

# MISSOURI SOLON URGES SELECTIVE BOYCOTTS

MISSOURI'S ONLY NEGRO member of the state Senate believes that civil rights problems should be approached from a purely local angle because "no single method of achieving our aims can be intelligently used in every place and situation."

State Senator T.D. McNeal (Dem.-St. Louis) said selective

boycotts and increased efforts to insure adequate enforcement of existing nondiscrimination ordinances are the best ways to advance civil rights in St. Louis at the present time.

McNeal claimed that St. Louis has the basic laws necessary to assure Negroes the equality they seek. He

suggested that the same situation existed in localities throughout the nation and that all but "the obviously silly or violent methods" may have proper application in various parts of the country.

"Our big problems here include implementing our laws on fair employment and housing, upgrading the quality and availability of publicly-supported education—particularly in the fields of vocational and technical training—and motivation of young

Negroes to acquire the training necessary to secure and hold available jobs," he said.

"THE MOST EFFECTIVE methods we could use in St. Louis would be the selective boycott against recalcitrant employers and otherwise directing our resources toward seeing to it that the good laws we now have are properly implemented through adequate enforcement," McNeal continued.

Pointing to the recent successful campaign in Kansas City

to extend the public accommodations law, McNeal said the referendum "illustrates the importance of using methods that will not alienate white support." He said two whites voted for extension of the law for every Negro who did so. The measure won by a narrow margin.

Unemployment is the greatest problem facing the Negro according to McNeal. He said that automation is eliminating jobs in this country at the rate of more than 2,500,000 a year. Unless steps are

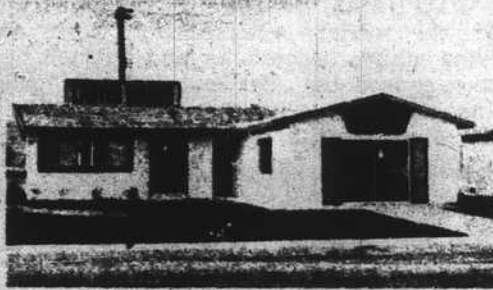
taken to retrain millions of workers and reduce average work hours, the United States "might as well prepare itself to face a not-to-distant future when at least half the population is on a dole," he said.

McNeal urged support of a boycott called by the St. Louis branch of the NAACP against products of Lever Brothers Corp. The branch has charged that employment practices at the firm's plant in nearby Pagedale are discriminatory.

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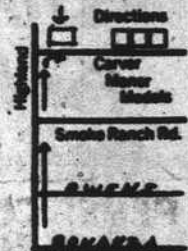
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