

# Influence Struggle Among Negro Movements Overshadows Main Task

**Editor's Note:** The major civil rights organizations agree on their ultimate goal but they vary on the degree of militancy of their campaigns to reach it. This intensification of efforts, and the competition among the various groups for prestige and funds, is discussed in the following dispatch by a UPI correspondent who has covered every phase of the integration struggle for the past 10 years.

**By AL KUETTNER**  
Atlanta — (UPI) — An all-out influence struggle among Negro movements has temporarily taken much of the spotlight away from the overall desegregation effort.

The latest division among the Negro high command broke into the open at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People convention in Chicago where a nominally orderly group booted several speakers into silence or off the platform. One was Chicago Mayor Richard Daley.

James H. Meredith, a Negro who was enrolled at the University of Mississippi with strong NAACP support, was

rebuked by an NAACP youth leader as being too moderate. His reception was cool.

Meredith said the "bigotry and intolerance" among his own people brought him to tears for the first time since childhood.

Meredith's reaction recalled the shocked surprise that hit Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. recently when his car was pelted with raw eggs by militant Negroes in New York.

**Tedious Methods Chosen**  
Until a few years ago, practically all the efforts of Negroes in their move up the civil rights ladder were centered in activities of the NAACP. That agency, among the first organizations formed in the United States to advance the cause of Negroes, chose the sometimes tedious methods of the courts and face-to-face conferences with white leaders.

A similar approach was taken by the Urban League, an agency that has long been in the forefront of improving housing, sanitary and recreation facilities for Negroes in the big cities.

The change in the tempo of the Negro struggle started with three events — the Mont-

gomery, Ala., bus boycott, the sit-in demonstrations which originated with four young Negroes at Greensboro, N. C., and the "freedom rides."

The Montgomery campaign was run by King, then a young Baptist preacher in the Alabama capital city. His movement became the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, dedicated to non-violence.

The sit-ins caught fire like dry prairie grass and became the chief tactic of the Congress of Racial Equality and the Student Non-Violent Co-

ordinating Committee, a group that also argued for peaceful methods but was much more militant than the SCLC. "Snick," as it has come to be known, is made up mainly by high school and college students.

King's younger brother, the Rev. A. D. King, whose home was bombed recently in Birmingham, was an early leader in that organization.

**Organized by CORE**  
The "freedom rides" were organized by CORE, which remains one of the most mili-

tant of the desegregation groups although it too professes to believe in non-violence. The CORE organization collected clergymen, students, white and Negro integrationists and university teachers.

Sometimes all of these "direct action" groups, plus the NAACP, get involved in a single campaign but each has its own sphere of influence and its own war chest. Each has its own jealousies. These are coming rapidly to the surface now in a massive bid for

influence over the integration effort.

The internal struggle is bound to have a pronounced effect on such demonstrations as the civil rights protest march planned for Washington in August.

Complicating the struggle for leadership is the occasional animosity among local Negro groups running their own private civil rights campaign when larger organizations, such as those run by King, move in "and take over."

**March Opposed**  
A number of Negroes have spoken out against the march. Some have openly questioned the massive street demonstrations in the south and north.

There has been talk of a "summit" meeting between the major organizations, or even a possible alliance.

One such conference was held in New York recently. While the participants agreed their ultimate goal was the same — the abolition of discrimination — there was no closing of the ranks or for-

mation of one overall group with a unified high command. There is no one leader at the forefront to pull off the gigantic task.

It is not likely this will happen any time soon and the struggle for leadership, the competition for funds and the rivalry for prestige will continue.



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## The Medical Roundup

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**Recognizing Gifted Child**  
It is sad that sometimes a boy's teacher and his mother decide that the lad is dull

because he does not get good marks in school, or he does not fit in well at school, or he does not apply himself. The teacher may dislike the boy and say he is insubordinate, discourteous or insolent because, occasionally, he shows her that something she had said did not agree with what experts had written, or he remarked that the way in which something was being taught in the school could easily be improved.

One of America's most distinguished scientists once told me how, in high school, he was punished by being given low marks because he sometimes showed his principal how a subject could be taught much more interestingly. The only reaction of the principal was to take his name off the honor roll!

Similarly, in college many a gifted lad does not fit in comfortably, largely because he can't see any value in some of his prescribed courses, or he feels that they are being taught in a stupid way. I have been impressed by the number of eminent men in America who have said they would have gotten little out of their college years if it hadn't been for their voracious appetite for reading in the college library.

When I was in college I had excellent marks in all but one course. That one I despised because I saw so clearly that with a change in the practice of medicine, physicians no longer made their medicines out of herbs they had purchased. Hence, there was no longer any need for a course in the recognition of the various dried herbs obtained from old drug stores. The dean of the school, if he thought for a moment, would have abolished that course, and retired the nice old fuddy-duddy who taught it.

**Should Be Glad**  
Many parents are annoyed with a child who is constantly begging for information or is constantly trying to find out how everything works. They ought to be glad that he is full of curiosity because he is probably very bright, and likely, some day to be an able scientist.

As thoughtful psychologists are now saying, what we need often is not so much an intelligence quotient (IQ) as a creativity quotient (CQ) which will show us how creative a child is. We need to know how much curiosity he has; or how grimly he will hang onto it when his teachers insist that what he needs is only a good memory for what he reads often the dean of a school wishes he could tell if a bright student will ever be interested in research; also, will he quickly lose that interest as soon as he gets a good salary.

Actually, a test for creativity has been devised. To show what he has been studying in children, Dr. E. Paul

**Mexico Will Sign Test Ban Treaty**  
Mexico City — Mexico announced Saturday it would sign the partial nuclear test ban treaty agreed upon by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union.

Manuel Tello, minister of foreign affairs, said he hoped the decision to join the test ban would "encourage the great powers to persist in their purpose to arrive at a proscription of the nuclear tests."

India announced earlier that it also would sign the treaty.

Torrance of the University points out that to an ordinary child, an empty tin can is just a tin can. But to a creative child, it may be something out of which he could make a cookie-cutter, a toy telephone, part of a xylophone, a roof-shingle, a stilt to walk on, a rocket to explode, or something on which he could paint a picture that would go all the way around.

After searching for bright children in a group of 50,000 boys and girls, Dr. Torrance and his associates concluded sadly that most children start in life with some creative potential, but most of them have it knocked out of them before they reach the fourth grade.

**Teachers Disapproved**  
I can easily see how this could happen because several times in my school and college days, teachers disapproved of me because I was full of questions to which they did not have answers, or I wanted to study disease in patients, while they thought the correct way was to study it in books. The big rewards in school and college went to the lad with a good memory and a willingness to let his brain be stuffed with "book-learning."

As Dr. Torrance says, the promising child has great curiosity; he has flexibility so that if one approach to a problem doesn't work, he'll think of another one. He is quick to see gaps in information, exception to a rule, or contradictions to what he hears or reads.

Before I was out of college I was beginning to question the wisdom of some of the things my professors were saying and doing. Already, I was beginning to dislike an unthinking type of the practice of medicine, and already I was embarrassing my professors by asking why they did this or that—when they could not give me a logical answer.

This is the time of year many persons begin to suffer from hay fever. If you need information about it, you may send for Dr. Alvarez's booklet, "Allergy, Hay Fever and Asthma." Enclose 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request mailed to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.



**Omar, The House-Broken Rabbit, Even Liked TV**

He was lucky to be alive, for early in life he had had a terrible experience. Later, he completely overlooked the fact he was a rabbit. He was born in a furlined nest in a fern bed. The day came when Mother Rabbit decided the time was ripe for the youngsters to go out into the great, wide world. That was the day it happened. He, who was later christened with the unusual named of Omar, followed his mother and brothers and sisters out of the fern bed and into the meadow.

Little Omar was the last one in line. He was the one the big blacksnake grabbed. He screamed and wriggled. He could see his family racing for cover, but he was caught. Fear took complete possession of him but not a trace of it showed on his little face.

To the man who heard the little rabbit scream and came hurrying to the rescue, the little fellow seemed serene and composed. He had screamed himself out of breath, but no emotion showed. He apparently accepted what had befallen him with a philosophical calmness. Resignation is a virtue of the children of the wild.

**Held in The Jaws**  
The jaws of the big snake gripped the little rabbit's mid-section. He was crossways in the reptile's mouth. Holding the snake firmly under one foot, the man pried the jaws apart and released the rabbit whose fur was wet with the lubricant that was intended to make the swallowing of an animal's body an easy act for the reptile, even when that body is much larger than the throat that is waiting to encompass it.

After the rescue it was touch and go for the little rabbit. His body had been badly squeezed; there were several punctures in his hide, made by the feeding-teeth of the snake. But eventually he made it, then began a not-so-difficult indoctrination into human society and a complete change of environment.

Somewhere along the line, the little rabbit acquired a taste for human foods, as well as a liking for an unusual occupation, unlike any his ancestors ever experienced.

**Even House-Broken**  
Omar showed an un-rabbit-like aptitude for human companionship. He followed like a dog, except that he hopped instead of walking or running. He liked to be held and enjoyed having his ears rubbed. His eagerness to learn soon won him a place in the family circle. He slept in the house in a dog's basket and lunged on the kitchen door when he wanted out.

Omar became a conversation piece among the folks in the immediate neighborhood. People came frequently to see the rabbit that was house-broken and could do just about everything except talk. And Omar, show-off that he was, glorified in being in the limelight.

In fact, it was one of the visitors to the home that first observed and called to the owner's attention, the unbelievable fact that Omar was a confirmed TV watcher. Sure enough, every time the TV was turned on in the evening the rabbit retired to his basket which was directly opposite the set. Omar gave his entire attention to the flickering figures on the screen. During the hours he spent in watching, he never moved a major muscle except that his little pink nose kept up its customary wriggling which he couldn't stop.

**GENERAL PICKED**  
Salem — Oregon's National Guard Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Gordon L. Doolittle, Camp Withycombe, has been picked by the Department of the Air Force to observe operations in Europe.

**CANINE TRAGEDY**—Dixie, a month-old Beagle pup and the smallest of a litter of six, is suffering the pains of not being big enough. Dixie tried to keep up with her mother when they both tried to leap over a ditch at Albany, N. Y. Dixie didn't quite make it and landed with both front legs curled under her. Children heard her crying and took her to a veterinarian where the diagnosis was two broken legs. Casts were put on, which created an imbalance in Dixie's posture and she kept falling over sideways. However, this canine tragedy with a cast of two has partially recovered and now hops around like a kangaroo. (UPI)

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