

## TILL THE BITTER END

NEW ORLEANS - (NPI)--What is looked upon as the last ditch effort on the part of segregationists to maintain a private school system for white children only is seen in Plaquemines parish immediately below New Orleans on the way to the Gulf.

THIS IS THE parish Leander Perez says will never see integrated schools. Perez has had to pay a severe price for his segregationist ideas. He has been excommunicated by the Catholic church, has been threatened by the court with contempt proceedings and has seen the schools integrated by court order.

Schools in the parish are opening with 250 students and they are using a building formerly occupied by Perez as his home. It is at present the property of his daughter. Another building, the property of one of his sons, is also being used.

Parents have had their children boycott the court-integrated schools and Perez' son, the district attorney for the parish says he will not punish the children nor their parents under the Louisiana truancy law.

THE PARISH will need money in order to maintain the schools and many are predicting that this will not be available. It is expected that the grant-in-aid to schools of such character will be outlawed in the state. It takes a little more, they say, to maintain schools than private citizens care to or have to give.

Perez had predicted that no Negroes would try to enter integrated schools but there are nearly 200 of them attending these schools. The parish has been ordered to provide the schools with teachers, busses, cafeteria workers and other personnel enabling them to function properly.

No violence was noted when many howling, cursing and swaggering white men and women appeared as demonstrators with signs against integration.

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## Rights Leader Named N.Y. Newspaper Editor

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Earl Brown, former New York City commissioner on human rights, has been named editor of the New York Amsterdam News, one of the nation's leading Negro newspapers.

BROWN, who has worked for Life magazine and the New York Herald Tribune, replaces James I. Hicks, who has been with the paper since 1955. Hicks was to have resumed his editorship of the newspaper after a long vacation but instead resigned.

Brown, one-time editor of The Amsterdam News in the late 1930's, has promised that he will seek to make the newspaper a "progressive, sound, and objective voice" in the city. He is 63.

## Justice Offered As Solution To Disorder

NEW YORK--(NPI)--Civil rights leader Bayard Rustin has urged justice as a means of restoring law and order in ghetto areas.

If Negroes see justice, Rustin said, "they know that law and order can follow. They also know from experience that where there is injustice, you must inevitably get disorder."

It will be easier to maintain order in the ghetto when there is justice there, he added.

## BRIDGE ANYONE?

Bridge classes will be offered to beginners and intermediate players through the Vegas Recreation Department starting October 3, 1966.

Janet Haskins will instruct a Beginners class on Monday nights at 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM, and an Intermediate class on Wednesday nights 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Dula Recreation Center.

Registration will begin September 19 at the City Hall Annex between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

## NOT AGAIN?



2331 must be a lucky (certainly popular) number for the burglars... Red Williams, proprietor of Highland Cleaners and Laundry, apparently is just ready to throw in the towel, his, or any of his Laundry customers, as Amanda Winston points out to him "how they got in" for the second time in less than that many months... Irony of it all, is that popular 'Big Red', who has a heart as big as the world, would give more than anyone would have to steal from him--Drop by "The Place", Red Williams' newest and swiftest enterprise located on Blankenship, and share the cup that cheers with him just to let a swell guy know you care. (Some of the nicest people do).

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## Catholic Pontiff Pays Tribute To Dr. King

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The highest tribute I've ever heard paid to a Negro by a white man was when the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Egan said that a person is "more likely to recognize Christ...in Martin Luther King that in Nicene catechism."

Msgr. Egan, director, Office of Urban Affairs, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago so cited Dr. King, speaking at the National and Inter-American Catechetical congress, Pittsburgh.

Leading into this statement, the Catholic leader noted that it is "very difficult to recognize Christ in doctrine and formula, in dogma and ethics." Such an appraisal of the state of our church and the state of man hits at the very heart of our current human problems.

Churches, denominations, religions and sects built upon some stated creed, or dogma create for their adherents idols to be worshipped and feared. Man, in his sometimes futile search for meaning, most generally accepts without question the fact that his life takes on some sort of reality when he can point to a tablet of creeds to which he gives only verbal assent.

Man scarcely dares to actualize religious creeds and dogmas. And thus, we have people who boast of their Methodism, Catholicism, Judaism, but who cannot boast of living a life in which the leader of their faith can be recognized.

Narrowing this down to specifics, it means simply this: A white man can sit in church in all piety verbalizing creeds of love on Sunday, and that same day participate in a demonstration against open housing that might put a Negro in the house next to his. Or it may also mean that likewise pious Negro may recite religious creeds in Sunday service and the next day dare "whitey" to walk down "his" street in safety and in a decent environment.

This, to me, seems to be saying that the church building that stands on the corner is not really the church, neither are the dust-covered catechisms and printed creeds any justification for continuing to build larger and more costlier church buildings. Sooner or later we're going to have to put the "church" into people, that they may become living creeds.

There is a Decaying Altar we call the Church--decaying because our words haven't caught up with our deeds; neither our witness with our creeds.

## OUCH!

LOUISVILLE - (NPI)--An African student has ridiculed American black people who "attempt to correct the blemishes of the Negroes' race" by bleaching their skins, straightening their hair, and becoming "blondes."

Arthur C. I. Mbanefo of Lagos, Nigeria, charged that many Negroes "do not want to be associated with Africans. They seek to identify themselves with Egyptians, Moors, Moroccans, and Sudanese, who they think are not Negroes."

ADDRESSING THE Jeffersonville Branch NAACP, Mbanefo, a student in Detroit, said the American Negro has attempted "to convince himself that he is white. He tries to shut himself off from anything black. The word Africa is synonymous with black, bush, and many other dirty B's. But the mirror has proven him wrong," the student added.

"There is no doubt that the Negro's concept of color as the basis of his undoing is the underlying factor influencing his attempts to deny or alienate anything that reminds him of it coupled with the half-truth stories of his origin." The result has been conked-headed men who are "raceless" but for the mercy of the American cliché which labels them as Negroes, he said.

Mbanefo cited the "basic disillusion an African faces among very many Negro associates in this country--the American Negro does not see an African as a Negro." Many Negroes, denying their African past, express "pride," he said, in American Indian ancestry or "illegitimate" white forebears.

Mbanefo was equally hard on American whites who systematically broke down African social institutions "in the name of Christianity." "Our musical cultures and dances were condemned as noisy and arousing sexual emotions. Our art was condemned as fiendish while being vastly copied by leading 20th century artists to enrich the artistic wealth of the Western world."

He said Africans invited on a goodwill tour are given a tightly-guided scheduled tour designed to prevent contact with Negroes; that those who come to America under the auspices of the African Scholarship Program of the American Universities are required to sign a form stating that they will not join civil rights movements.

"A number of (African) scholars have had their awards withdrawn when they have become closely associated with Negro families," he asserted.

## Natives Restless

LUSAKA--(NPI) -- approval of Britain or black African within the country. Rhodesia declared itself independent with the white minority government in power, much to the distress of all other independent African nations.

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