must do. We must increase our awareness of the Negro problem and we must do something about it before it blows up in our faces."

**Tension on Rise**  
There has not been a serious race riot in New York since 1943 when racial tensions erupted in Harlem and quickly spread to other parts of the city.

Since then there have been

a few minor skirmishes, "but these did not originate from racial problems as such," said Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm.

Arm confirms the recent reports that conditions in Harlem and other Negro areas have been more tense and hostile in recent weeks and officials are showing growing concern.

"I don't know if it's a resentment over what's been going on in Birmingham (Ala.) and other parts of the South or what, but the atmosphere is not good. Not good at all," he said.

## Cemetery Rights For Vets Reviewed

Portland—Any deceased veteran of wartime or peacetime service, whose last period of service terminated honorably, is eligible for burial in Wilamette national cemetery. R. J. Novotny, manager of the Portland Veterans Administration regional office, reminded area veterans.

The spouse, widow or widower of an eligible veteran may be buried in the same grave if space is available. A minor child of the veteran may also be buried in a national cemetery in the same grave in which either parent has been interred.

Should the spouse or child die before the veteran, the veteran must sign a paper stating his intention to be buried in the national cemetery before the spouse or child may be buried there.

At the time of the death of a veteran, spouse or child eligible for burial in a national cemetery, the mortician or person responsible for funeral arrangements should request interment directly from the superintendent of the national cemetery.

There is no charge for the graveside in a national cemetery, or for the opening or closing of the grave therein, Novotny said.

## Baby Elephant Is Rescued From Moat

Portland — UPI — Mc-Tu, baby daughter of the Portland Zoo's Rosy the elephant, was rescued from a dry moat at the zoo Friday.

Zoo visitors who heard the baby pachyderm whimpering as she circled the moat, notified keepers who coaxed her to climb a plank-walk back to her pen. She was not injured when she fell.

## Kennedy's Miscalculation of Civil Rights Pressures Noted

By LYLE C. WILSON  
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President Kennedy miscalculated the civil rights pressures by so wide a margin that he finds himself now confronting a dangerous and frightening emergency.

The emergency is both dangerous and frightening because it threatens civil disorder, riotous mobs in city streets, civil disorder spreading in the South. There is the solemn threat of it in Northern cities. The capital, itself, has been put on notice by Negro spokesmen that racial conditions must change in Washington to prevent a race riot.

Kennedy's miscalculation was political. The 1960 Democratic presidential platform carried to extraordinary extent the promise of legislative and administrative action in behalf of civil rights. Negroes applauded the platform and voted for Kennedy. He probably would have lost some big states and the presidency without their support.

**Rights Issue Delayed**  
Kennedy decided to postpone civil rights legislation during his first two White House years to avoid arousing Southern members of Congress. Their angry reaction would have delayed and perhaps killed much of Kennedy's other legislative proposals. Meantime, the President moved fairly hard and fast with administrative measures in behalf of civil rights, with special emphasis on the right to vote.

The Kennedy administration's biggest play for the Negroes, however, was in the field of emotional propaganda. Some Negroes were named to relatively high federal office. Negro leaders were welcomed socially at the White

House. The President dropped in unexpectedly one day on a group of young Negro college women who were having lunch. News stories and news pictures kept the nation informed of the President's attention to Negroes.

This political play seemed to be working well until this year when it suddenly fell apart. Negro leaders who had accepted Kennedy's early civil rights strategy as a political necessity for him, suddenly became disenchanted.

Even the President's best friends began to tell him. His anxious telephone calls to Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. on those occasions when her husband was jailed in the South were effective for a time. But just the other day, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was telling a California audience that the President had not done enough to outlaw segregation.

The Kennedy administration continues to support with armed men the ambition of James H. Meredith to study at

## Ministers To Elect Officers Tuesday

Officers will be elected for the Medford Ministerial association during the group's meeting Tuesday, June 4, at the First Church of God, 2000 Crater Lake ave.

A coffee hour will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the business meeting at 10 a.m. John Freese and the Rev. Clifford Young will review the work of the Jackson County Board of Christian Education.

The meeting is open to ministers and pastors of all faiths and churches.

## Pushinka Expecting Blessed Event

Washington — UPI — Pushinka, the dog Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev gave to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, is expecting again.

The fluffy, white 2-year-old offspring of the Russian space dog, Strelka, is expected to deliver a litter in two or three weeks, it was learned today.

The White House declined to confirm or deny that Pushinka was showing signs of motherhood. The pet was pregnant last December but suffered a miscarriage.

Five-year-old Caroline Kennedy's Welsh Terrier "Charlie" is believed to be the father.

Pushinka was sent to the First Lady as a gift in June, 1961, after the Kennedys and Khrushchev had met in Vienna.

**STAR GAZER**  
By CLAY R. POLLAN  
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Monday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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