



SPORADIC BUT STEADY PROGRESS in the employment of Negro actors on the New York stage has been noted by the president of Actor's Equity.

Frederick O'Neal, in an annual "integration report", appearing in the September-October issue of the union's magazine, "Equity", reveals that 284 Negro actors were employed on and off Broadway last season--largest number in the nine years that integration figures have been kept.

The report tabulates the total number of Negro actors employed, the total number of shows employing Negroes and the total number of shows with integrated casts. The third category, O'Neal said, produced the "more meaningful" figures.

"These are shows in which Negroes are cast in roles that are not racially designated either by the playwright, by custom, tradition or directed interpretation. From the figures in this group, it will be noted that some slight progress is being made from year to year."

The number of shows with integrated casts on Broadway last season were 16 and off Broadway 11 for a total of 27. The comparable total figures for the four preceding seasons were 20, 21, 12 and 7.

This season the theater will see the most definitive example of the integrated cast. Diana Sands and Alan Alda, a Negro actress and a white actor, went into rehearsal last week in "The Owl and the Pussycat," with no reference made to race.

O'Neal pointed out in the report that employment figures fluctuate widely. For example, although 284 Negro actors were employed last season, only 77 were employed in 1962-'63.

He said this could be attributed largely to the number of shows with all or predominately Negro casts. For example, last season "Sponono," "Tambourines to Glory," "Blues for Mister Charlie" on Broadway, "Porgy and Bess" at City Center, and "Jerico Jim Crow," "Ballad for Bimshire" and "Cabin in the Sky" off Broadway accounted for last season's high total.

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AN "ALL-STAR" COMBO composed of ABDUL KARIM at the organ, BILLY TOLLES on tenor sax and GEORGE JENKINS on the drums is now holding forth six nights a week (and into the wee hours of the morning) at RUBEN'S SUPPER CLUB. The hot beat of this talented trio is attracting hep cats from near and far to the Owens and H Sts. rendezvous, where delicious food is offered discriminating diners 'round the clock. (Adv.)

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Papal Council Asked to Denounce Bias

VATICAN CITY--Pope Paul's ecumenical council last week was asked to denounce racial segregation and discrimination "with the force of the trumpets of Jericho" by two American Roman Catholic bishops.

The Most Rev. Patrick O'Boyle, archbishop of Washington, was the principal speaker representing 250 prelates from the United States at the council meeting. Monsignor O'Boyle referred to racial injustice as a "detestable evil."

Both he and Bishop Andrew Grutka of Gary, Ind., who spoke on the same theme, received ovations from the 2200 prelates attending the council in St. Peter's Basilica.

Bishop Grutka told the prelates: "The voice of the council's opposition to every form of segregation and discrimination must be heard with the force of the trumpets of Jericho."

The statements came during continuing debate on the position of the church in the modern world.

The section debated was on the dignity of the human person, and its reference to racial discrimination is limited to an appeal for the acknowledgment of human rights "by all men and in all men without distinction of race, sex or social condition."

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Monsignor O'Boyle requested a new section "to deal formally and with utmost clarity on racial discrimination."

"The detestable evil of racial injustice is not just a sociological but a moral and religious problem," he said.

Bishop Grutka said all discrimination and segregation is a "challenge to providence" and represents hate and disrespect. He called the present document very weak and said it should be "as solid as a mountain of granite."

The council should make a clear call in favor of equal opportunity for all, and especially equal housing possibilities because of the crime-breeding problem of slums, the Bishop said.

Valley View Golf Slated

SIXTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT of the Valley View Golf Association has been scheduled for the Las Vegas Municipal course on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28.

There will be 21 trophies at stake in the 36 hole event, three each in five separate handicap flights for men and two women's divisions.

All members of the various golf associations in Nevada with established handicaps are eligible to compete. A number of well-known out-of-state players also have been invited.

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