

## The Sports Parade

ST LOUIS - (NPI)--"Baby Bull" Orlando Cepeda last week was elated over the estimated \$70,000 contract he signed with the St. Louis Cardinals for 1968, saying it was more than he expected from the baseball world champions. The National League Most Valuable Player in 1967, Cepeda led the league in runs batted in with 11, and hit 25 home runs and 37 doubles to go with his .325 batting average.

### SURPRISE

NEW YORK - (NPI)--In a move calculated to indicate the team's confidence in him, the New York Mets gave recently-acquired Tommy Agee a raise, to boost his salary to \$25,000. The Mets, seeking a top-flight center fielder, had already surprised the baseball world by trading outfielder, Tommy Davis and Jack Fisher to the Chicago White Sox for Agee, a former star at Grambling (La.) College. The American League's Rookie of the Year in 1966, Agee is rated one of the best center fielders in baseball.

### SEEKS CASH

DALLAS - (NPI)--Welterweight champion Curtis Cokes, who is hard put to find formidable competition in his own weight class, is willing to step up or down to fight either middleweight titleist Emile Griffith or lightweight king Carlos Ortiz, if the price is right. Angle: Cokes wants \$70,000 to risk his welter title against Ortiz, or he'd step up to challenge Griffith where his own crown won't be at stake.

### JINXS OPPONENT

PHILADELPHIA - (NPI)--Buster Mathis predicted he will make it three wins in a row over Joe Frazier, a local favorite, when the two clash in Madison Square Garden, March 4, in what is being billed as the New York-Massachusetts version of the heavyweight title. Mathis and Frazier are both unbeaten as professionals, but Buster defeated Joe twice in 1964 when they were amateurs, and believes he can do it again.

### STEAMROLLER

BATON ROUGE, La. - (NPI)--Led by sharp-shooting Jasper Wilson, who netted 45 points and snared 14 rebounds, the Southern University Jaguars basketball team rolled to an easy 128-77 victory over visiting Wiley College last week. The win was the fourth for Southern in Southwestern Conference play, against three losses.

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## Lethal Weapon Of Money

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - (NPI)--Alabama officials have signed a qualified agreement that they will "try" to end hospital discrimination. But whether they will do anything about it remained to be seen.

The officials signed the federal anti-bias compliance statement only after the Supreme Court left standing a lower-court ruling that U.S. welfare funds could be denied to Alabama for maintaining discriminatory health services.

Threatened with the loss of federal money, Alabama officials caved in--on paper.

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## Impressive Cage Record

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - (NPI)--Johnny Allen, a 6'8" junior forward at Bethune-Cookman College, ranks second nationally in the NCAA College division basketball statistics, with an average of 32.2 points per game, according to records released last week.

The Wildcats are among the top 10 in three other categories. In team offense, Bethune-Cookman College ranks third in the nation. In 14 games, they have 1,530 points for a 109.3 per game average.

In field goal percentage, they are listed sixth with a .541 percentage average, in leaders in average scored margins, they were second with 24.2 per game.

Undefeated in conference play, the Wildcats lead the SIAC Conference with a 5-0 won-lost record and overall record of 12.2.

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## More Apathy Than Anger Among Slum-Area Youths

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--The problem in low-income areas is not so much anger as apathy, according to government-financed study conducted by the TransCentury corporation.

While a significant minority of slum-area youths are "very angry," most of them appear "overly content or apathetic," according to the report.

For that reason, summer programs to provide jobs and recreation won't stop riots, in view of the complex causes of urban unrest, it was averred.

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## Can You Believe? Klan Members With Negro Boss

ATLANTA - (NPI)--The local model cities program has been integrated by top Ku Klux Klan officials, who've decided that black and white together isn't such a bad idea, after all--even if Negroes are running the show.

Calvin F. Craig, Georgia grand dragon, United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was elected to the neighborhood board of the federal program, while J. D. Newberry, reputed Klan official, will sit on the executive board administering Atlanta's model cities program.

Craig is serving on a committee under a Negro chairman, and Newberry is member of a 14-member city-wide board which has six Negroes and a black executive director.

Few local observers think the Klan has really changed, but to hear the Kluxers tell it, working under--and with--Negroes is just great.

"I'm a devoted segregationist," said Craig. "My principles haven't wavered a bit. But I've always said the best way for a white man to understand the problems of the Negro is for the two to sit together at the conference table. They may offer me some good advice. Maybe I can offer them some."

Newberry, who was identified at hearings of the House Un-American Activities committee as Georgia grand klabeer, or treasurer, of the Klan, was sounding the same tune.

"I've got more colored business than white business," he said, with reference to his Newberry Heat Company, which used to be advertised as "K K K-Klean, Kosy, Komfortable," but no longer is.

"They like me and they know I never did any harm to anybody," Newberry added. Averring that the Klan has been misrepresented, Newberry described it as "just another fraternal order like the Masons, the Elks, and the Moose."

Newberry, in hailing the model cities program to improve living conditions in run-down communities, declared that "if people live better, they'll get along better."

How will the Klansmen get along with their Negro bosses?

Fine, said Newberry with reference to Johnny C. Johnson, chosen as Atlanta's model cities executive director. "I voted for him when he was elected director."

And what does Craig think of Lewis Peters, chairman, Atlanta Model Cities Mass convention, under whom he will work?

"I know him. He's all right," said Craig, adding that he had given Peters his unlisted home telephone number.

Commenting on Klan participation in the model cities program, Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., called it "democracy at work. We are getting a cross-section all the way, and that's good."

"We may save the Ku Klux Klan," he said, with a grin.

## Study Of Whites Asked

CHICAGO - (NPI)--A moratorium on all studies of the Negro during 1968 has been urged by Whitney M. Young, Jr., executive director, National Urban League.

Instead, he said, studies should be made of white people--of communities like all-white Cicero, Ill., a Chicago suburb, where open-housing marches were held in 1966.

Young said the surveys should seek to determine why people who live in communities like Cicero are so insecure and so afraid of change.

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