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# JACKIE ROBINSON'S SON WOUNDED IN BATTLE

JACKIE ROBINSON, JR., 19, son of the famed former baseball star, was wounded by shrapnel in the fighting at Viet Nam, it was learned this week.

Robinson, Sr., and his wife, Rachel received the news at their Stamford, Connecticut home through a letter from their first-born. In reporting the incident to his mother and father, Jackie Jr. was careful to relieve their anxiety with the doctor's assurance that a shrapnel wound in his right hip was not a critical one, and that a three-day hospitalization period was all that was indicated according to doctors attending him.

The conflict in which he suffered injury, Jackie related to his parents, occurred 30 or 40 miles from Saigon. He described how two of his American comrades, one on either side of him had been fatally wounded, and had died as he and other fellow-GIs dragged their bodies back from the line of fire.

In an exclusive interview with the Associated Negro Press, Robinson expressed his and his wife's deep feeling for the parents of the slain boys. "We're very fortunate that our son was spared", he said.

ROBINSON ALSO SAID he thought it was "very wrong" for Americans to demonstrate

carrying flags displaying sympathy for the Viet Cong, although he conceded the right of demonstrators opposed to war and to U.S. policy in Viet Nam to express their feelings.

He took sharper issue with those who impugn the decency of American boys who are involved in the fighting.

"It must be a tragic thing for parents of youngsters who are dying in the course of doing their duty to have to witness fellow-Americans advocating the enemy cause and attacking the character of our kids on the front lines", he declared.

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## Problems And Surprises For Southern Teachers

UNITED PRESS International correspondent, Al Kuettner, recently conducted an unusual interview with six school teachers in Atlanta Georgia who, for the first time, had the experience of teaching Negro children as a result of the integration of three of the city's elementary schools and three high schools this fall.

With a teacher from each of the newly integrated schools present, Kuettner tape recorded the following interesting and candid discussion.

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Q. What reaction did you get from white children when Negroes first came into your class?

A. (High school) A small percentage were belligerent . . . A small percentage comical, laughing about it . . . Whenever there were just a few Negro students, there were a few brave souls who tried to help them.

A. In my elementary school the situation was different. I was delighted to see how well they got along. They acted just like children. We went out to recess and I said form a circle. I didn't tell them how to form it. But there would be white children dotted along with Negroes. They would be holding hands and they didn't see any difference.

Q. Do you find cases where a white boy stands up for a Negro boy and vice versa?

A. That happened in the cafeteria recently. A white boy was chasing a colored boy and a colored boy turned around and said the other colored lad had been wrong.

Q. Do the Negro students have leadership qualities?

A. Very definitely. My sixth grade class elected a Negro girl president and a white girl vice president. The whites are outnumbered (9 to 20) but each girl was very well qualified.

Q. Do you find them more or less eager to learn?

A. Less eager.

A. But very responsive.

A. When you discuss something, they are very eager and just jump out of their seats to talk about it. But they have a hard time getting down to that systematic format where you can really learn. It's their home life, I think.

A. But when they respond, it's like any other child except with a little more enthusiasm.

A. They are bubbling all the time . . .

A. They don't just walk down the hall . . . They bounce.

A. The first week of school, I spent the whole time trying to get them to raise their hands, not to speak out . . . Just to get them to sit down, stay in their seats . . . Not to go to the pencil sharpener . . . I have sixth grade . . . They

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## Ebony Model and Hostesses



LOVELY DAPHNE DUMAS is one of the Ebony models who proved such a smashing success at the Ebony Fashion Fair sponsored by the Alpha Rho Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Sunday at the Sands Hotel. Equally charming were the sorority sisters shown here from left to right - Front row - Nina Kellar, Dottie West, Thelma Toms, Basileus; Natalie Arrington, Eddy Kim --Second row - Edyth Abington, Lorraine White, Helen Crozier, Helen Anderson--Standing - Deborah Moore, Marjorie Elliott, Sondra Reid, Virgie Fitzgerald, Ruby Garland, Sarah Ann Knight, Mary Bishop and Ann Bailey. (See story page 6)

## Birch Society Activity Reported

THE NOVEMBER 12 FACT-FINDING Report of the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith gives an alarming picture of inroads being made by the John Birch Society throughout the country, as well as revealing plans of the right wing group for the Congressional elections to be held in 1966.

Although California is regarded as the Society's "shining light" with 15,000 of the estimated 70,000 national membership residing there, recent developments indicate that Arizona and Nevada are emerging as Birch strongholds.

According to League information, there are approximately one-dozen chapters in Las Vegas and, at least, seven others in Nevada--five of which are in Reno.

The Birch Society has earmarked 1966 as the "Year of the Test". In the March and July 1965 Birch Society Bulletin, Robert Welch, founder of the society, outlined ". . . our hopes and plans for establishing fifty chapters, or approximately one thousand members, in every one of 325 Congressional Districts by the Fall of 1966."

Consistent with these plans, fund-raising

dinners have been held around the country. It is reliably reported that the Los Angeles dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch at the Hollywood Palladium, Oct. 11, attracted 1700 persons who paid \$50 a plate for the privilege of paying homage to Welch. In 1964, the Birch Society doubled its national income from \$1.5 million to \$3.0 million and their target for 1965 is 12 million dollars.

IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR, both the Birmingham (Alabama) Independent and the Denver Post reported the appointment of Sheriff James C. (Jim) Clark of Dallas County (Selma), Alabama to the American Opinion Speaker's Bureau. . . a Birch Society operation. The appointment of a staunch segregationist as Clark is held as most significant.

Clark is currently touring the country telling "The Real Story of Selma". His speeches in Seattle, and Spokane, Washington and Eugene, Oregon are under the auspices of the AOSB, but in Denver, Colorado, and in Los Angeles, Clark will appear under the sponsorship of the segregationist White Citizens Councils.