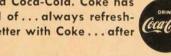
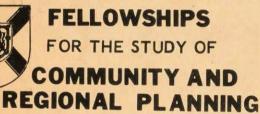


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The fight to win equal rights for Negroes is not confined to the United States. The movement has spread to Canada—particularly Nova Scotia where one of every three Canadian Negroes lives—and is spearheaded by aggressive 25-year-old Rocky Jones. Dan Proudfoot tells about Rocky and his campaign...

Canada's own Stokely Carmichael

By DAN PROUDFOOT

nine years old a white kid in Nova Scotia. stepped up and rubbed his Negro

"That's for good luck" said and built a low-rent housing dethe white kid, as was the custom velopment called UNIACK. in Truro, Nova Scotia. Rocky, then known in some quarters by ing else. There's a new mayor his given name, Burnley, gave now, Allan O'Brien, and he's an

him good luck. gave him good luck all right,"

savs Rocky. Today is 16 years later, and complaints. That's a start.' Rocky's still kicking. He's changed his methods, slightly,

but the idea is the same. Scotia, and probably one of the that centres around youth. most determined.

His project started in the fall of 1965, hoping to give Halifax's Negroes a voice and to promote Toms. Stokely Carmichael's got

'We work with kids," he explained. "We pick up kids of 16 and 17 and try to give them a sense of responsibility, something they've never had. The odds of being successful are not very good. The kids who do develop self confidence, they get out. They see the streets of Ontario paved with gold.

"They know brotherhood means nothing, man," said It was through SNCC that "were apathetic—beaten is a Jones. "People don't care as Jones decided to work in Nova long as they get ahead. Some Scotia. He'd left his home prov-Negro has to keep a family on ince when he was 16, joining the \$60 a week, you think he's going army and heading for Burnaby, to care about brotherhood? B.C. Little over a year later he Same thing for anybody. You came to Toronto. think anybody worries about his brother as long as he's hungry himself? Not a chance."

Behind the Nova Scotia Project stand seven people, including play, and where the word at the Rocky and his wife, and money from savings and donors. Five of from the first day of grade one: the volunteers belong to the Colored kids use the other bath-Company of Young Canadians; rooms. no other organizations are in- Jones arrived in Truro a few

One in three

Negroes, according to the 1961 census. Estimates now place the number up to 18,000; the census

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showed that more than one Ca-When Rocky Jones was about nadian Negro in three was found What Halifax has done so far is expropriate half of Africville

"That's it," said Rocky, "noth-

old friend of our project. He may "I kicked the hell out of him. I be easier to work with. One thing he's doing is putting in a hotline, so citizens can phone in

Much of Club Kwacha's work involves more talking-to parents, ghetto dwellers, city If Rocky Jones could afford council. There are other organibusiness cards, they would say: zations, such as the Nova Scotia R. Jones, Executive Director, Association for the Advancement THE NOVA SCOTIA PROJECT. of Colored People and the Citi-They would mean that R. Jones zens Human Rights Commission, is the poorest executive in Nova but the project is the only one

Rocky isn't what Halifax was

"Man," he says, "I hate Uncle better race relations in the prov- something when he says the only way the Negro's going to get Since then, it's worked no won- ahead is when he gets rid of all those Toms.'

Stokely Carmichael, leader of SNCC (Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, is best known as the symbol of Black Power. "His is the most real philosophy I've heard," said Jones. "Somebody hits you, you have to hit him back. People here have where it's got them. Nowhere."

Then Jones started to think back to life in Truro, where the local poolroom had told him that Negroes could watch but never Willow Street School had spread

weeks later. He'd already been rental housing. introduced. Reports had filled The original Kwacha (Zamthe Nova Scotians in on the To- bian for Freedom) House was a In front of the project lie 12,000 ronto kids who planned to come locker room renovated by the



ROCKY JONES: A MAN WITH A PURPOSE He aims to change Canada's treatment of Negroes

have to vacate."

checkers. A Negro Baptist min- ed it about six weeks when a lot ister had stated that the Negro of white kids heard about it and community would resent outside started coming down," said mixing, the owners said we'd can see why I can't get \$5,000 in

Blank faces

It didn't matter where Jones Rocky visited councillors and went, which of the province's 47 asked for a building; they re- ple are damnably apathetic

"The Negroes," he said, better word. And the whites claimed we were looking for problems that didn't exist. Many of them still refuse to believe there is discrimination."

But the kids Jones and the original five Nova Scotia Project workers met were willing to talk about housing, employment, school. The youths in turn talked to their parents and produced a leaflet protesting the city's announcement that it was going to tear down mula of Creighton St., a mixed area politely referred to as "depressed," and build low-

and change the whole game of project's members. "We'd rent-

been praying 200 years and look talked to. The face would be ple from the area laugh now, about the project invariably stature of the advertiser. The Dalhousie Book Store

Jones. "Right after we started middle of his tour, "damned if I

Negro communities he called on, ported that they could see no about what's happening in Canawhat color the face was that he need for a Kwacha House. Peo- da," said Jones, whose optimism

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raise \$1,000 in one day at U of

T," Rockey Jones said in the

"The feeling I get is that peo-

Fund raising for Kwacha.

though, when they remember sinks when he forgets its accomthat there was a \$10,000 fire in a plishments and thinks about housing development soon after- present finances.

wards and the council-thinking Little can be done to improve the natives were becoming rest- housing because Nova Scotia Huless-suddenly found an old bar- man Rights laws allow discrimiracks which, they said, could be nation in apartment buildings obtained at a mere \$50 a month. with four or fewer units. Smaller By August 1966, the barracks buildings remain white if they was completed as the new Kwa- choose to.

Expropriation of Africville And Kwacha continued. More homes continues, with its citithan 40 youths now attend, tak- zens shifting into other predomiing part in tutoring programs, nantly Negro areas. "They'll say dramatics, typing, sewing, role- that a street's mixed, man, but playing, seminars and dances. you look down that street and it Now, though, Jones and com- looks black." says Jones.

pany are once again concerned "The whites don't want to be with Kwacha House. They were there, believe me. Take the end told when they moved into the of Creighton St. where the wealpresent barracks that they thier whites live. They had the would have to move in 1967; the name of their end of the street Nova Scotia Project must build changed to Northwood Terrace. Think they want to say they live That's why Jones was in Ham- on Creighton St.?"

ilton recently, speaking at Mc- Burnley Jones, one of 10 chil-Master University. That's why dren of a Truro stationary engihe was in Montreal, Ottawa, neer, is back on Creighton St. to-Guelph, London, Waterloo and at day

Nowhere near Northwood Ter-Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. race.

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