

# BUS PROTEST IN BIRMINGHAM

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# 1,266,488 VOTERS IN SOUTH

## 'Walk In Dignity Rather Than Ride In Chains'

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—Negro integration leader Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth Saturday announced Negroes would launch immediately a "protest" boycott of Birmingham city buses.

Shuttlesworth said "probably nearly a 1,000" Negroes attended a meeting Friday night and it was agreed unanimously to "stay off the buses. We believe it better to walk in dignity than to pay to ride in chains," he said.

"Recent action by the Birmingham Transit Co. in maintaining segregation on buses, including causing the arrest of Negroes, the mistreatment of Negro patrons by bus drivers, and their refusal to talk about other issues, has caused Birmingham Negroes to launch a protest against the bus company," Shuttlesworth said.

**14 ARRESTED**

Shuttlesworth and 13 followers last week were arrested after a mass test of the city's new bus segregation law. The ordinance leaves separation of the races up to the Birmingham Transit Co.

"The unanimous and spontaneous action came during a mass meeting in which numerous persons from all over this city told horrible stories of mistreatment by drivers and the reading of a new telegram from the bus company which stated that the transit company saw no need for further talks," Shuttlesworth said.

Negroes then unanimously decided to stay off the buses.

Shuttlesworth had requested a meeting "face-to-face" with bus company officials to discuss the transportation question. But after the mass test of the segregation law last week, the company notified him it was withdrawing from the meeting.

The integration leaders later this week requested another meeting but was turned down by the bus firm.

## Church May Lose Tax Status If They OK Private Schools

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Churches may be asking their tax-exempt status under certain circumstances if they open their doors to private classes in communities where public schools are closed to thwart integration, it was learned Wednesday.

But officials of the Internal Revenue Service emphasized that no case involving the tax status of a church cooperating in such private schools had been brought before them for a ruling.

About 55 churches in Little Rock, Ark., and two Virginia cities—Charlottesville and Richmond—either have provided or offered facilities for private classes proposed as a substitute for the public schools that were closed in the fight against integration.

## Ghana Likes U. S. Products, Ike; But Not Race Woes, Gordon Says

By WILLIAM GORDON

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of two articles to be published in the ATLANTA DAILY WORLD on the outlook of Africans toward the United States, their lives and methods of existence.

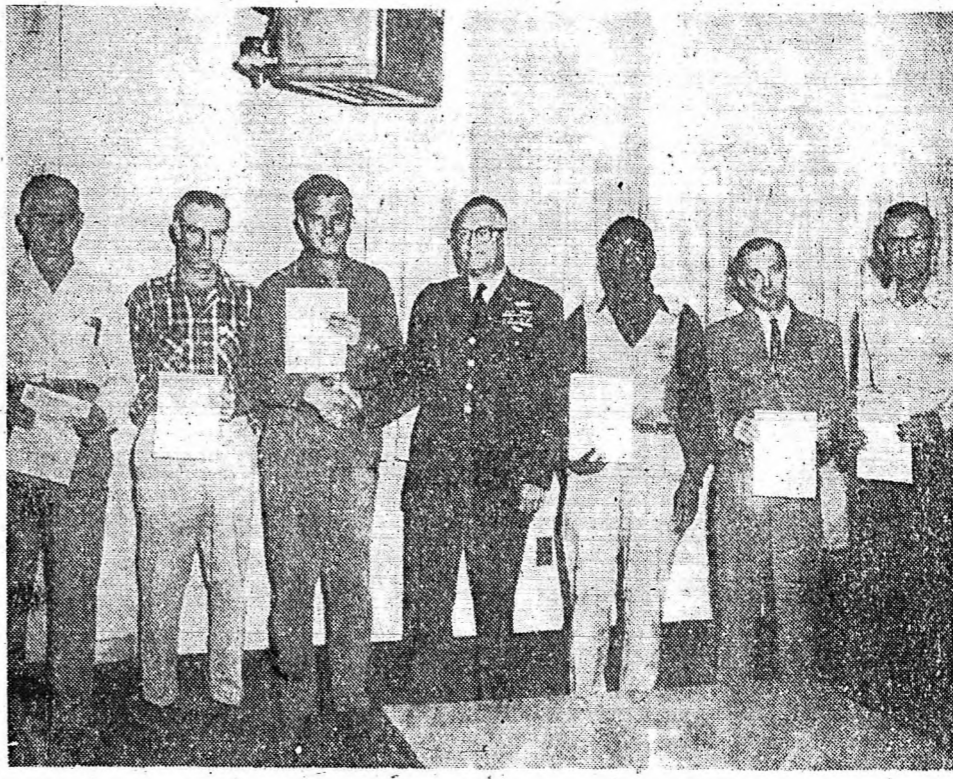
William Gordon, former Managing Editor of the Atlanta Daily World wrote the accompanying news release from Ghana, Africa during his tour of the continent. He wrote that Ghanans like our President, "but we are constantly getting reports of segregation from back home."

"It is becoming more and more difficult to answer questions regarding these problems coming from Africans and Europeans. Faubus and Almond are definitely hurting the United States both in Europe and in Africa."

Mr. Gordon adds, however, that the "newspaper can continue to do a very useful service by reporting and interpreting these issues with an even temper and sober outlook."

A young African student, who came to America two decades ago, is the head of the new nation of Ghana.

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ARMY DEPOT SUGGESTION AWARDS — Checks totaling \$380 were presented to employees of the Memphis General Depot (left to right) Leonard Brogden \$15, A. C. Williams \$125, James Carroll \$200, Angus Brunson \$10, Frank Stewart \$15, and Sammie Goss \$15. Lieutenant Colonel August Kastner, engineer section, made the presentation.

## Mississippi Negro Tells Why He Won't 'Run North'

CHICAGO — To avoid prejudice and discrimination, thousands of Negroes have left Mississippi, but according to a young Negro N. A. A. C. P. executive he will "try to change things that he doesn't like," rather than go North.

In the current issue of EBONY Magazine, Medgar Evers, field secretary of the Mississippi Conference of NAACP branches, tells why he hopes to make a positive contribution to the overall productivity of the South.

Evers read a great deal about the Mau-Mau uprising and reign of terror in Kenya, and once considered a hate society in Mississippi, extracting an "eye for an eye from whites who mistreated their black brothers."

He decided, however, that love, not violence, was the manner in

which to achieve the same goals of full equality for the Mississippi Negro.

Evers joined the staff of the NAACP in 1954, and in 1955 became the youngest man on the nine-man "death list."

Mississippi's chief NAACP man, Evers spends long hours on the road, chasing down stories of brutality and civil rights abuses, and long sessions in the office examining and weighing valid and invalid complaints.

Of his work Evers says, "We don't have any suits pending, but we are doing our best to embarrass the whites to death. For a long time, they literally got away with murder. Now, when a Negro is mistreated we try to tell the world about it."

## Funeral Rites Held For Elder Joseph Brown, Jr.

Funeral services for Elder Joseph Brown, Jr., 71, of 538 W. Holmes Road, were conducted in the Mason Temple of the Church of God in Christ, Sunday afternoon with Rev. Charles H. Mason officiating and Elder F. D. Macklin assisting. Interment was in Galilee Memorial Garden under the direction of the J. O. Patterson Funeral Home.

The body of Elder Brown was brought here last Tuesday from West Palm Beach, Florida, where he was slain by a 17-year-old white lad who was attempting to burglarize an office building where Brown was employed as a part-time janitor.

The youth, identified as John Thiry of Newwood, Ohio, admitted the slaying after he was apprehended by West Palm Beach police. He said he beat Brown to death with a club.

Authorities said that Thiry had escaped from Newwood after stealing an automobile and \$1,000 from his father. Brown had come to West Palm Beach in August to accept a job with an electronics company.

Elder Brown had been a member of the home Church of God in Christ for about 10 years. An ordained minister without a church, he was active in youth work of his church. He was a graduate of Geeter High School.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, Sr., of the Holmes Road address; five sisters, Mrs. Cora Lee Gillan, Gracie, Ernestine, Dixie Mae, Clara Lee; five brothers, Johnny, his twin brother, Robert, Lacy, Alex, Roosevelt and Aaron of Dover, Colo.; a parental grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Brown, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Corrine Lumpkin.

## Four Children Burned In Separate Incidents

Four Negro children were treated at Frank T. Tobey Children's Hospital after being burned in separate incidents last week.

Delois Benita Givands, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Givands, 658 Mosby, was burned when she turned on the hot water while standing in the bathtub at her home.

Another girl, Geraldine Bradford, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bradford of Ripley, Tenn., suffered burns over 50 per cent of her body when kerosene stove exploded. Although her condition has improved, it is still listed as critical.

Jennifer Johnson's dress caught on fire when she got too close to flames. The 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Venitha Johnson of Whitehaven, Tenn., is in fair condition.

A chemical fly spray put Brenda Joyce Kennedy, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kennedy, 42 E. Trigg in the hospital when she accidentally spilled the spray on her chest and abdomen.

## NAACP Youth Chapter Monthly Meet Today

The local youth chapter of the NAACP has scheduled its regular monthly meeting for 4 p. m. today (Tuesday) at Mt. Olive C. M. E. Cathedral, 538 Linden Ave. College chapters of the NAACP have been invited, said William Rogers, Jr., local president.

Africans charge French curbed vote in Niger.

## Thompson Gets Award For Performance With FHA

ATLANTA, Ga. (SNS) — Albert L. Thompson, well known Atlanta resident, one of nine FHA regional intergroup relations advisers, received an award this week from Commissioner Norman P. Mason of the Federal Housing Administration for "sustained superior performance."

Mr. Thompson's field of operation covers Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Puerto Rico.

In making the award, Commissioner Mason stressed the qualities of tact, understanding, and sound judgment with which Mr. Thompson has carried out his responsibilities. "In this special area of FHA operations," the commissioner noted, "the ability to get along with a variety of people and to reconcile divergent points of view while avoiding conflicts and tensions is very important. Mr. Thompson's job brings him into contact with mortgage lenders, builders, civic organizations, and home buyers. He has

## Race Registration Remains Constant Despite Pressure

The number of Negro voters in the South remained constant in the past two years despite increased racial controversy, the Southern Regional Council reported Saturday.

Currently, there are an estimated 1,266,488 Negroes on voting rolls in eleven Southern states, compared to 1,238,000 reported by the SRC in 1956. The latest figures, representing 25 per cent of Negroes of voting age, are contained in a preliminary report of a Council survey following up its study of 1956.

Figure from six states came from official sources; in the others, the totals are estimates of veteran Capitol news correspondents, who consulted with state officials and political workers.

The new total, which indicates that Negro voters held their own, an eleven shown a slight increase, came in the wake of newspaper surveys which show that in the country as a whole the number of eligible voters has dropped in the past two years.

This figure represents "something of an achievement" in the face of the disinterest prevalent nationwide at the time of off-year elections and in view of recent trends in the region, the SRC said.

**TENSION INCREASE**

"The intervening two years, since the earlier SRC survey was made have brought increased racial tensions in the South, passage of the first federal civil rights legislation since Reconstruction, a long list of federal court decisions to speed the Negro toward full legal equality and now state laws to delay change in racial patterns."

In some states the number of Negro registrants rose appreciably between 1956 and 1958 but these gains were largely offset by sharp drops in other states due to purges and statewide re-registration.

In Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, where official figures show a decline in Negro

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## Bill Charges Negro Couple Cheated

A bill filed by Atty. Robert W. Pharr for a Negro couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Powell of 280 South Fourth St., charges that the two are being cheated out of \$7,500 by Fred A. Burnmeister.

Chancellor Frazer issued a temporary injunction against Burnmeister restraining him against collecting any more money on certain notes he allegedly holds against the couple until a hearing can be held on the issue.

Atty. Pharr charged Mr. and Mrs. Powell are virtually without formal education, can barely write their names, executed a mortgage which they thought to be for \$800 but which turned out to be for \$14,000 and later a \$2500 second mortgage was added.

The bill asks that the notes and mortgages held against the Powell's by Burnmeister and Union Planters Bank as trustee be voided and a clerk and master be appointed to determine what the couple really owe.



WHEN KING WAS WELCOMED HOME — MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the integration leader who was stabbed in a Harlem department store, Sept. 13, waves to the crowd on hand to greet him at the airport here, Oct. 24. About 100 of King's friends and neighbors were on hand to greet him as he returned home. Integration leaders said they would honor King with a "tangible expression of our love."

(News Press Photo)

## Memphians Cast Big Vote In General Election

Memphians, inspired by fiery campaign speeches, are expected to go to the polls in large numbers today (Tuesday) to vote for their favorite candidates in the General Election.

## Democrat Club Endorsed 'All Democrats'

The Memphis and Shelby County Democratic Club's executive committee endorsed all Democratic nominees seeking election in today's (Tuesday) general election.

The endorsement followed after a rather quiet session.

President of the club, A. Maceo Walker, said the club will not take any action concerning the state Constitutional Convention nor the proposed amendment to end diversion of gasoline and motor vehicle taxes.

Candidates were not discussed individually during the meeting which was held at Universal Life Insurance Building, 480 Linden Ave. The club endorsement included all nominees on the Democratic ticket.

The following offices are at state: governor, U. S. Senator and U. S. Representative of the 9th District, Public Service Commissioner for West Tennessee, State Senator of the 30th District, State Senator of the 32nd District, State Senator of the 33rd District, eighth State Representatives to General Assembly for Shelby County, eight candidates for delegates to the Limited Constitutional Convention and the question of amending the state constitution.

The polls and all voting precincts of the city and county will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The tempo of the various political campaigns picked up considerably as the election day came into view. Among the political hopefuls are four Negroes, Dr. R. Q. Venson is seeking to become a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Running for posts in the state legislature are Mrs. Florence McCleave, Sam Qualls and William Bradford.

**REPUBLICANS ASPIRANTS**

The three Negro aspirants to

## In Bomb Threats

ATLANTA, Ga. (SNS)—While Turner High School students went through a "routine" fire drill Friday, officials searched the school building for a bomb which an anonymous caller said would go off at 2 p.m.

The school received two bomb threats Friday, according to Miss Ira Jarrrell, school superintendent, raising to a total of five such threats received at that school. No explosives were found, and the students did not know of the threats, Miss Jarrrell said. Atlanta high schools have now received a total of 17 bomb threats.

A fire drill was staged shortly before the bomb was scheduled to go off.

**WATCH THE WORLD**

Be Sure To Vote In The General Election Today.



MARCH IN WASHINGTON — Participants in a "Youth March for Integrated Schools" paraded by the Lincoln Memorial here at the conclusion of a march down Constitution Avenue. A rally was held at the Memorial. A spokesman said the primary purpose of the march was to mobilize public opinion for integration.

(News Press Photo)









