

Racial Tension Seen Easing Despite Recent Demonstrations

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There appears to be a slight if temporary easing of tension on the racial demonstration front despite flareups at Charleston, S.C. and Savannah, Ga.

There was no cause for optimism yet but these developments are encouraging:

-A 24-hour truce was called in Cambridge, Md., after days of demonstration that had put the area under limited martial law.

-Despite widespread continuing acts of vandalism from a fringe group, major demonstrations appeared to

have eased off at Savannah, Ga., one of the Dixie tinderboxes.

-A local leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called for a 60-day moratorium on racial demonstrations in Columbus, Ga.

-Negroes apparently were playing a wait-and-see game in Jackson, Miss.

-Negroes postponed for one week a scheduled demonstration for better job opportunities and equal booking of persons arrested in East St. Louis, Ill.

The respite coincides with formation of a group in New

York which hopes to raise \$1.5 million this summer to finance the campaigns of six leading civil rights groups.

The thinking of the group was that financial security might slow down the aggressiveness of the integration groups.

What does it all mean? A prominent Negro leader put it this way: "Don't read too much into what has happened. It is largely coincidence that there was an easing off in several places at one time. But it is true that Negro groups are in a period now of re-assessing the situation."

A spokesman for Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, one of the more militant of the racial organizations, said there definitely was no spirit of "retreat" on the part of SOLC.

The NAACP, one of the dominant leaders in the racial field, recently has taken a double route on strategy. It has encouraged direct demonstrations and at the same time has taken one of the strongest stands against violence.

The NAACP spoke forcefully against the trouble in Savannah, where its organization was in competition for

leadership with King's "non-violent" group.

Rule of Thumb

A top NAACP spokesman in New York said a rule of thumb for the current racial picture is "to treat each situation individually."

"A lot depends on the white posture in each separate situation," he said. "We are willing to discuss and negotiate as long as it is useful. Responsible organizations want to win objectives, not trouble. Unless the hotheads take over, we can have peace so long as there is a willingness to negotiate."

"One main reason for these

surges of demonstrations is that the Negroes—mainly the young adults—have pretty much lost faith in the white power structure in these communities to deliver on their promises.

"The older adults are often willing to be a little more patient than the younger Negroes but then they get embarrassed when the business and political leaders fail to live up to promises.

"Unless we can get some negotiations in good faith, I don't know where this is going to end because that is the thing that produces these huge unruly demonstrations."

Ratio of Fatness In Body Found To Increase With Age

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New York—UPI—Between the ages of 30 and 70 the fat content of the normal woman increases by 53.3 per cent. This is the calculation of Dr. Charlotte M. Young, who is

establishing a scientific baseline on how much of the female is fat and how much is lean throughout her life span.

That could sound alarming to females but they can relax. The male doesn't do nearly as well in preserving his proportion of lean to fat as he ages. When both are young the female contains two and a half times more fat than the male does.

When this normal male and this normal female reach their 70s, however, he is 30 per cent fat and she is 46 per cent. Her fat ratio has increased by 53.3 per cent but his has shot up by 178 per cent. At this stage the female contains only one and a half times more fat.

Proper Proportion

By "normal," Dr. King means a woman who is not fat in the sense of being obese—a woman whose body weight is in proper proportion to her height and body build. For some years she has been measuring such women at Cornell University's Graduate School of Nutrition, Ithaca, N.Y.

The idea is to establish how much of the total woman is fat. Dr. Young has measured their body density, the thickness of the skinfolds at 12 places, basal oxygen consumption, a number of skeletal dimensions, and several other parameters.

All these measurements now show that between 18 and 30 female fat is 28.69 per cent of total body weight. It increases just a little between 30 and 40 but between 40 and 50 it gets up to 35.33 per cent. After 50 it is at 41.88 per cent and at 60 at 44.55.

"Mean body density and hence body fatness remained the same from 20 until about 40 years of age," she reported to the New York State Journal of Medicine. "Then density decreased and thus body fatness increased by decades."

Her male figures came from previous scientific studies of leanness-fatness ratios. It is well known to physiologists and physicians generally that females naturally have a higher fat-to-lean ratio than males.

Skinfold Measurements

Dr. King emphasized the skinfold measurements.

"The total thickness of skinfolds did not increase above that of the young woman until the fifth decade and at that point reflected accurately the increase in body fatness," she reported.

"However, although the skinfolds continued to increase slightly in the next two decades they by no means reflected the magnitude of the continued increase in body fatness."

This, she continued, "suggested" that beyond the age of 50 the female's increasing fat ratio is in her central fat, far beneath her surfaces.

But skinfold thicknesses in the abdominal regions were "superior to all of the other parameters in correlation with body density." She recommended these measurements to other scientists engaged in similar studies.

Substations Built To Resemble Homes

Toronto, Ont. — (UPI) — In this city a house may not be a home. It may be an electric substation.

The Hydro-Electric Power commission of Ontario is constructing substations in buildings that resemble nearby structures as nearly as possible to preserve neighborhood appearance, a recent meeting of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers was told. A paper described one substation as designed to appear as an apartment building, complete with false windows and a typical entrance lobby.

X15 FLIGHT CANCELLED
Edward AFB, Calif. — (UPI) — A scheduled flight of the X15 was called off today shortly after a B52 bomber took off with the rocket ship tethered beneath one of its wings.



PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE — These fine Kitty, the cat. Their playmate is Lory Loreh, 4 1/2, and logically they reside on co-existence in a troubled world are Charlie, the parakeet; Daniel, the Spaniel, and of Allison Park, N.J. (UPI)

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