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Attorney General Tells Inquirer:

SIT-INS NOT BAR TO FEDERAL JOBS



SCAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S WIRE—Reassured by Attorney General Robert Kennedy's wire to the editor of the Inquirer indicating that sit-in convictions would not automatically bar opportunities for federal employment, Atlanta students who have been arrested for demonstrations exchange reactions at student headquarters.

L. to R., Frank Smith, Morehouse; Kenneth Crooks, Atlanta University; Lonnie C. King, Jr., Morehouse; Leon Green, Morris Brown; Daniel Mitchell, Clark; Benjamin Brown, Clark; and Herschelle Sullivan, Spelman. Photo by Alexander.

Attorney General Robert Kennedy, responding to the specific question raised in a wire sent to him by the Editor of the Atlanta Inquirer, stated in a telegram this week that applicants for federal jobs who have been convicted as a result of sit-in demonstrations would be evaluated individually on "character, integrity and ability to do the job." Kennedy indicated that such a conviction "is one matter which would be considered" but went on to say that "the attendant facts in connection with that conviction also would be carefully weighed with respect to character and fitness for federal employment."

(See telegram page 2)

The Attorney General's wire to Editor Carl Holman followed a telegram dispatched to the Justice Department chief by the editor in which it was pointed out that many students had raised questions as to whether trespass law or other arrests, jailings or convictions growing out of sit-in activities would prevent them from securing federal employment. Holman asked Kennedy to provide a clarifying statement on this matter.

Students, parents, lawyers and citizens in the Atlanta community and elsewhere, while many of them

have been in agreement with the ends sought through the sit-ins have increasingly raised the question of the probable effect of arrests and sentences upon the possibility of employment—especially in civil service positions—for college graduates who have participated in the Southwide movement.

It was in an attempt to get some official statement of position on this question that the Inquirer editor's wire was sent. Reactions of student leaders, many of them seniors and juniors who have expressed great interest in Ross Clinchy's government job recruitment tour, ranged from enthusiastic to relieved. Adult leaders shared the feelings of the students, some of them expressing the view that now more than ever it seems important to clarify the precise

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Pool Creek Pigeonholed Again

Despite majority votes on three different occasions by residents of the Poole Creek section supporting the Negro housing project proposed for the area and a resolution adopted by the Executive Comm. of the Atlanta Negro Voters

League, the Zoning Comm. of the Atlanta Board of Aldermen cancelled a scheduled hearing and abandoned plans to use the site when the Empire Land Company, a subsidiary of the Central of Georgia Railroad Company, wrote a letter saying that it wants to hold the property for future industrial development.

The decision by the Aldermen once again balked plans for what was originally to be a 350-unit low rent housing project for Negroes in the old Eggleston Hospital site. Organized protest led to a one-vote-margin defeat for the proposal in the Board of Aldermen.

The Voters League resolution, adopted upon a plea from Fourth Ward Leader R. L. Andrews included the following:

"1. The Southside Civic League, (Continued on Page 16)

TRANSIT CO. PREPS NEGRO DRIVERS

Announcement by Robert Somerville, Atlanta Transit Co. president, that two Negro drivers are being prepared to take over regular runs on Atlanta bus lines writes a new chapter in the Atlanta story which began with Negro ministers, led by Rev. William Holmes Borders, head of the Love, Law and Liberation movement, going to jail as a result of a desegregated ride in a segregated bus.

The desegregation of Atlanta's following a successful federal suit in which two ministers, Samuel Williams and Rev. Porter, were plaintiffs clinch-right of Negroes in Atlanta (Continued on Page 3)

Negro Lawyers To Hear Sec. of State Rusk At Biltmore

Nine Atlanta Negro lawyers, seven of them accompanied by their spouses or guests, will attend the "Homecoming Banquet" tendered in honor of Secretary of State Dean Rusk by the Atlanta Bar Association, Thursday evening, April 20, at the Biltmore Hotel.

The Negro barristers, all members of the Gate City Bar Association, have been assured that there will be absolutely no restrictions and no discrimination of any kind involved in the celebration which is expected to draw some 1300 notables from Atlanta and the (Continued on Page 3)

Symposium At Clark College Honors Faculty Author

The Clark College administration, faculty and staff will honor Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, Professor of Social Philosophy and Assistant to the President, Friday, April 21, at 8 p.m. in Kresge Hall on the Clark campus with a symposium on Lincoln's widely acclaimed book *The Black Muslims in America*. A reception will follow.

Participants in the symposium (Continued on Page 16)

Lockheed Council Reports Job Forms Pouring In

Representatives of the Observatory Council on Discrimination reported receiving over 45 fully completed "Job Information Forms" and a flood of inquiries from Atlantans with experience in skilled and semi-skilled work following the appearance of the forms in the ad they ran in last week's Inquirer. (See page 10.)

"This represents only the first two days' mail," a spokesman said, "and when you add to those still to come and the number of men now at Lockheed and in other industrial plants who are working at jobs below their training and abilities it ought not be hard to give any company a chance to show it means to live up to the President's Executive Order."

SOFTBALL TEAMS, COUNTER CASHIERS NOT JIM-CROW

Other workers reported that though the stand-up counters included no Negro cashiers when they first opened some weeks ago, (Continued on Page 11)

The Week in Flashback

WASHINGTON — Negroes in Delaware this week won a case when the Supreme Court ruled that a Wilmington, Delaware, restaurant which leases space from a local government agency must serve them. Justice Tom Clark ended down the unanimous decision which concerned the Eagle (Continued on Page 7)



NOTABLES CONSULT on eve of NAACP Interracial conference of Religious Leaders, with Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Director of the Southeast Region, briefing her distinguished guests, L. to R., Bishop W. R. Wilkes, Sr., of the A.M.E. Church; Father Louis Towmay, Loyola University, New Orleans; Mrs. Hurley; Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, newly elected Chairman of the National Board of the NAACP; Mr. Arthur Chapin, Assistant Secretary of Labor. Photo by Alexander.