

Better Race Relations Their Goal



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NAACP OFFICIAL DISCUSSES SIT-IN PROTESTS WITH STUDENTS
Mr. Farmer and Michael Gregory and Rita Fulton, from the University of Toledo

2,000 At Protest Rally Back Sit-In Effort In South

\$2,200 Contributed To Aid Negro Cause; Stores Asked To Provide Equal Facilities

Some 2,000 Toledo area residents joined in a protest rally last night against lunch-counter segregation in the South and contributed \$2,200 to the cause of Negro students in the movement.

The rally was sponsored by the Toledo Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Board of Community Relations and a citizens' committee of 40 persons assembled by Mayor Damas.

The audience supported unanimously a resolution submitted by the Board of Community Relations backing the sit-in demonstrations and any practical and legal means as an effective protest.

The resolution also urged F. W. Woolworth, W. T. Grant, S. S. Kresge and S. K. Kress stores, target of the anti-segregation protests, and all other establishments to offer equal accommodations to all customers, regardless of race or color. Several Toledo area college students spoke in support of the resolution.

Arrested Student Speaks

The feature of the rally in the Civic Auditorium was the appearance of Julianne Aright, a senior at Claflin College, Orangeburg, S.C., who was one of 388 students arrested March 15 in Orangeburg.

Miss Aright, who described the mass arrests as Black Tuesday in Orangeburg, said

the students were drenched by fire hoses and choked by tear gas and then left shivering for three hours in a barbed-wire enclosure outside the county jail in Orangeburg.

"We have gone to jail with dignity, with our heads high—not in shame, because we have done no wrong," she said.

She declared that Negro students participating in the protests have been referred to as the new Negro.

They are called the new Negro because they have lost their fear of the white man, she said.

Compared To Spy Incident

James Farmer, New York City, program director of the national NAACP, asserted that the question of racial segregation is of greater importance in weakening this nation's position at the forthcoming summit conference in Paris than the U2 plane incident in Russia.

Rabbi Stephen Schaffer, speaking on race relations in Toledo, said there is a minimum of discrimination in public health, education and recreational facilities, but job and housing opportunities are limited for Negroes.

Mayor Damas said the Toledo NAACP had planned to picket Toledo outlets of three of the national chain stores to support the action of college students in the South. The meeting, he said, was a better answer to the problem in Toledo.

The Rev. A. L. Roach, president of the Toledo NAACP, said there has been a general awakening, not only in the South but around the world, of minority groups against discrimination.