

'Humphrey Is Only Choice for Blacks,' And an Empty Chair GOP vs. Dem

BY JOHN SINGLETON
MOBILE, Ala.--Unbelievable as it may seem, the Hubert H. Humphrey bandwagon appears to be picking up momentum in the ultra-conservative city of Mobile. There have been rallies and testimonial dinners almost daily in the black and middle-class white communities.

Last week, two campaign rallies were held on Mobile college campuses. More than 500 students gathered at the University of South Alabama Oct. 22, and about 400 rallied at Mobile State Junior College Oct. 24.

The students at Mobile State began their rally outside in the rain. Willie James Hunter, a basketball player from Montgomery, gave an evaluation of all the candidates and their platforms.

Since it is impossible to vote for Eldridge C'avear in Alabama, he said, "black people have no other choice but to support the Humphrey-Edmund S.) Muskie team, only because it is the lesser of three evils."

Another speaker at Mobile State was Sam Jackson, director of a private anti-poverty program in Mobile. Jackson--looked upon as a militant by the larger part of the black community--wasn't sure he'd be allowed to speak. He is still trying to get permission to speak to the student body on "The Need for Student Involvement in Community Affairs."

But he was permitted to speak at the rally without incident, although his talk was not really centered on political issues.

"As far as I'm concerned," he said, "black folks cannot afford to be Democrats or Republicans. If you put all of the candidates in a barrel and take them out, you still got a white man looking down your throat."

Jackson attacked third-party candidate George C. Wallace's views on "law and order."

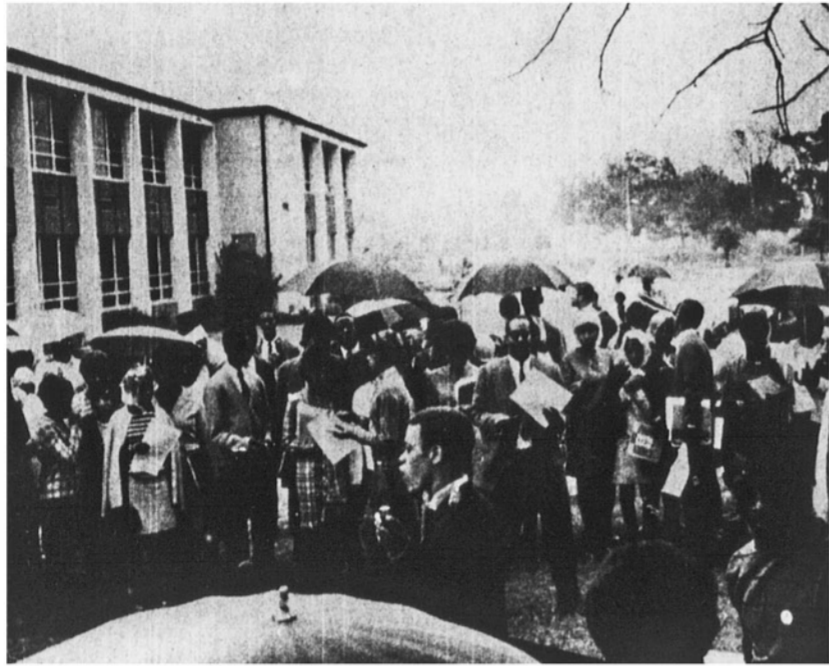
"We all know what Wallace means by law and order, because Alabama had the highest crime rate in the nation," he said. "Suppose a black man steals because he's hungry? Justice must come before law and order."

As the rain became a down-pour, the students moved inside, where they heard the next speaker, David L. Jacobs, who is working on a special project for the American Friends Service Committee.

"So-called black leaders have been planning our future for years," Jacobs said, "and white folks have been coming into the black communities with 30 pieces of silver. And some black folks will vote for Wallace, if the price is high enough."

"At the polls," he added, "you can see black leaders dressed up, looking like five-star generals with campaign buttons all over their chests--for 30 pieces of silver."

Jacobs said the only choice the black man has in Alabama is to vote for Hum-



RALLY IN THE RAIN AT MOBILE STATE

phrey. If the black voters turn out in large numbers, he said, Humphrey can carry the state after Wallace and Richard M. Nixon split the white vote.

Last Monday, another big rally was held for Humphrey in the International Longshoremen's Association union hall.

SCLC Vote Campaign Reaches San Francisco



WAGON IN SAN FRANCISCO

BY ESTELLE FINE
SAN FRANCISCO, California--"He's not black--he's still Negro," said a young man as he left the patch of dirt where the Martin Luther King Jr. Square is under construction.

The man was talking about the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, who had just given a civil rights speech to 250 people in Western Addition, a black ghetto in the heart of San Francisco.

This city was the fourth stop on SCLC's 12-city "Get Out the Vote" tour, which began in Montgomery, Ala., and passed through Marks, Miss., and Houston, Tex.

A small number of black people lined the streets of Western Addition, as Abernathy waved from the seat of a huge wagon pulled by four mules.

With Abernathy on the wagon were many of the local ministers who had formed an alliance called Black Clergy Concerned, to sponsor the Poor People's Campaign vote drive here. Most of the ministers sported Hubert H. Humphrey-Edmund S. Muskie buttons, as did many of the people in the crowd.

"I'm not going to tell you who to vote for," Abernathy insisted. "You know who to vote for."

The SCLC president was accompanied by the Rev. Andrew J. Young and the Rev. Bernard Lafayette, among others.

As the wagon passed along Fillmore Street, it passed block after block of stores--both abandoned and thriving--plastered with Black Panther posters and with pictures of H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, and Eldridge Cleaver.

A handful of bystanders raised their fists in the Panther salute and shouted, "Pick up the gun! Pick up the gun!" "You need some guns and tanks," shouted one of the militants. "You don't give somebody freedom, you take it!" Another black youth added, "You niggers think all you gotta do is march!"

But shouts of "Freedom!" and "I'm black and I'm proud!" rang out from the chanting crowd following the wagon. And if some people didn't like Abernathy's talk, many more in the crowd would have agreed with the young girl who said when it was over, "What a beautiful speech!"

BY FRANCES STUBBS
TALLADEGA, Ala.--Representatives of presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and Hubert H. Humphrey debated with an empty chair Oct. 21 at a political forum in Talladega College's Deforest Chapel.

Joe L. Reed of Montgomery, executive secretary of the Alabama State Teachers Association, spoke for Vice-President Humphrey, and former State Representative Don Collins of Birmingham, the 1966 Republican candidate for attorney general, spoke for Nixon.

There was no representative, however, for former Governor George C. Wallace. Milton Hurst of Talladega told the audience that efforts to invite a Wallace spokesman had met with a "run-around."

The two men who did show up were successful in evoking shouts and applause from the audience. The outbursts were perhaps more frequent during Reed's pro-Humphrey remarks.

Collins broke the ice, by telling a series of political jokes in his party's favor. Then he asked, "Who is Richard Nixon?"

Nixon, he answered, is "a man of accomplishments, a man of polished background--but a background that enables him to identify with the broadest segment of America... a man of vision and practical determination to fulfill that vision."

Under the Republicans, Collins said, states and cities all over the country would get back the power that is now concentrated in Washington. But, he said, the Republicans don't use the phrase "state's rights" without also implying serious state responsibilities.

"I share the same frustration as you do when you hear a Southern politician talking about states rights," Collins said.

"Unlike the Democratic Party," he continued, "we do not promise that we can eradicate poverty, erase discrimination, and eliminate all danger of war in the space of four years. But we do promise action--a new policy abroad, and a new policy of peace, progress, and justice at home."

Reed--in what Collins later called a "highly emotional" talk--urged the people to "go to the polls and vote."

"You've heard the phrase 'going fishing' on election day," Reed said. "Well, we aren't going fishing--we're going hunting. We're going hunting for votes all over the country, and we're going to elect Humphrey."

Reed cited numerous accomplishments of Humphrey and Senator Edmund S. Muskie in the areas of civil rights, the war on poverty, and foreign policy. And he attempted to destroy the image Collins had built of Nixon as a leader.

"Tricky Dick can't lead a cat," Reed said. "What has Mr. Nixon proposed for Viet Nam? What has he done to elimi-



COLLINS (LEFT) AND REED TALK TO STUDENTS

nate poverty in the American city?"

"The problem remains," he went on, "that this campaign is being fought with racial overtones. We blacks know what they mean by 'law and order.'"

"Where was law and order when James Meredith tried to go to the University of Mississippi? Where was law and order when people were marching from Selma to Montgomery for the Voting Rights Bill? The only voice of law and order that could be heard was that of John Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, saying, 'Send more troops.'"

In view of the racial situation in Alabama, Mississippi, and other Southern states, Collins was asked, how does the Republican Party propose to protect people's civil rights if it returns power to the states?

"I think that's a good question," Collins replied. "When we say return the power to the states, we are not talking about what an Alabama Democrat is

talking about. "We think that the people there in the city and state are better able to understand that city, to attack the problem from the right angle, and to attack the problems that affect most of the people."

A student wanted to know if Reed had been chosen to speak at the mostly-black college because he is black. Or, asked the student, did Reed simply come to represent the Democratic Party?

Reed said he had been asked to speak by the forum's sponsor, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Talladega College chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and that was his only motive for coming.

But the empty chair may have come out ahead, after all. "The South is gone for Nixon," Collins remarked near the end of the discussion. "I don't think Nixon can get the South's vote. I think it's going to Wallace."

Barbour County Folks Unhappy Over Schools

BY MAURY HERMAN
EUFAULA, Ala.--The Barbour County school system was not one of the 19 recently cited by the federal court for not living up to previous desegregation orders. But some people here say they are still not satisfied with the way the schools are being operated.

The most frequently heard complaint, said John D. Knight, president of the Southwest Barbour County NAACP, is about the loss of "our best Negro teachers" to the predominantly-white schools.

On the other hand, said Knight--who has eight children in school--the white teachers who have been placed in Negro schools are not very good. In addition, the people said, some of these white teachers are foreign-born, and the kids have a hard time understanding their English.

Another complaint is that some white teachers assigned to Negro schools are working there only part-time. Under the court order, for example, Freemont Junior High is supposed to have two white teachers. But, the people said, one of the white teachers also teaches part-time at mostly-white Bakerhill High School.

Raymond Faught, the county superintendent of education, said, "We follow the court order." He denied that there has been any trouble with teachers who can't speak English.

School officials pointed with pride to Freemont's new brick gymnasium with two attached classrooms. But, said Mrs. Inez Lawrence, who used to send her three children to Freemont, "We didn't want a gym--we wanted a school."

Besides the new gym, the rest of the school consists of old bungalows, and the cafeteria facilities are a trailer and an old school bus mounted on blocks.

Mrs. Lawrence said she tried to send her two daughters to Bakerhill, but they were excluded from--or not notified of--some social activities, including the Future Homemakers of America.

John Dorsey, the principal of Freemont, said he had no part in planning the new gymnasium.

Over-crowding is another problem in Negro schools, according to the parents and teachers. One teacher at all-Negro Barbour County Training School said classes there have as many as 45 stu-

dents, while classes at mostly-white George C. Wallace High nearby have as few as 28.

The teacher, who asked to remain anonymous, also said four classes are being held in an un-partitioned gym.

A Southern Courier reporter was detained by police for almost three hours at the school. The school is now working on two bungalows that the people say were moved to the training school from Shady Grove Elementary School, Shady Grove has been closed by court order.

Faught refused to comment on the moving of school facilities.

But S. O. Corbett--a Negro who is the county's supervisor of instruction--denied that any classes in the training school have more than 40 students.

In federal court last July, Corbett testified that the county's Negro schools may be better than the white ones.

SWAFCA Sues For Its Money

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--The Southwest Alabama Farmers Cooperative Association (SWAFCA) has asked the federal court here to throw out a state-court order that is keeping it from spending its new \$595,751 federal grant.

The suit--naming Selma Mayor Joe T. Smitherman, Dallas County Circuit Court Judge James A. Hare, and Governor Albert P. Brewer as defendants--also asks the court to award SWAFCA \$300,000 in damages.

According to the federal suit, Smitherman made "false and fraudulent statements" when he asked Hare to issue an injunction prohibiting SWAFCA from spending its money and tying up SWAFCA's bank account.

The suit said the injunction was granted Oct. 18 "for no other reason than to prevent, delay, impede, intimidate, and to maliciously stifle the operation of SWAFCA."

The state-court injunction, the suit said, is also preventing SWAFCA and the U. S. Department of Agriculture from closing an \$852,000 loan. Because of the order, SWAFCA President William H. Harrison said in an affidavit, SWAFCA has been unable to pay salaries or buy supplies.

Owner Charges Police Harassment

Club Offers Coffee, Brotherhood

BY BENJAMIN T. PHILLIPS
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--Society's Child, say many Birmingham youths, is "where it's happening." Society's Child is a night club--but instead of serving liquor, it offers coffee, brotherhood, and racial harmony.

The place on Seventh Avenue North used to be known as "The Basement," when it catered to the usual, over-30 night-club crowd. But that's all changed since a young civil rights activist, David Walbert, has become the proprietor. Now high school and college youths, both black and white, flock there night after night.

"You feel like you got freedom here... black and white together, doing their own thing," said one young black man. "Everybody who acts like a man gets treated like a man here."

Walbert said he opened the club "to give people who aren't 21 something to do besides play putt-putt." What the patrons of Society's Child seem to enjoy most is the good folk and soul music.

One regular Society's Child entertainer, Mike MacEachern, never fails to get a reaction with lyrics like: "Oh, here's to the land you've torn the heart out of."

"Alabama, find yourself another country to be part of."

"Here's to the cops of Alabama, they're spittin' their tobacco as they lock the prison door."
"And their bellies bounce inside them

as they knock you to the floor. "Behind shiny metal badges you'll find murderers and more."

Such lyrics, according to Walbert and his wife, Susan, have also gotten a reaction out of the Birmingham police. Since Society's Child opened in August, the Walberts said, the police have constantly "harassed" the club and its patrons.

In the past, they said, people have been arrested crossing the street in front of the club, and as many as six people in one night have been charged with jay-walking.

Miss Peggy Morgan, a student at Jefferson State Junior College, said that when she called the police station to ask why Society's Child has been a target for police attention, she was told, "Don't you know that place is racially mixed?"

The police department has denied charges of harassment.

The most serious encounter with the police came Oct. 14, when two men were arrested inside the club, Mac Porter, a medical student, was arrested after he took a picture of two officers entering the club. Later, the police came back and arrested David Lee Edmonson, a waiter.

Edmonson was tried in Recorder's Court last Friday, on charges of assaulting an officer and resisting arrest. On hand for the trial were a few people who were present at Society's Child Oct. 14--and a large contingent from



DAVID LEE EDMONSON

Birmingham's Tactical Police Force. Edmonson's lawyer, Harvey Burg, asked that the dozen or so policemen be removed from the courtroom. "Their presence makes it impossible to achieve the proper relaxed atmosphere of a court of law must have," Burg said.

But Judge Tenant Smallwood said he didn't agree. "Do these men make you uncomfortable?" Smallwood asked. "Who might they intimidate?"

Officers Joe Warden and Tommy White testified that Edmonson interfered with Porter's arrest, and that he caused White to fall when he pulled on

the officer's arm.

Suggesting that the officers were harassing Society's Child by frequent visits, Burg asked Warden what other clubs the officers had visited that evening.

"I can't remember what other clubs we checked," Warden replied. About half his answers to Burg's questions were, "I don't remember."

But veteran Birmingham News reporter Oliver Roosevelt--who was in Society's Child the night of Oct. 14 as a music critic--said, "I did not see anyone touch the officers."

"I saw no one fall," Roosevelt added. "I heard no one fall."

When Mrs. Walbert testified in Edmonson's behalf, Smallwood remarked, "Judging from your accent, you're not from Birmingham."

Mrs. Walbert testified that the police "have been very rude to us."

"Do you dislike Officer White?" the judge asked.

"Yes," she replied. "He dislikes me."

Burg argued that Edmonson "should be commended rather than convicted." He noted defense testimony that Edmonson told Porter to "cool it" after the officers grabbed Porter from behind.

But Smallwood, after elaborating on the difficulties of police work, found Edmonson guilty. "Due to your age," the judge told the 18-year-old defendant, "I'm only going to sentence you to five days in jail and a \$100 fine." The case is being appealed.

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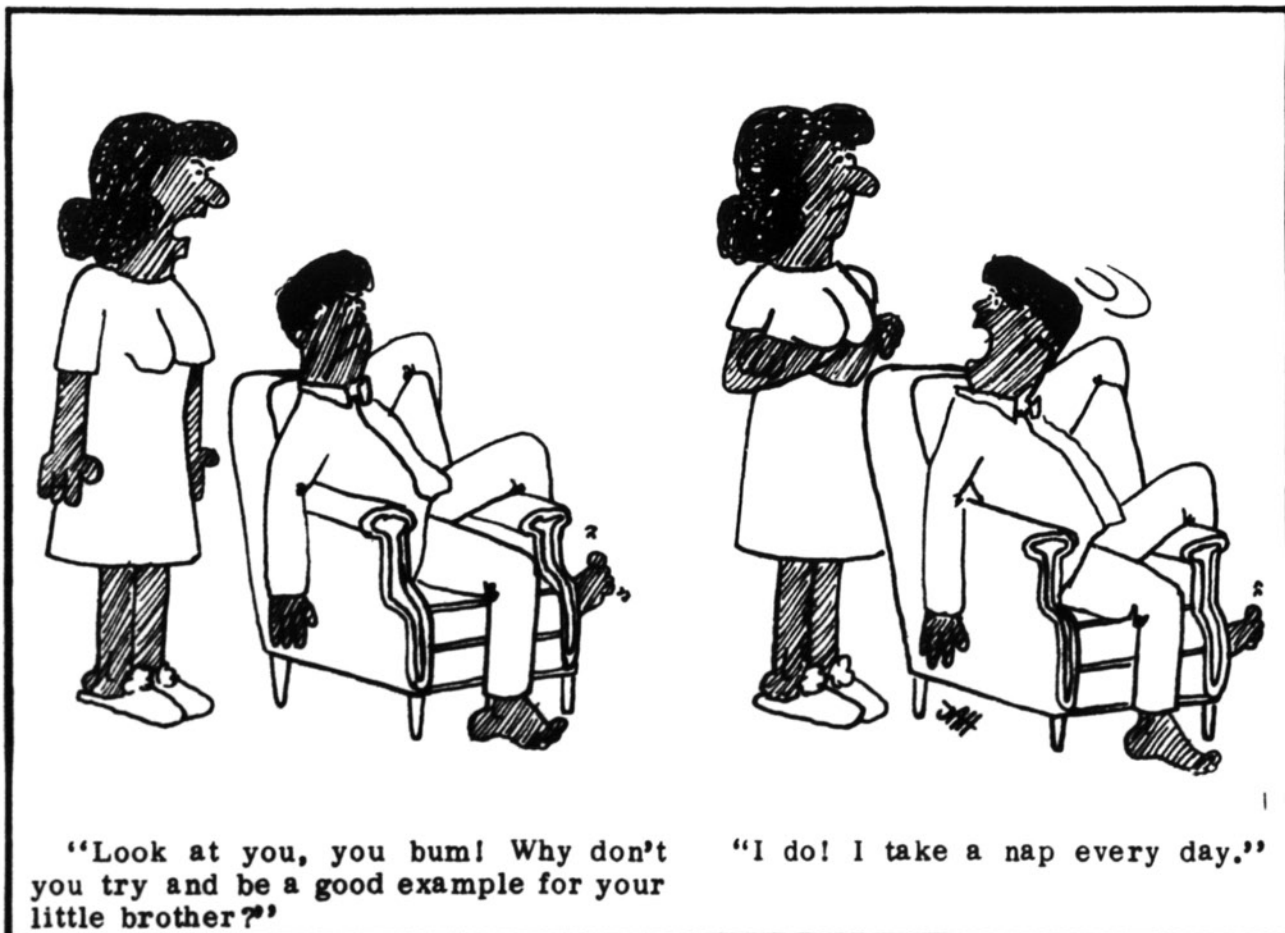
BY MICHAEL S. LOTTMAN

The monstrosity shown above is the top part of the ballot that most Alabama voters will be facing next Tuesday.

What makes the Alabama ballot so confusing is the fact that the names of the presidential candidates are nowhere to be found.

To vote for Humphrey, you must vote for the presidential electors of the Alabama Independent Democratic Party.

Heine-Sight



BY MICHAEL S. LOTTMAN
Maryland Governor Spiro T. Agnew was caught with his foot in his mouth again last month.

On Oct. 20, former baseball star Jackie Robinson—who left the staff of New York's Republican governor, Nelson A. Rockefeller, to campaign for the Democratic ticket—blasted Agnew for that remark.

Agnew's statement, Robinson told a convention of Negro Elks in Baltimore, Maryland, shows that "he has no concern for the people who are the have-nots."

"If he is the Vice-President," Robinson said, "and Nixon has given him this (poverty) area to develop, as he says, we are really in for some serious problems."

At the same convention, Mayor Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, Indiana, said the remark about ghettos demonstrates "the lack of understanding of Governor Agnew, and I think it also indicates his basic racist attitude, because one of the problems we have in this country is that



SPIRO T. AGNEW

black people are treated as one solid mass, and they are all considered the same."

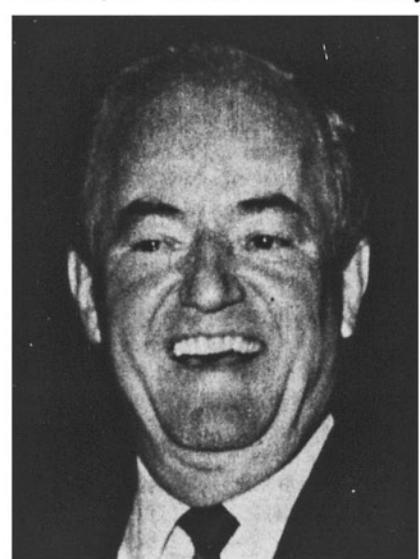
"Perhaps it is a good idea for Agnew to stay away from the slums," Louis Martin, deputy director of the Democratic National Committee, remarked in Washington.

The "If you've seen one" statement was the latest chapter in the continuing debate over Agnew's civil rights record, or lack of it.

Nearly everyone knows that Hubert H. Humphrey, the Democratic candidate for President, has been an advocate of civil rights for many years.

Humphrey's stand in 1948 drove Senator Strom Thurmond out of the party—though Thurmond later returned.

Many people feel that Humphrey has not kept up his early pace on civil rights. It was widely believed that he earned the vice-presidential nomination in 1964 by trying to persuade the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party to accept a weak compromise on being seated in that year's convention.



HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

Ga., audience he was in favor of open housing (the Civil Rights Act of 1968), and his record on civil rights is generally believed to be good.

But in one Southern campaign appearance this fall, Nixon said he opposes the use of the federal treasury to bring about school integration.

This seemed to mean he disapproves of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which has been used to desegregate many schools and other facilities.

Senator Edmund S. Muskie, the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, comes from Maine, a state where there are few Negroes.

No one needs to be told the civil rights record of George C. Wallace, the American Independent Party candidate for President.

But what does Agnew think? He was elected governor in 1966, in a race against an avowed segregationist, George P. ("A man's home is his castle") Mahoney.

new housing developments or new apartment ventures."

As governor, he later signed a law prohibiting racial discrimination in the sale or rental of housing having more than five units.

In January, 1967, Agnew became the first Maryland governor to appoint a Negro to his personal staff.

But this year, Agnew has made some very strange statements for an advocate of civil rights.

banes that followed the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Agnew held a disastrous meeting April 11 with Maryland's black leaders.

"Governor Agnew summoned approximately 100 leaders and prominent citizens from our community for the ostensible purpose of discussing the civil disturbance that disrupted our city for four days," a black Ad Hoc Committee for Good Government later reported.

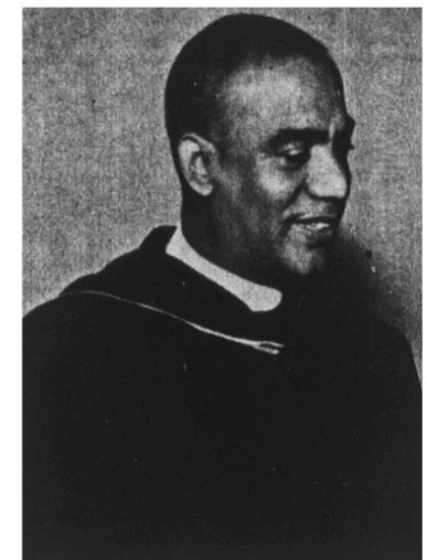
"In good faith and in a spirit of cooperation, we responded to the governor's call. However, upon our arrival, we found ourselves confronted with a series of circumstances that appeared

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Tuskegee, Ala.

Bishop William M. Smith of Mobile, president of the Alabama NAACP, spoke at the Butler Chapel AME Zion Church Oct. 13, on the topic, "Smile! You're on Candid Camera."



BISHOP WILLIAM M. SMITH

example, of a minister who boarded a city bus after preaching about "Thou shalt not steal."

At first, said Smith, the minister thought, "The bus company has plenty of money," but in the end, his conscience would not allow him to keep the dime.

Chicago, Illinois

The Rev. J. H. Jackson, head of the 6,000,000-member National Baptist Convention, and the group's political action committee have endorsed Republican Richard M. Nixon for President.



AUDIENCE LISTENS...

weeks, Nixon has also received endorsements from blues singer Arthur Conley and from Mrs. Myrtle Ollison of Oklahoma City, Okla., president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.

C. Johnson Dunn, athletic director at Alabama State College, represented Morehouse College at the inauguration of Allen Keith Jackson as president of Huntingdon College Oct. 24 in Montgomery.

Stephen T. Wright, president of the United Negro College Fund, spoke to an overflow crowd last month at Clark College's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Atlanta, Ga.

African dancers, acrobats, warriors, singers, drummers, and musicians entertained an attentive audience for about four hours last month.

Tuskegee, Ala.

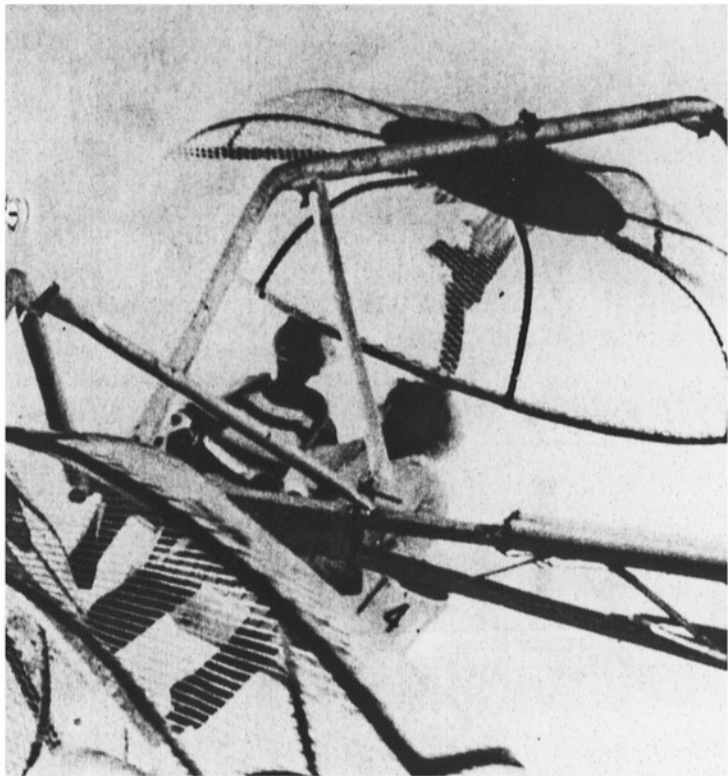
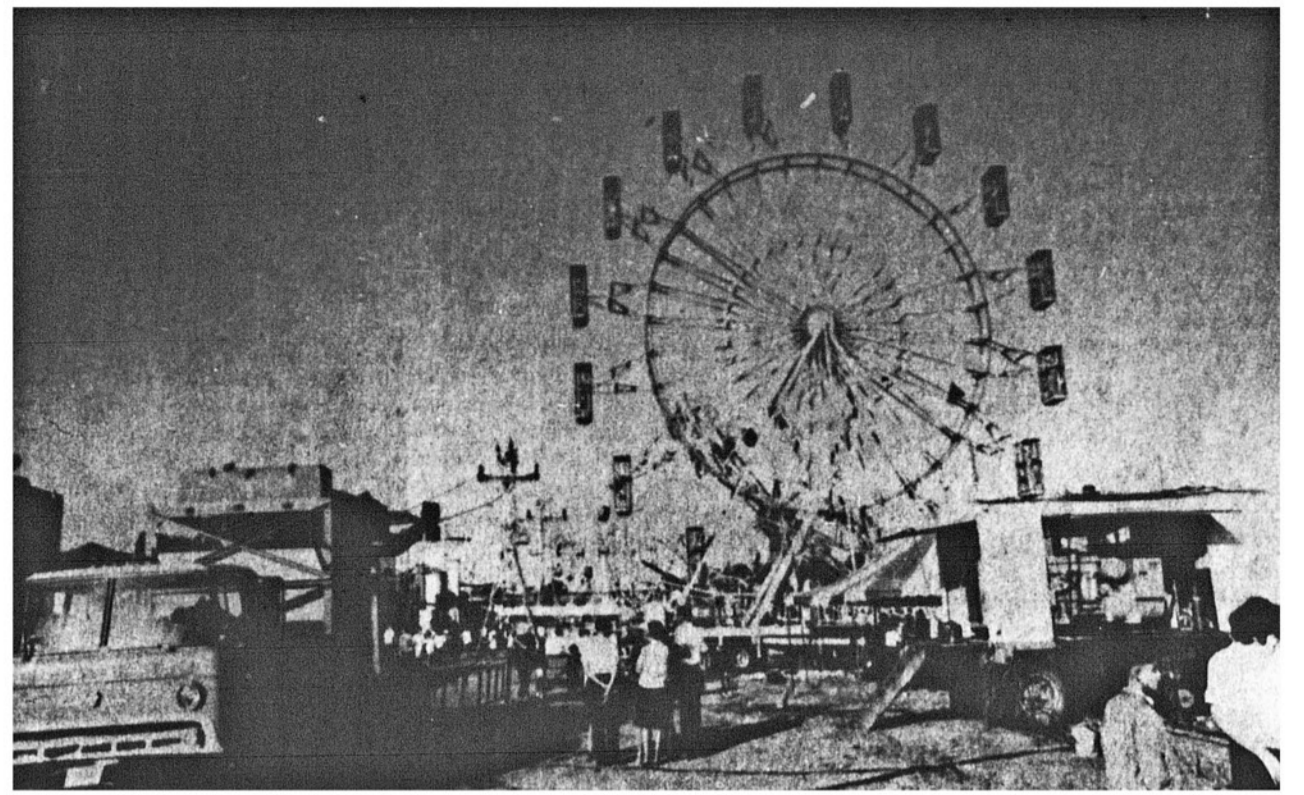
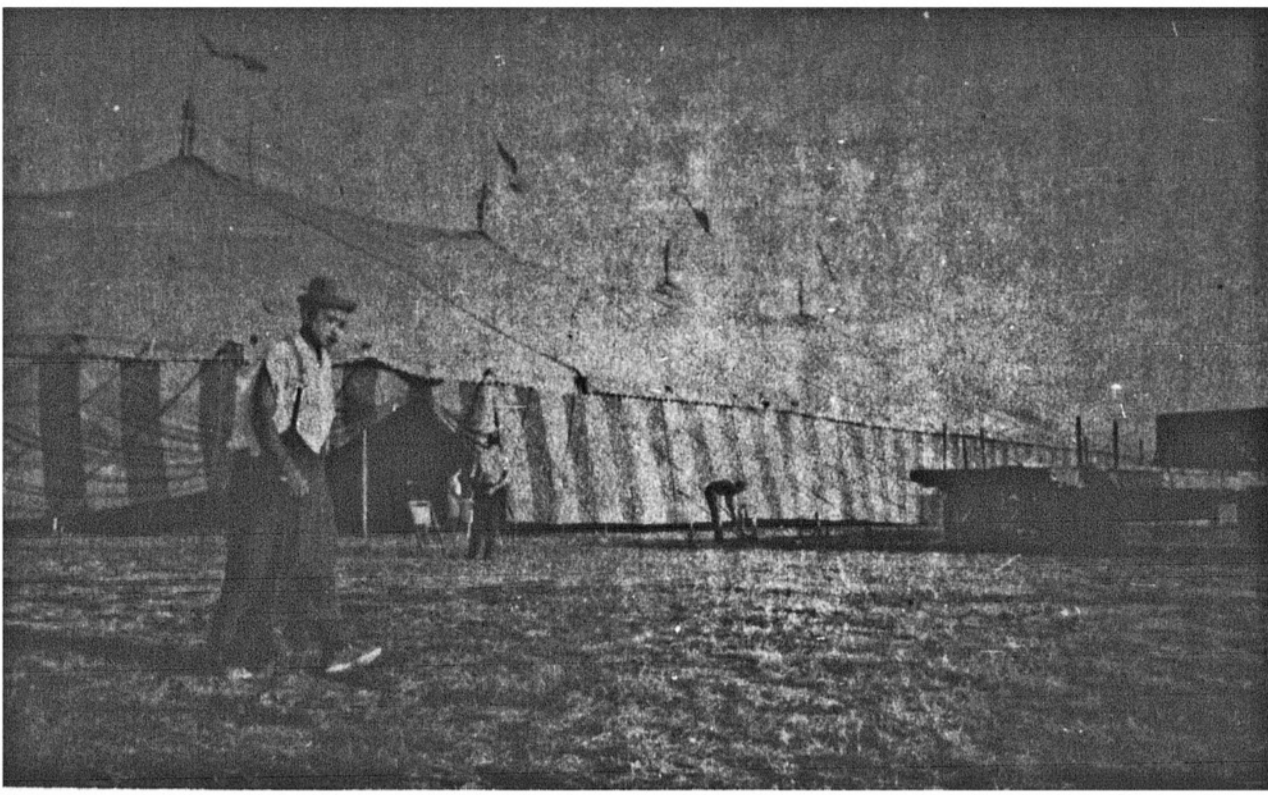
Five members of Tuskegee Institute's Seasonally Employed Agricultural Workers' Program participated in a two-day workshop Oct. 21-22 in Atlanta, Ga.

Montgomery, Ala.

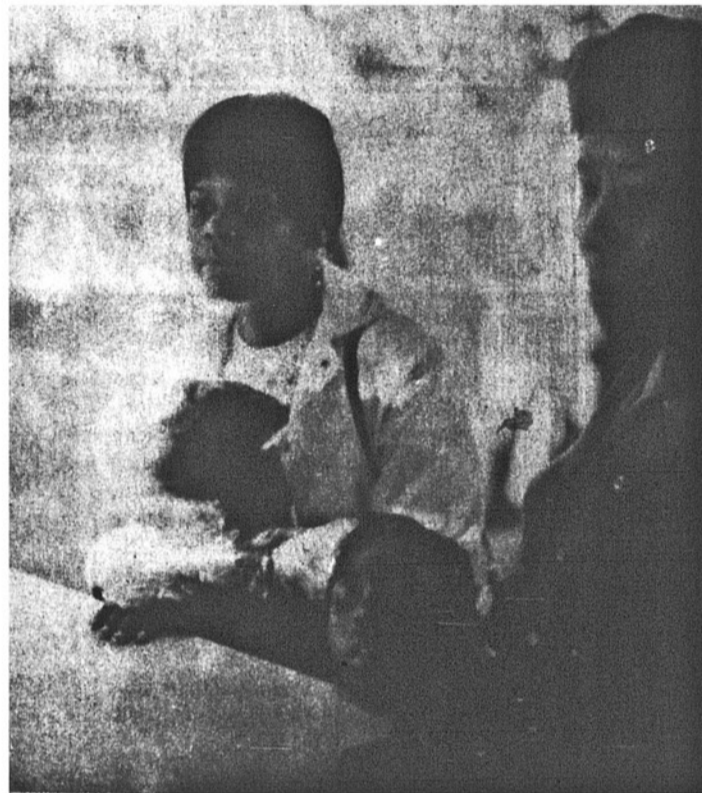
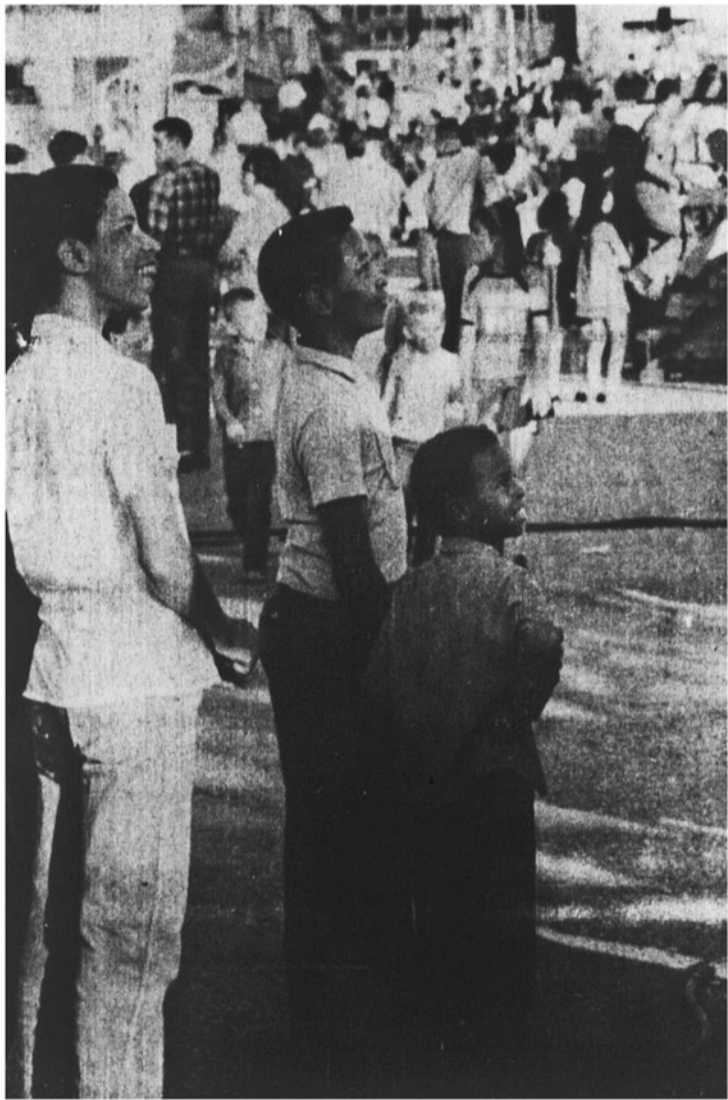
Nearly 400 people came to the Alabama State College Arena-Auditorium Oct. 17 to hear the Mobile Symphony Orchestra.



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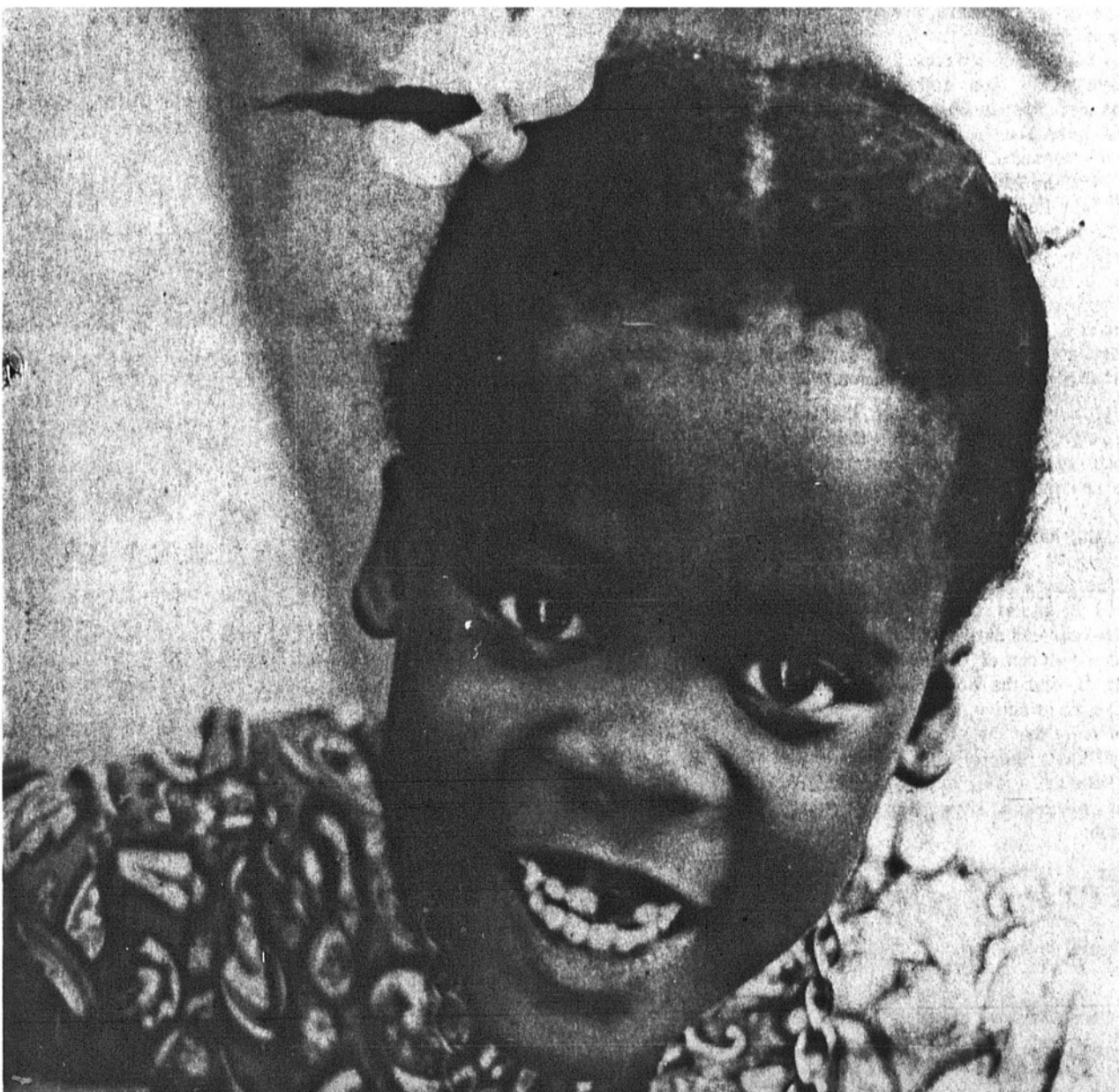
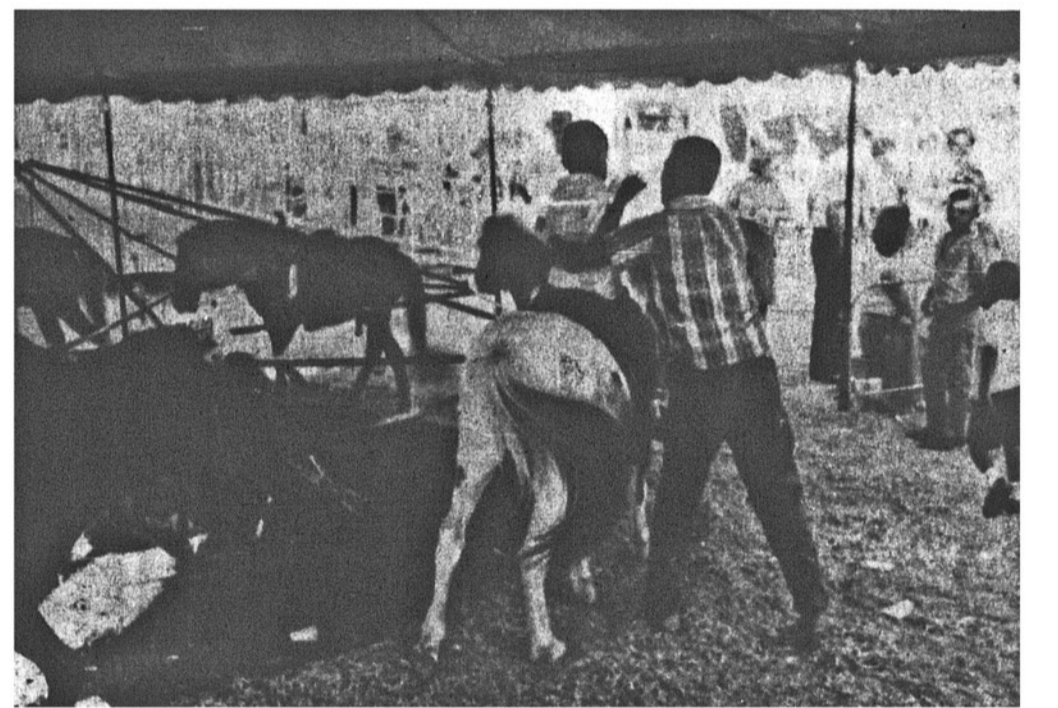
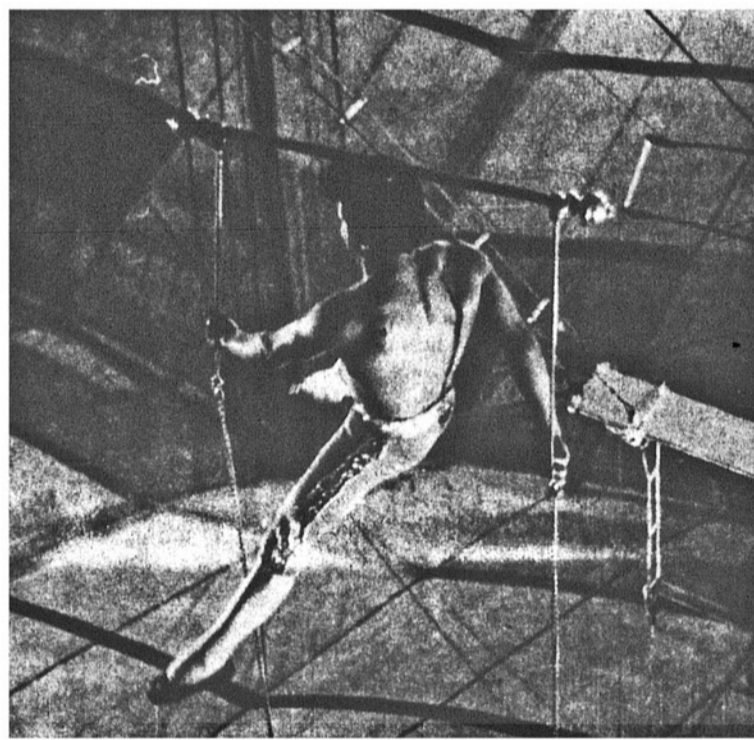


Kids Have Fun, and Parents Too, When Circus, Fair Come to Town

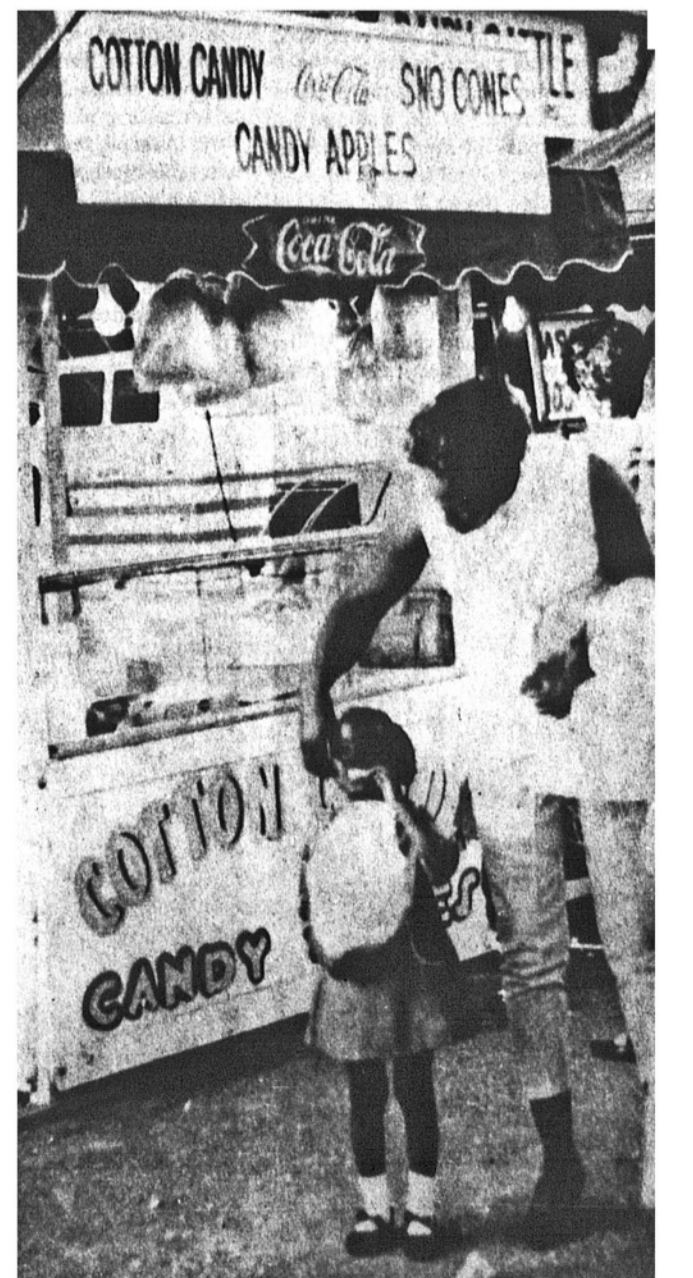
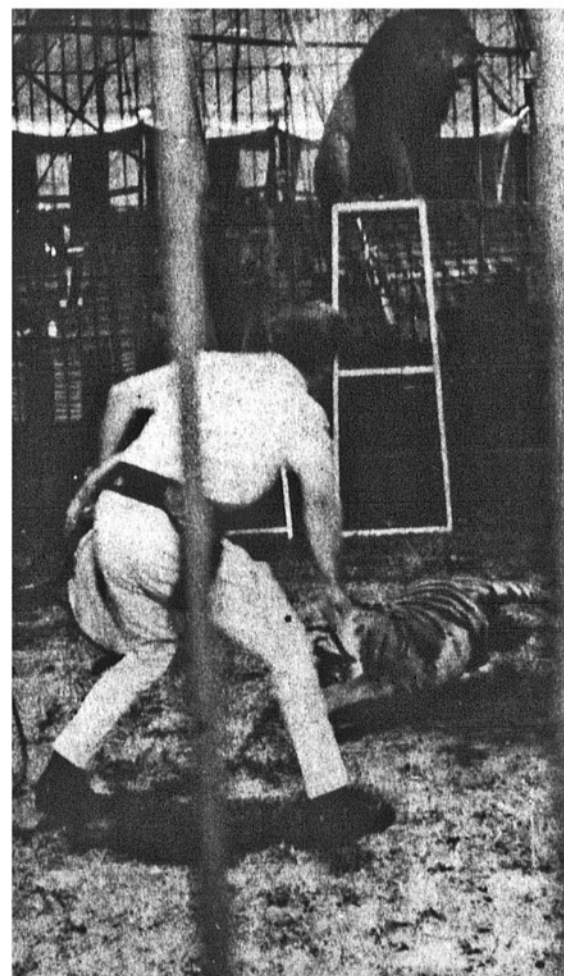


MONTGOMERY, Ala.-- When the fair and the circus come to Montgomery, adults are assured of a day of fun and enjoyment--for the kids.

At the fair, there are home economics displays for Mom, and burlesque shows for Dad (or vice versa). But Mom's and Dad's best entertainment is seeing the kids have fun. Because Mom and Dad know that if the kids don't have fun, it's going to be a long day at the old fairgrounds.



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WALLACE SUPPORTERS AT OCT. 13 RALLY



LINCOLN TAKES PART



ANTI-WAR "GENERAL"



ANTI-WAR RALLY OCT. 12 AT CIVIC CENTER

Pro-Wallace, Anti-War Rallies in San Francisco

Something for Everybody

SAN FRANCISCO, California--From all over North California they came, some 9,000 strong, in chartered buses and in motorcades of private automobiles.

They came to the Cow Palace, a popular basketball arena, but on Oct. 13, the attraction wasn't the San Francisco Warriors. It was presidential candidate George C. Wallace, making his first appearance in the San Francisco area.

While few black people were on hand for this auspicious event, some were scattered throughout the arena, in both the pro-Wallace and anti-Wallace camps. There were also a few black policemen.

About 250 protesters occupied one portion of the arena, and constantly interrupted the entertainers and speakers before Wallace's arrival.

As dozens of "Wallace girls"--in red, white and blue outfits and white skimmer hats--pranced about the crowd seeking donations, the demonstrators shouted, "Wallace girls, sock it to me!"

But their most disruptive chant was the Nazi salute "Sieg heil," which they used periodically, especially during Wallace's speech.



TWO BLACK VIEWS OF WALLACE



The Wallace supporters in the audience got so mad that they began shouting back, and waving their fists in the air. Whenever a policeman would remind a demonstrator, the group would reply to the "pig" by chanting "Cink."

One demonstrator waved a huge American flag, until the police removed it.

Earlier, at a press conference, State Senator Alton L. Turner of Luverne, Ala., predicted, "I'm telling you sincerely, I think George Wallace is going

to win the election." Turner, Wallace's advance man here, said many people in San Francisco are afraid to wear their Wallace buttons. "It's quite a commentary on San Francisco, and it's a crying shame," Turner commented. "There is not a town in Alabama where it would be dangerous to wear a button for Wallace or any other candidate."

"It would be perfectly safe for anybody to wear an Eldridge Cleaver button in Montgomery, Ala.," Turner added.

At a Fashion Show?

'I'm Black and Proud'

SAN FRANCISCO, California--"I'm black and I'm proud!" was the cry that came from the audience last month at an unusual fashion show in the Masonic Auditorium in downtown San Francisco.

The show was sponsored by the Black Man's Free Store, and the fashions were worn by black models from a new model agency, the House of Aum. ("Aum" is Swahili for "peace and beauty.")

As the Hylar Jones Trio provided background music, the beautiful and chic models paraded before the mostly-black audience, first in American fashions and then in African dress.

There was also entertainment, by the Duncan Company (Americans who do African dances), the Emotions, the

Malibu rock 'n' roll band, and many others. And it was all free.

The House of Aum is the brainchild of Miss Sandra Reed, a 23-year-old cosmetologist. She said she hopes her 16 models will eventually get full-time jobs with businesses that are interested in attracting black customers. Saks Fifth Avenue, the huge fashion chain, has already shown interest in the agency, she said.

Miss Reed's agency grew out of a self-help project at the Free Store. The girls who answered an advertisement in San Francisco's black newspaper, the Sun Reporter, were put through an eight-week course with a Canadian model.

Most of the models who appeared in last month's show were really black--not light-skinned like the Negroes you usually see in ads (if you see any). Some of them were not really good-looking. But they all walked majestically, and they wore their clothes--both American and African--with grace.

The reason both types of fashions were displayed, explained a black lady narrating the show, was "to see what we look like modeling not only THEIR clothes, but OURS, too."

The final garment shown was a dazzling African wedding dress, ankle-length, with white chiffon over a satin slip. It drew more shouts of "I'm black and I'm proud!"

SAN FRANCISCO, California--Some 10,000 servicemen, reservists, veterans, and civilians marched from Golden Gate Park to the downtown Civic Center Oct. 12, to protest the war in Viet Nam.

The march, called the first "GI Peace March," was the beginning of open military opposition to the war, said Donald Duncan, the former Green Beret master sergeant who has spoken out against the war for the past three years.

The Oct. 12 march was the first public demonstration involving men still on active duty.

An Air Force officer appeared in uniform, and read an order prohibiting servicemen from wearing uniforms while participating in demonstrations. Most of the servicemen present were not in uniform, but a number of them had gone "AWOL" (absent without leave) for the day.

Servicemen on bases in the San Francisco area usually have weekends off. But the weekend of the march, special orders barred any weekend passes, and special inspections were held every two hours. Lawyers for the march planners had tried to get court orders against these unusual restrictive measures.

Among the crowd on the march were dogs, children in carriages and on foot, hippies, men in white shirts and ties, housewives, students, and thousands of veterans wearing white Army caps with the words "Veterans for Peace."

There were no hecklers during the march, or during the rally at the Civic Center. Home-made signs were everywhere: "Stop the Bombing Now," "Women Demand No More War," "Civil Rights for GIs," "Berkeley Teachers Local 1078 Bring GI's Home Now," "Free Huey Newton," "Kill Poverty Not People," "For God's Sake, Don't Burn Our Brothers," and "Yankee Come Home."

A black lady carried a sign saying "Bring My Son Home." Another marcher was an 80-year-old lady on crutches. The march also included several veterans of Viet Nam--one of whom had won the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and four Purple Hearts.

"No one can call us cowards, because we've been there, and we can say the war is wrong," said one Viet Nam veteran. He told of one of his buddies getting shot, and screaming deliriously in pain--not "Those damn Viet Cong!" but "That bastard (Lyndon) Johnson!"

"If we get out of Viet Nam, that isn't enough," said Duncan. "There's a whole system that has to be changed--the one that got us there in the first place." He also attacked military training on college campuses: "ROTC must go!"

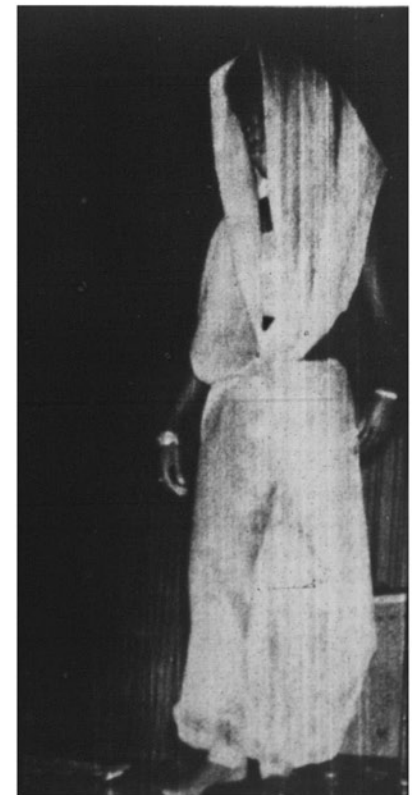
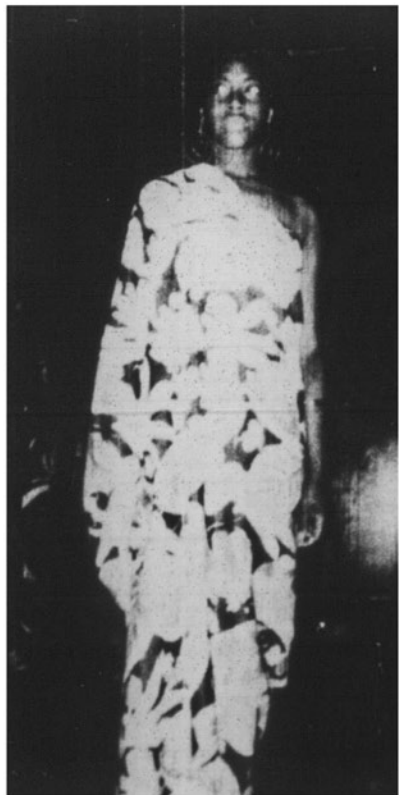
The day's keynote speaker was retired Brigadier General Hugh Hester, a 73-year-old native of North Carolina and a veteran of World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Despite 34 years of active duty, Hester said, he now feels that the Viet Nam war is "illegal" and "immoral."

"The war is disgracing every American, whether he knows it or not," said Hester.

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SCENES AT ANTI-WAR PROTEST



THREE CREATIONS MODELED AT BLACK FASHION SHOW

Wrenn's Congressional Race Gets Late Start

BY BENJAMIN T. PHILLIPS
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--As election day draws near, Tommy Wrenn is just starting his campaign to represent the Sixth Congressional District in the U. S. House. Wrenn, the candidate of the National Democratic Party of Alabama, wasn't sure he was going to be on the ballot until two weeks ago.

"Arthur Shores and his (Jefferson County) Progressive Democratic Council have refused to endorse my candidacy," Wrenn said this week. "In effect, they're telling black people to vote for the two white candidates, (Democrat) Quinton Bowers or (Republican incumbent) John Buchanan."

But Shores--the Negro attorney who helped the Wallace-controlled regular Democrats fight off the NDPA's convention challenge--said, "Tommy Wrenn is entirely incorrect. We're not endorsing anyone in the Sixth District."



TOMMY WRENN

"I won't endorse any candidate just because he's black," Shores said. "There are other things to consider. We don't feel that Mr. Wrenn is qualified for the office of Congress."

In his official campaign leaflet, Wrenn cites his experience as "a veteran of many, many human rights battles" on behalf of SCLC and the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights.

"My campaign is geared to the ordinary man, black and white," Wrenn said. "The fat cats aren't going to support me."

Nat'l Urban League Coming to Alabama

ATLANTA, Ga.--The National Urban League--until recently a Northern, city-based organization--is coming to rural Alabama.

Clarence D. Coleman, the Urban League's Southern regional director, said this move is necessary "in order to stem the forced movement of black men, women, and children into the already over-crowded and miserable inner-city ghettos."

A new Urban League program, titled The New Thrust (TNT), calls for "direct confrontations between poor blacks and the holders of power."

Coleman said the first such confrontations in Alabama will be held Nov. 12 at Miles College in Birmingham, and Nov. 14 at Alabama State College in Montgomery. These meetings, he said, will bring black leaders together with officials of government and private agencies.

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At least 62 black candidates are running for election commissions, and at least 17 for school boards. While many black people will vote for these candidates, most see little sense in adding to the totals of the state's five white U. S. Representatives.

Four of these congressional incumbents are unopposed for re-election. In the Fourth District, Democrat Sonny Montgomery faces Republican challenger Prentiss Walker.

Voters in several other states have more choice for President than the people do in Mississippi (and Alabama).

Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver will be on the presidential ballot in Michigan, Minnesota, Arizona, and Iowa, and electors favoring him will be on the California ballot.

Other black candidates include Dick Gregory (on the ballot in five or six states), Mrs. Charlene Mitchell of the Communist Party (on the ballot in Washington and Minnesota), and Paul Boutelle, vice-presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party (on the ballot in 19-21 states).

According to Mississippi law, write-in votes are not counted. But that doesn't mean people can't write in a candidate's name, anyway.

Leaflets urging people not to vote for any presidential candidate at all are being circulated in Jackson this week.



FOR A BETTER ALABAMA--The Alabama Council on Human Relations has active chapters in Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery, Huntsville, Florence-Tusculumbia-Sheffield, Auburn-Opelika-Tuskegee, Talladega, and Tuscaloosa. It has a staff that works throughout the state. The Alabama Council is integrated at all levels: its staff officers, staff, and local chapters all have people of both races working side by side. The Alabama Council wishes to establish local chapters in every county in the state. If you wish to join the Council's crusade for equal opportunity and human brotherhood, write The Alabama Council, P. O. Box 1310, Auburn, Ala. 36830.

FILM SERIES--A historical film series has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday in the Library Auditorium at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala. The series is free and open to the public. The Department of History and Social Sciences, in co-operation with Audio-Visual Services, will be the sponsor. B. J. Simms, coordinator of freshman history, will conduct a discussion session after each film.

CO-OP BUSINESS MANAGER--Applications open for business manager ONLY. Business, management experience required. Apply central SWAFCA office, 1608 1/2 Philpot Ave., Selma, Ala. 36701. An equal opportunity employer.

BLACK THEATER--The Black Theatrical Company was founded last summer in Shelby, Miss., as a pilot attempt to give black youth an identity. It is concerned with presenting black drama, black poetry, black fashion shows, black creative discussions, and black debates. The company needs grants and contributions to do these things. To send a contribution or get more information, write Joseph D. Delaney Jr., 676 Leigh Ave., Grenada, Miss. 38901.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS--We have a platform you can read and understand. Write for a free copy (no obligation) to The Universal Party, P. O. Box 516, Berkeley, Calif. 94701.

MISSING PERSON--Lester Morris Vinson, the son of Mrs. Susie Vinson, left home Sept. 9 in Decatur, Ala., cab. Vinson is 27 years old, stands about 6'2", weighs about 200 pounds, and has black hair and a dark complexion. He was employed at the Tip Top Grocery Store. If you have any information, please contact Mrs. Vinson at 519 12th Ave. in Decatur, or call 353-3857.

BAHA'IS--The Baha'is of Montgomery invite you to their weekly fireside at 8 p.m. this Saturday, at the Community House, 409 S. Union St., Montgomery, Ala. For transportation, call 265-9992. Meet Baha'u'llah.

STUDENT JOBS--The Interagency Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners for North Carolina announces that applications are now being accepted from college students for trainee positions in agriculture management, agriculture statistics, soil conservation, soil science, and engineering. Salaries will be \$88 and \$98 per week, depending upon the grade level of the position and the academic level of the applicant. Lists of eligibles will be used for filling trainee positions with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies with appropriate vacancies in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Applications and further information may be secured from the Interagency Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, 415 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, N. C. 27603. Refer to announcement number AR-8-16.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS--A well-loved verse from Psalm 130--"Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption"--is part of a Bible Lesson-Sermon titled "Everlasting Punishment," to be read in all Christian Science churches Sunday, Nov. 3.

EDUCATION BENEFITS--The Veterans Administration will pay up to \$130 a month to help educate each son and daughter of a deceased veteran, or of a veteran who has been totally and permanently disabled as a result of honorable service. These payments are usually provided for children 18 to 26 years of age.



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The group pictured here is from the Council Training School and Lincoln School communities, and was accompanied by Mrs. Nina Scott and Mrs. Beatrice Neal of Huntsville.

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Homecoming Games Close

BY FRANKLIN HOWARD AND MAURY HERMAN

ALEXANDER CITY, Ala.—The Laurel High Hornets tried to sting Norris High of Atala in Laurel's homecoming game Oct. 19. But the Hornets almost got stung themselves.

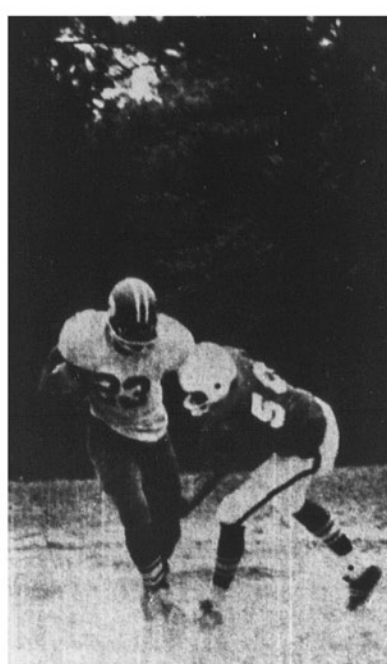
Norris quarterback Danny Jones passed to end Robert Potter for a 60-yard touchdown in the first quarter. Then in the third quarter, another Jones-to-Potter pass and Jimmie Morange's extra point put the visiting Pirates ahead, 13 to 0.

The Hornets had almost given up when Carl Martin, their right tackle, picked up a Norris fumble and went in for a touchdown. Then Laurel's L. M. Hunter rambled 19 yards for another score, and Larry Harwell's extra point tied the game. And that's how it ended.

On Oct. 24 in Shorter, at D. C. Wolfe High School's first homecoming, Wolfe also had to come from behind.

North Highland of Prattville held a 6-0 lead through the first three periods, but in the final quarter, a series of runs by Jonny Philip gave the home team a touchdown.

With the score 6 to 6, Mark Frank intercepted a North Highland pass, and Wolfe's Willie Surge then carried the ball over for the winning marker. The final score was 13 to 6.



IN THE RAIN AT WOLFE

Agnew's CR Record OK Until King Death

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inconsistent with the purpose of the conference.

"For example, guards were posted at the entrance, inspecting the credentials of the invitees; the governor was flanked by military personnel; and the room was saturated with both television cameras and press agents.

"When the governor began to speak, it was immediately obvious that our host neither intended to discuss the problems that plagued our city, nor pursue the paths that might prevent their recurrence. Rather, we discovered that we had been assembled for the express purpose of public embarrassment."

Those black leaders who did not walk out on Agnew, the committee said, were "stunned by the character of his comments, embittered by his inadequate knowledge of the facts, and inflamed by his inability to grasp the obvious problems at hand."

The committee also criticized Agnew for "his contempt for the Poor People's Campaign, his desecration of the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., by denouncing non-violent protest as a legitimate means for the redress of grievances, (and) his intemperate and insidious remarks couched in terms of

the 'law and order' cliché."

Agnew's defenders note that he has proposed a federal take-over of all state and local welfare programs. His reason for standardizing welfare procedures, however, is that "all too often the well-intentioned but frantic giveaway schemes never help the poor, because the money is intercepted and perverted to build militant political organizations."

And this is what the Nixon-Agnew Campaign Committee points to as Agnew's "pro-civil rights statement":

"I am pro-civil rights. I am for the implementation of civil rights, not just the elaborate programming and distribution of money, which is intended to bring about the equal opportunity and the justice that everyone talks about.

"On the other hand, I expect fully that no civil rights can be realistically achieved without the restoration of order (or) without the abandonment... of civil disobedience."

Bond: 'Can't Afford Nixon'

BY W. GRAYSON MITCHELL

ATLANTA, Ga.—"Black people cannot afford to have Richard Nixon as President of the United States," State Representative Julian Bond said last week in a public statement.

"The next President will have the power to turn back the clock," Bond said. "He will choose as many as five Supreme Court justices. He will name an Attorney General. He will staff, direct, and determine the policies and

budget of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and scores of other federal agencies.

"By no means can black people afford to have those decisions made by Richard Nixon."

Though "little hope is seen for revamping the national Democratic Party," Bond said, "a vote for (Hubert H.) Humphrey will be enabling black people to hope that their future will be a little better."



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Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights

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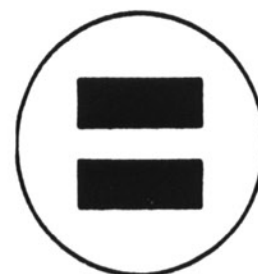
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