

Bishops Praise, Censure Clergy's Integration Stand

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Praise and censure came today from Episcopal bishops for the desegregation attempt by 15 Episcopal ministers facing trial on breach of peace charges.

The Rev. Robert L. Pierson of Evanston, Ill., and New York City, son-in-law of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, was one of the 12 white and three Negro clergymen arrested Wednesday for trying to desegregate a Jackson bus terminal. Their trial was set for 3 p.m. today.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur C. Lichtemberger of Detroit, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., praised the action of the 15 clergymen. He said they were "attempting to bear witness to their Christian convictions about racial matters and to make it evident to the whole country what the position of the Episcopal Church is."

Bishop Wilburn Campbell of Charleston, W. Va., head of the Episcopal diocese of West Virginia, said the "Prayer Pilgrimage" "deliberately and defiantly violated the known laws of municipalities and states." He said the ministers "should be prepared to take the consequences."

"Personally, I have little sympathy for them — not because of

their goals and ideals, but because of their tactics," Campbell said. "You cannot achieve a moral goal by immoral actions."

One of the arrested ministers, the Rev. John B. Morris, 31, of Atlanta, is executive director of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, sponsor of the pilgrimage. Campbell denounced the group as an "irresponsible self-organized association" with no official standing in the church.

The group of 28 ministers—23 white and five Negroes—who left New Orleans on a prayer pilgrimage to the Episcopal Church's 60th general convention in Detroit, Mich., was headed by the Rev. Malcolm Boyd of Detroit. The group hoped to reach Detroit by Sunday.

Boyd said in New Orleans before leaving, "We have no official backing of the Episcopal Church."

When asked why, he said, "some churches in the South—and elsewhere—might fall away from the (Episcopal) church because they don't have the same convictions as we have."

The city prosecuting attorney, Jack Travis, a veteran of "Freedom Rider" trials, was expected to handle state charges at the trial.

Carl Rachlin of New York, gen-

eral counsel of the Congress of Racial Equality, will aid in the defense handled by Jack Young of Jackson, a Negro attorney.

CORE sponsored the Freedom Rides into Jackson.

There were no indications how the trial would be handled by either side. Freedom Rider trials in the city court have lasted less than 15 minutes.

The Rev. Jack Malpas of Baltimore, Md., who visited the ministers Thursday along with the Rev. Niel Hastie of Boston, said spirits were high.

He said they celebrated high mass and had also set up a portable altar. He said police allowed them to take sacraments to the three Negro ministers in a separate cell.

"They are receiving messages of encouragement from their families and friends. There was no discouragement among them," Malpas said.

He said the clergymen reported good treatment and respect from authorities.

Malpas said there were no plans to secure their release on appeal bonds after the trial if they are convicted.

"They will all probably serve some time and some of them may stay in jail longer," he said. "I expect all of them to appeal if they are convicted."

Pierson, 35, is the husband of Ann Rockefeller, one of the New York governor's five children. Malpas reported he appeared embarrassed by the attention given his connection with the governor.

Six other members of the group were at the Episcopal-operated University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., today—announcing they

planned to seek service at a segregated restaurant on the campus.

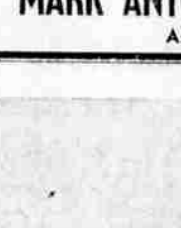
Clara Shoemate, who operates the restaurant under a contract with the school, said she would not let the group past the front door—indirectly or otherwise.

On the Senate floor in Washington, Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., said the ministers "were getting a long way from their pulpits. Certainly there is nothing in the sermon on the Mount which calls on them to stir up agitation."

Javits defended the group, saying "a great moral issue was involved."



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Convict Labor Decision Required Careful Study

SALEM (AP)—A 2-1 decision of the State Board of Control to use convict labor to build two state buildings resulted after careful study. Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. and state Treasurer Howard Belton said Thursday.

Appling and Belton voted down Gov. Mark Hatfield, who opposed using state penitentiary inmates to build a women's prison at Salem and a greenhouse at Dammasch State Hospital at Wilsonville.

The use of prison inmates in state construction has been going on for many years, Appling said. He cited cell blocks, prison farm

Pendleton Rodeo Opens

PENDLETON (AP)—The Westward Ho Parade wound through downtown Pendleton this morning as the annual Pendleton Roundup, one of the West's biggest rodeos, went into its third day.

At the end of Thursday's competition in the Roundup arena, Harry Charters, the big Melba, Idaho, cowboy, had established himself as a favorite to successfully defend the all-around championship he won at last year's Roundup.

Charters, had a combined time of 29.1 seconds for two calves in the calf-roping contest. This established him as one of the finalists in the \$5,067 purse event.

He added a time of 9.5 seconds in the bulldogging to gain some more points for the all-around title.

In the exciting and dangerous bull riding, Leon Anderson of San Diego led after Thursday's competition on the strength of a 175-point ride. He was the exception, with the majority of the bull riders being thrown before the required 8-second ride.

Dean Oliver, Boise, was right behind Charters in calf roping, with a two-calf time of 33.3 seconds. In bulldogging, Bill Duessen, Lewistown, Tex., led after Thursday's round on the basis of his 7-second time in the first go-round. But veteran cowboy Bill Linderman, Gooding, Idaho, wrestled his steer to the ground in 6.4 seconds for the best time so far of this year's Roundup.

Winner of the first go-round in bareback bronc riding was Sammy Flynn, La Grande, Ore. In steer roping, Jim Snively led as the Roundup went into its third day, with a combined time of 43.3 seconds for two steers.

But veteran Ike Rude was close behind. The 68-year-old Pendleton cowpoke had a two-steer time of 44.7 seconds.

Governor Backs Bomb Shelters

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark O. Hatfield Thursday asked officials of Oregon's 36 counties and the city of Portland to encourage people to build fallout shelters.

He said elected officials "have the responsibility of taking positive and courageous action without delay to insure the survival of our people and our nation."

He requested the heads of counties and cities to attend the statewide civil defense conference in Salem Sept. 19.

Fallout Kits To Be Posted

SALEM (AP)—Forty-three radiological monitoring instrument kits will be delivered to the state Highway Department, the state Civil Defense Agency said Thursday.

The kits will be placed at selected points in Oregon and highway divisional headquarters. This will provide a network in Oregon capable of detecting and reporting fallout in any emergency.

Highway Department employees then will have the ability to comprehensively monitor fallout to insure the safety of Oregon highways or alert motorists to any danger, the announcement said.



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