

# Department of Justice

The Department of Justice today filed a suit in East St. Louis, Illinois, charging two locals and a district council of the Carpenters' Union with discriminating against Negroes and with striking when Negroes were hired on construction projects, Attorney General John N. Mitchell announced.

The suit, filed in the Eastern District of Illinois, named as defendants Locals 169 and 480 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and the Tri-Counties Illinois Carpenters District Council. Also named in the suit were business agents Herbert Rainbolt of Local 169 and James McGuire of Local 480.

The Justice Department's complaint charged that the defendants "have pursued and continue to pursue a policy and practice of discriminating against Negroes on account of their race with respect to employment opportunities in the carpenter trade."

It said they had done this by excluding Negroes from membership, by causing or attempting to cause contractors to discriminate against Negroes in hiring, by failing to cooperate in a locally agreed upon plan designed to eliminate effects of racially discriminatory employment practices.

The suit seeks an order permanently preventing the defendants from continuing these practices. The Carpenters are currently on strike and the Department of Justice is also seeking a temporary restraining order to end the strike.

The local plan, called the "Ogilvie Plan," grew out of Federal highway projects in Madison and St. Clair counties in Illinois.

After consultations with state and federal officials, contractors and union representatives, Illinois Governor Richard Ogilvie announced an agreement to facilitate equal employment opportunity on federally-aided highway projects in the two counties.

Six unions were asked to participate in the plan. The Teamsters and Laborers unions agreed to cooperate. As a result of consent decrees entered with the Justice Department following lawsuits, the Operating Engineers, Cement Masons and Ironworkers have agreed to cooperate.



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chapters in our nation's history" by Gov. Louie B. Nunn of Kentucky, while Gov. Keith H. Miller of Alaska referred to him this way:

"He was born a slave, schooled in adversity and honored in eminence. His life presents a shining example of service to humanity, and his life's career typifies the fact that America is just another name for opportunity. His life is not only an inspiration to youth of his own race but also to all Americans."

The theme for the 1971 Carver Week Celebration is "Food for Thought: our Human Resources."

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mentation of Sen. Cannon and Alan Bible, who suggested it as a major means of correcting a U. S. with anticipated attendance of some 13,000 and receipts in excess of \$3-million.



The Meadows Shrine Club of Moslem Temple No. 79 (Prince Hall Affiliation) is sponsoring the 4th annual Past Masters and Matrons Ball of St. Marks Lodge No. 15 and Silver Star Chapter No. 10, Friday December 18, 1970 at Caesars Palace Coliseum Room. Dinner will be served from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dancing 10:30-1:00 a.m. Donation is \$6.50 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling Mr. Albert Simpson 642-3095 or Mr. Frank Cottrell 648-3392.



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