

Kennedy Deserted By Civil Rights Leaders

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The Kennedy Administration has been deserted by its principal Negro ally in the effort to keep the civil rights controversy in the courts and off the streets.

The ally was the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). But NAACP took the civil rights dispute to the streets in Philadelphia with mass picketing against job discrimination. Later Roy C. Wilkins, NAACP national secretary, joined the Jackson, Miss., street demonstrators and was arrested.

Heretofore, NAACP has been the Negroes' legal counsel. It was NAACP that confronted the Supreme Court with the arguments that obtained the Court's order for desegregation of public schools. But the legal process has proved to be too slow for impatient Negroes, just as the Kennedy Administration's major strategy effort proved too slow.

Registration Reasonable

The Kennedy strategy was to obtain registration and voting rights for Southern Negroes. That would be the moderate, reasonable, least abrasive way to assure the Negroes' civil rights — permit them to vote. The other rights then would follow.

The white man got his civil rights guaranteed that way. The white man needed many more than 100 years to accomplish

that, however, if you date the beginning of basic white civil rights no further back than 1215 A.D. That was the year of the Magna Carta.

Taking into account the civil disorders in Birmingham, Jackson, Miss., Philadelphia and elsewhere, plus the movement of NAACP from the court room into the street, the Kennedy Administration had no alternative but to adopt its present civil rights strategy. The Administration was compelled to move to other ground.

The time of the moderate, reasonable, least abrasive approach to the problem of civil rights had run out. The direct actionists among Negro leaders were taking over. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., was predicting riots in the streets of Washington, D.C. He was telling radio audiences at home and abroad that the battle for civil rights was just about over because the white man was scared.

Children Used

Negro children also were injected into the controversy. Negro adults sent the grade schoolers into the streets to challenge local police power. A misplay then with a gun, a dog or a night stick could have triggered bloody violence in most streets of every major U.S. city. It hasn't happened that way yet. But it could.

All of this is some measure — but not all of the measure — of the crisis the Kennedy Brothers now clearly see and which they now seek to control with more federal legislation. Their objective is to speed-up the process of making effective the civil rights commitments of the constitution, of the laws and even of the Democratic party platform.

President Kennedy re-stated his purpose in his May 4 news conference: "I've made it clear since assuming the Presidency that I would use all available means to protect human rights and uphold the law of the land."

If Congress authorizes federal shortcuts to court orders in behalf of civil rights, Kennedy is committed to order up the armed forces in support if necessary. That is one alternative to the ballot box approach to civil rights. Small chance that this dangerous alternative will keep the civil rights controversy in the courts and off the streets.

Doctor Named Center Head

PORTLAND (UPI)—Dr. Samuel Diack, a Portland physician, was elected president of the Oregon Graduate Center for Study and Research by the board's trustees Tuesday.

Dr. Diack succeeds Dr. Richard Sullivan, president of Reed College here.

Also elected were Gerald Frank, Salem, vice president; Harold Phillips, Portland, treasurer, and State Supreme Court Justice Arno Denecke, secretary.

Dr. Sullivan had served as temporary chairman since the board's organizational meeting last Jan. 24. He asked to be relieved of his duties.

Medical Problems Loom In Future Space Flight

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI)—The astronauts' doctor cautioned today that weightlessness may create troublesome medical problems on future long space flights despite the success of U.S. manned orbital operations to date.

Dr. Charles A. Berry, who was responsible for L. Gordon Cooper's medical welfare during his 34-hour flight, said physiological effects of long weightless periods may make it necessary to equip long-endurance vehicles, like space stations, with artificial gravity devices.

He indicated he favored one more Project Mercury orbital flight of longer duration than Cooper's to continue the step-by-step buildup of knowledge about gravity-free existence.

"We are not setting up straw men so we can knock them down," Berry said in an interview at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Manned Spacecraft Center, where he is medical operations chief.

"Not with anything we have learned can we say that man can't fly in space. But we still don't know whether zero gravity is going to be a problem" for astronauts during and after flight.

Berry said there were no serious problems to limit man's ability in space at the 166-mile heights and for the durations they have been achieving. He said the time had come from the medical viewpoint to "commit man to longer flights."

Conferences are being held between spacecraft center officials and NASA heads in Washington this week on whether to schedule

one more Mercury flight that would be an open end mission—staying aloft as long as safe for astronaut and spacecraft.

Berry described two possible effects of weightlessness that will be of concern as astronauts head into longer missions.

One is the loss of calcium from the bones and its "mobilization" in the blood and urine. "We want to know what the problem would be over a long period, say in a space station," Berry said.

Another possible effect is hypotension, a sort of "wooziness" like that which affects persons who get up after being bedridden.

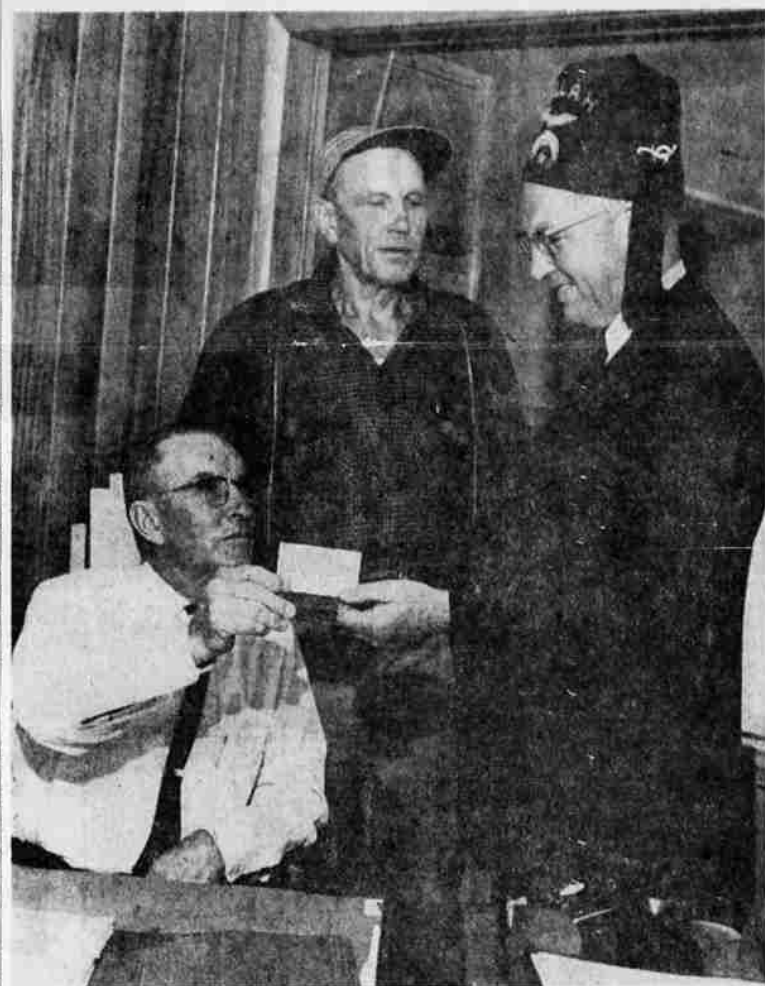
Superintendent

GRANTS PASS (UPI)—Thomas W. Calkins, supervisor of secondary schools with the State Department of Education, has been named superintendent of the Josephine County School District, effective July 1.

He will fill the vacancy created by the death of Elmer Fleming last April.



Herald and News



FIRST TICKET — General admission prices to the Shrine Crippled Children's dance Saturday, June 15, are down in the easy payment bracket, but Bill Metter, seated, bought a \$100 donation ticket from dance chairman Ralph Ovgard to support the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Portland. Brother George Metter looks on while Ovgard makes the presentation in the Metter Brothers mill office. All proceeds from this annual dance will go to the task of straightening bent and deformed limbs on children who otherwise might be forced to go through life helplessly handicapped. Tickets for this event are being sold now by all Shriners and Masons.

JFK Making Business Bias Progress

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy appeared today to be making progress in selling business executives on the need for voluntary desegregation of their establishments to avoid racial demonstrations.

The President met Tuesday with 100 executives of firms with outlets in the South to urge them to speed desegregation. He seemed to have convinced a number of them that this should be done promptly.

Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson joined the President in the 45-minute conference at the White House with the businessmen.

Milton L. Elsborg of Alexandria, Va., president of Drug Fair Stores, said the consensus of the executives was that the desegregation requested by Kennedy "must be done and done right now."

The tone of the meeting, he said, was that "this is something which must be done in a matter of days" to counter the rising tide of Negro demands.

Sumner Redstone, president of Redstone Management, Boston, said the temper of the meeting was a "general endorsement" of the President's proposals and a great deal of approval of the objectives.

Joseph E. Chastain, president of the Lantz Department Stores based in Dallas, Tex., said he thought the overall sense of the meeting supported cooperation with the President in attempting to desegregate commercial facilities as rapidly as possible.



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New State Income Tax Law Means Bigger Bite; Tables Being Prepared

SALEM (UPI)—Most Oregon taxpayers are going to have to dig deep in their pockets for extra money early next year when they file their 1963 income tax returns if the new tax hike goes into effect.

Tax Commission legal and accounting personnel were pondering the problem today.

They did not know which of several plans to adopt.

They were waiting to see if the new tax increase will be referred by the voters.

Tax Commission Chief Legal Counsel Carlisle B. Roberts said the new income tax would not be

come law until Sept. 2. This is 90 days after adjournment of the legislative session.

Legally the session ended at 12:09 a.m. June 4, the 142nd day of the session, although legislative records will show adjournment at 11:39 p.m. June 3, the 141st day.

Roberts said the commission could make up the new tables immediately, but probably could not have them printed in time for use beginning July 1.

He felt the commission would decide to start the new withholding rates at the beginning of the final quarter, Oct. 1.

"But we can't anticipate an early change in collection rates because the tax increase might be referred," he said.

John J. Lobdell, director of the accounting division, said the commission could issue a temporary withholding schedule to pick up the extra money to cover the full

year, but he doubted it would be done.

"I would guess the commission will adopt new tables effective Oct. 1 to reflect the changes resulting from the new law," he said.

"Refunds this year have averaged \$39 a return, so this will take up some of the slack. Others will just have to pay the difference at the end of the year," Lobdell explained.

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