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David Jenkins, a Welland High School teacher, yesterday was elected deputy governor of Kinsmen Clubs for Niagara Zone E at a zone conference at the Hotel Queensway attended by representatives of 15 clubs. He will be invested and presented with his badge of office later at a district convention in Buffalo. Here, left, he inspects the deputy governor's pin he'll receive, one that now is worn by the current office holder, Douglas Butt, of St. Catharines.

30,000 Roar As King Declares Freedom War

By FRANK HUNT
(AFRO Staff Correspondent)

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — To the thundering applause of some 30,000 persons from all over the country, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in effect declared war on forces of segregation in Alabama, Thursday.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner, in what was perhaps his finest hour, delivered an eloquent appeal to the poor whites of the South and to the rest of the nation, to throw off a conspiracy of oppression in which they were

shackled by a post civil war power structure which once sought to profit from segregation.

Black and white together, he said, could, through "creative non-violence, rebuild Alabama's image and make her a state in which all citizens could be proud.

White Alabamians leaned from windows in the Capitol building and several other state office buildings surrounding the Confederate court.

Their faces were intent as

the nation's top rights leaders, entertainers, and churchmen, of both races, provided a living witness for the cause of racial equality.

The area was surrounded by soldiers. Helicopters circled overhead. A line of Capitol police barred the entrance to the building.

"I know Gov. Wallace is waiting for us to leave so that his town can return to normalcy," the rights leader said.

"But it was his kind of normalcy."

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Ebony Tells How Nat Cole Became International Star

It started, for all practical purposes, in the jazz joints of the West Coast in the late thirties. Nathaniel Adams

Coles, an 18 year old Chicago piano player with the stranded "Shuffle Along" revue (a cast member had absconded with \$800 in cash receipts), had to make his stand where he was. It wasn't easy. Sometimes the pay was \$5 a night, sometimes less.

But, in an extensive pictorial feature reviewing his life and death, "Ebony" tells how the dark, Dixie-born son of a Baptist minister, became an international star, the toast of royalty, and a beloved human being whose death was felt throughout the civilized world.

Tracing the musically precocious Coles (he later dropped-

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Nat King Cole

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W. Goth, D.D. Minister Metropolitan United Church, London, Ontario; presentation of flowers for Mrs. Goth by Miss Wenda Jenkins; Response: The Rev. George E. Crawford, Annual Conference Secretary; accompanist for Miss Day was Mr. T. C. Chatto, B.A. (Edin); Benediction, Mayor G. N. Holmes, President London Council of Churches.

An Easter Message

By the Reverend Winston H. H. Clarke, Bethemanual Church:

And as they thus spake, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, peace be unto you. St. Luke 24, verse 36. No greater sentence has ever fell from human lips in all our history, His salutation to His disciples as they sat together suffering from the effects of the loss of their beloved and devoted leader. They had witnessed only a few days before, His death and passion upon the cruel cross at Calvary, their hopes were suddenly broken and they sought comfort in the fellowship room. What joy must have come over them as they heard the accustomed voice of Him that they all loved; saying, peace be unto you.

Peace on earth is a state that all men of goodwill

yearn for over the centuries, but as we observe the attitudes and behaviour of mankind it would seem to the unbeliever as an illusive dream. All believers in His death, passion and resurrection are assured by His promise that peace is the definite goal of our Faith. This was sustained by St. Paul as he spoke to the church at Ephesus: Ephesians 3 verse 20: Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundant above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us.

Easter is a season when all doubts should be dispelled from our minds, and our faith should be rekindled for we have heard His accustomed voice saying to us anew, Peace be unto you. The shackles of doubt and despair that would seem to overcome us should be broken once more as we avidly prepare for this glorious season, we should welcome the opportunity given us to stand on this solid affirmation which has come down to us from His first disciples: He Is Risen!

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Nat King Cole

(Continued from page one) ped the 's' from his family name) from the time he could play piano at four years of age. Ebony reflects on his early conflicts as a jazz pianist with his father; his \$18 a week job as a professional pianist while in high school; how he 'accidentally' became a singer ("A doctor heard me one night and told me 'Son, with that throat you ought to be home in bed'"); and how an improbable little tune about a monkey and a buzzard and a ride in the air, a song he had written and sold for \$50, became one of his first singing recordings.

"Straighten Up and Fly Right," was only the beginning of the King Cole Trio "that rode the top of the jazz combo lists" through the for-

ties, says Ebony.

Later as a singer, many other hits followed, as did his tax problems, conflicts with racial bigots, and an ulcerous stomach that led to his collapse on stage while playing an Easter Sunday concert at Carnegie Hall.

Nat Cole's total record sales ran to 25 million, says Ebony, "grossing some \$50 million for Capitol Records and 2½ million for himself."

What kind of voice does it take to sell like that? Ebony quotes New York Post's Gene Grove as observing: "The voice issues still, as it has for 25 years, from a wide, wide mouth to caress a wide, wide world with rock-candy clarity, a two-octave range, and the husky timber of a hum through a paper-covered comb."

HOW HE CAME

He did not go to the temple throng,
A risen, victorious King,
He did not seek those who sought His death,
His judgment on them to bring.

He came to those who had loved their Lord,
He came in a kindly way,
And a woman who wept for a master slain,
Beheld Him, at dawn of day!

He came to disciples filled with fear,
And showed them His hands and side,
He walked with two on a country road,
In the quiet of eventide.

A Guest He was in a humble home,
Where the housewife the meal had spread,
They knew their Lord by His wounded hands,
When He graciously broke the bread.

He waited, not in a kingly guise,
On the shore of the Syrian sea,
To disciples wearied with fruitless toil,
A Helper again was He!

We know that He is the Lord of all,
His kingdom will have no end,
And we know He still is our comrade, too,
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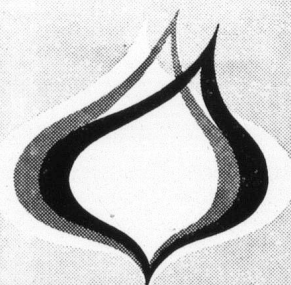


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VIOLENCE VERSUS NON-VIOLENCE

When historians in the times to come look back upon the civil rights struggles of the mid-20th century, there are two men whose lives they cannot possibly ignore—The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Malcolm (Big Red) Little, better known throughout the world as Malcolm X.

Despite the fact that both were born Negroes in the United States, they followed different paths that brought them both into the international limelight, espousing radically different philosophies and yet, strangely, working toward the same end—the winning of the dignity of manhood for the black man in America.

There Were Similarities

While most people think of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King as being as far apart as the North and South Poles, there were many similarities between the two. Each was born the son of a Baptist minister and they were born only three years apart (King is 36 and Malcolm was 39 when he died). King was born in Atlanta, Ga., where one could have expected racial violence at any time during his childhood. Malcolm was born in Omaha, Neb., a Midwestern town not usually thought of as being violently anti-Negro. Yet there Malcolm saw his home burned to the ground by Ku Klux Klansmen and his militant father—a black nationalist follower of Marcus Garvey—was later found bludgeoned on street-car tracks. Malcolm's memories of white Midwesterners was much more bitter than King's memories of white Southerners.

Strangely, both Martin Luther King and Malcolm X turned to the East for their philosophies. Malcolm first moved into the Black Muslim faith headed by Elijah Muhammed and later into what he called the true faith of Islam, the orthodox Moslem religion, after his break with Elijah. King turned to India and the teachings of the Hindu, Mohandas K. Ghandi, for his philosophy of non-violence, a philosophy which fitted well his religion taken from Jesus Christ, one of the first preachers of non-violence during his life on earth.

Brave men both, King and Malcolm received almost constant threats against their lives. King was stabbed by a demented woman in a New York bookstore but, fortunately, recovered. Malcolm was not so fortunate. It is ironic that both the woman who stabbed King and the group who assassinated Malcolm were Negroes.

Both brilliant and articulate, the highly educated King and the scarcely-formally-educated-at-all Malcolm demonstrated often that they could hold their own against some of the best minds in the nation. Radio and TV interviews vied for the opportunity to put them before microphones and listeners were seldom disappointed. Both were sought as lecturers at leading colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and abroad.

King's Role Is Different

The role of Martin Luther King in the fight for civil rights is, indeed, quite different from that of Malcolm X. The majority of Negroes are Christians with the teachings of Christ implanted deep within their hearts and soul. They have been brought up to believe that God will show them the way and that, eventually, they will be led out of their troubles and woe. They want to continue believing this and King, a man of God, a Baptist minister, keeps strengthening their beliefs for them. He will suffer any persecution, risk and danger, involve himself in any demonstration to prove that each victory—no matter how small—brings the Negro that much closer to his goal. He has a bravery that wins respect, a calmness that inspires trust, a dedication that brings support and a deep and abiding religious faith that seems to bring love. His followers seem to say, "How can the white man continue to hold out against all this goodness."

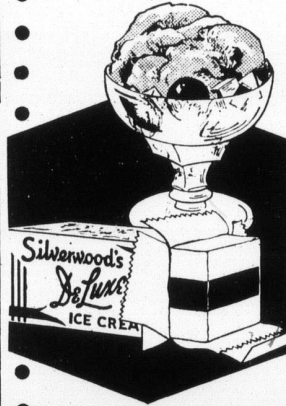
Only History Can Tell

Which philosophy will most quickly win full freedom for Negroes in America today is a subject debated hotly almost every time a group of Negroes gets together. The young and the impatient espouse the philosophy of Malcolm X—the Malcolm of the last year, the Malcolm who said it was possible for whites and Negroes to get along and who dropped the Black Muslim cry of complete segregation and "some land of our own." Some of the more mature Negroes see King's non-violent way as the quickest road to a lasting settlement of the race problem. But on one thing they all agree—the race problem must be solved and solved quickly. The decision as to how it will be solved lies as much with white America as it does with Negro America—perhaps even more so. Even Malcolm X, himself, and the Black Muslim group from which he defected never advocated the initiation of violence—saying only that violence should be met with violence.

As the Negro more and more is given his place as a man in society, the danger of the masses turning to violence grows less and less.

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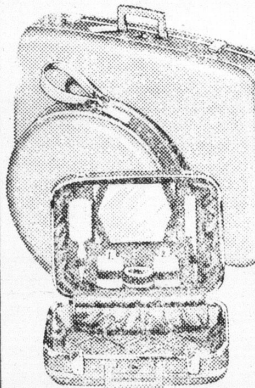
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The change that these bright days bring.
When garden and meadow and wood turn green
With the coming of welcome spring.
Many and many a time we've heard
The story of Easter told
With never an added phrase or word,
Since that glorious day of old.
In that well-known way, and the ages through,
We tell of the risen King.
Yet the Easter story is always new
As the first glad sign of spring.
—Edith Sanford Tillotson

Three Africans Have Been Popes

IBADAN, Nigeria — (NPI) The question was asked here recently whether an African can be elected Pope. According to the Rev. Father James O'Neill, Catholic priest in Ibadan, "there is every possibility" that such could happen. Father O'Neill said: "Since there are two African cardinals, there is every possibility that an African could be elected as Pope."
When the cardinals meet to elect a new Pope, there is no question of race or color; each cardinal has only to swear that 'as God is my judge' he votes for the person whom he thinks most fitted to rule the Catholic church.
"Who knows whether at some future time an African

cardinal may not be considered by the other cardinals as the most fitted to rule the church..."
The two black cardinals are Laurence Rugambwa of Tanganyika and Paul Zoungana, Upper Volta. Carina Cardinal Zoungana was recently elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope Paul VI. His predecessor, cardinal Rugambwa was inducted by Pope John on March 28, 1960.
Father O'Neill pointed out that three black popes ruled the church several centuries ago.
"There were three Popes in centuries who were either born in Africa, or their parents came from Africa, and everyone knew them as Africans," he said.
The trio were Popes St. Victor I, St. Melchades and St. Selasius I.
Pope St. Victor I was born in Africa and reigned over the church from 189-199. He was martyred and his body is buried near that of St. Peter on the Vatican hill.
Also born in Africa and martyred was Pope St. Melchades. He served from 311-314. His body is buried in the cemetery of Calistus in Rome.
Pope St. Gelasius I, was born in Rome of African parentage, and reigned as head of the church from 492-496. He was, according to a contemporary writer, noted "all over the world for learning and holiness."
Father O'Neill added another note to his observations: "Whether they were black Africans or not, we cannot say, since in those days, men and especially Christians, took little account of color."
"They asked only whether a man was a Christian."

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sob,
I may have struck a better
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Don't go and buy a large
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For which you will find it
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Don't hang around me feeling
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I may be better off than you.

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soul,
Just pin one in my button-
hole,
But do it while I'm at my
best
Instead of when I'm safe at
rest.

U.S. Judge May Jail Ala. Sheriff

MOBILE, Ala. (UPI) — An order was signed Friday requiring Sheriff Jim Clark to show cause why he should not be held in contempt for violating federal court orders during Selma right-to-vote demonstrations.

The order was signed by

U.S. District Judge Daniel H. Thomas. The show cause hearing was set for April 26.

The order had been prepared and approved by the judge earlier last week.

Clark was charged with contempt by lawyers representing Selma demonstrator Amelia Boynton in a case in which the judge laid down specific instructions to be followed by voter applicants and law enforcement officers.

Several others, including the circuit and county solicitors, were named defendants and were cited by lawyers for contempt.

Thomas, however, ordered only Clark to defend himself against the contempt charges.

In case Spring never comes, the Ontario Safety League reminds drivers that snow time is slow time. Many drivers severely inconvenience themselves and others by running out of gas in traffic crawling through snow storms. Keep your gas guage high when storms



Mr. Garnet Brooks, former resident of London, Ont., now residing in Toronto, took tenor part in Handel's "The Messiah" under the leadership of Martin Boudy at Calvary United Church which was a great success. Mr. Brooks leaves for California where he will continue his studies.



Joie Hollingsworth, a former resident of London, Ont., has made good on his own having travelled all over the States and parts of Europe entertained at the Iriquois Hotel last week.

Canada's National Library Week is held from April 10 to 17 and serves to remind young and old that the shelves hold the key to new worlds of interest. As soon as a child can read he should be exposed to the library; the older person who is facing retirement may find new hobbies and handicrafts.

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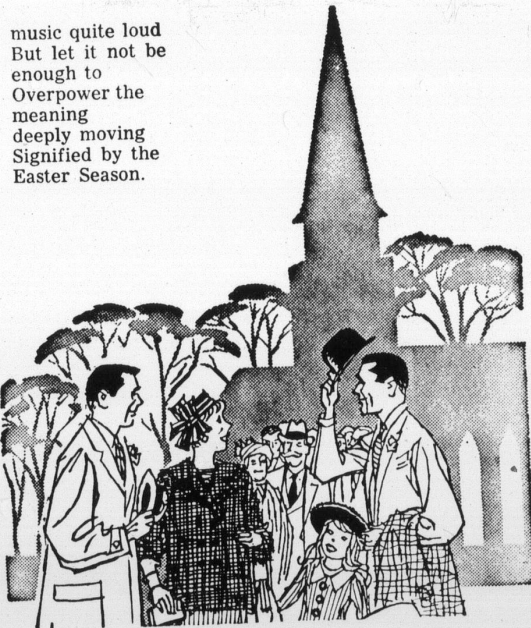
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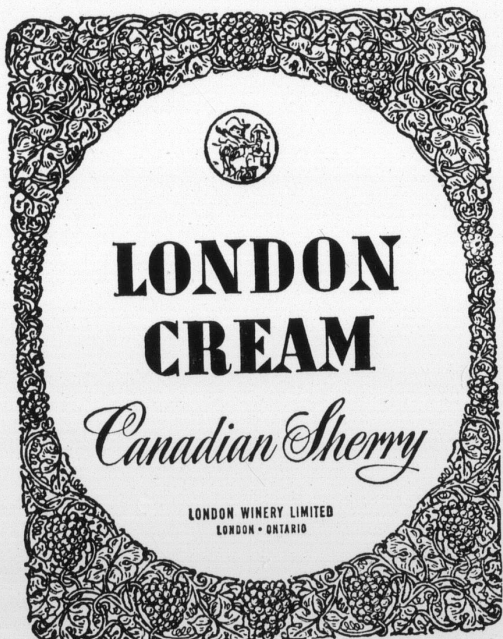
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Money raised by employees of Northern Electric went to buy this handsome trophy to be given in memory of the late Greg Anderson to the outstanding athlete in the London and District Conference each year. Left to right: Greg's mother, Mrs. Lorraine Anderson; Paul Burd, ath-

letic director at Wheable, who accepted the trophy on behalf of the Conference; Terry Ferris, Wheable principal, and A. C. Elliott, personnel superintendent at Northern Electric, representing the donors.

Memory Of Late Greg Anderson Honored With New Trophy

By BOB GAGE

London high school athletes have a new goal at which to aim.

It's the Greg Anderson Memorial Trophy and is named in memory of one of the most outstanding athletes in the history of the London and District Conference.

The trophy will be presented annually to an athlete in the Conference best exemplifying the late Greg Anderson, who attended both Wheable and Beal secondary schools.

A. C. Elliott, personnel superintendent of Northern Electric where Greg was employed at the time of his untimely death in a car accident last

August, made the presentation of the trophy yesterday at an assembly at Wheable.

Money for the trophy, a huge affair, was raised by employees at Northern Electric. Replicas will be in the permanent possession of each winner with the trophy remaining in the school of the athlete selected for the award.

Paul Burd, Wheable's athletic director and one of the four-man committee which will select the winner of the Greg Anderson Memorial Trophy each year, accepted the trophy on behalf of the Conference yesterday.

Other members of the com-

mittee are Don Prowse of Oakridge, Bill Salter of Clarke Road, and Fred Waltham of Dorchester.

Each of the 12 high schools in the Conference will select an outstanding athlete who has participated in football and one other major sport to be considered by the selection committee.

Requirements for consideration are:

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Greg Anderson competed in four sports in high school—football, wrestling, basketball, track and field. He was an All-Conference lineman both offensively and defensively at Wheable in 1959 and Beal in 1960. He won the Ontario high school 183-pound wrestling championship in the

spring of 1961.

He also played football for the Sarnia Golden Bears, London Lords and Sarnia Imperials in the Senior ORFU. He also was on the London Y wrestling team.

As Salter, who coached Greg in football and wrestling at Beal and who will act on the selection committee, said: "It will be pretty hard matching him."



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malcy that led to the police brutality in Marion and the bloody murder of Jimmie Lee Jackson by state police officers. It was normalcy that was the death of four little girls on a Sunday morning in a Birmingham church. It was normalcy on the bridge on highway 80 with the tear gas and the billy clubs. It was normalcy for the brutal slaying of the Rev. Jim Reeb.

"No," King shouted, "we shall not allow Alabama to return to normalcy."

"The only normalcy we shall settle for is the normalcy we shall be satisfied God's children. The only normalcy we shall be satisfied with is the normalcy of brotherhood . . . The normalcy of justice . . . the normalcy of peace."

His words brought a standing ovation from the crowd, 300 of whom had marched the 50 miles, from Selma in five days.

Others have joined them, three miles outside the city to stream through downtown Montgomery.

In a procession more than 20 blocks long, they sang freedom songs, and chanted their slogans of brotherhood, and carried flags and banners extolling human rights.

The elite 300 wore bright orange plastic vests. Most of them were from the Black Belt counties which had suffered the worst of the racial upheaval. Their five day pilgrimage to present their grievances to their governor is an epic of drama and pathos.

Yesterday's mass rally in front of the State Capitol building was the climax of the trek and of the voter registration drive in the Black Belt counties which Dr. King started in January.

He had expected only about 10,000 to answer his appeal to attend the demonstration.

It marked the end of the pilgrimage, but the beginning of massive drive to bring an open ballot box to Alabama where 34 percent of the residents are colored.

"We will march on the schools. We will march if necessary."

"We are not marching for a vote bill — we are marching for a fact . . . the actual working of the law," one of the rights leaders, the Rev. C. T. Vivian, had told the AFRO prior to the rally.

Dr. King cited Wallace's previous slighting of Federal Rights Laws—the 1954 school decision—"and still there are no integrated schools in Alabama"—and the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

"So we can't depend on Wallace to pay any attention to a vote bill," he said.

KnitonxOrR The Rev. James Bevel, a King aide and a principal organizer of the Selma civil rights drive, promised a march on the schools come September.

"We will march on every courthouse in every county in Alabama, if necessary, and on the schools in September," he added.

"Right now we're out here and Wallace is in there. But he'd better remember that

pretty soon some of us will be in there and he may be out here, because 34 percent of those state legislature seats are ours," he said.

Well-dressed figures could be seen standing on the upper steps and in the doorway of the Capitol building behind a line of green-helmeted Capital officers, as he spoke.

Undersecretary of State Ralph Bunche, also a Nobel Peace Prize winner, who marched part of the way—15 miles of the hike—said he felt "discomfort" and almost traitorous by addressing a State Capitol building which showed no American flag.

The building sported an Alabama flag — red on a background of white, above the confederate flag.

The demonstrators had to turn to the American flags they carried with them when they opened the rally with the Star Spangled Banner.

"Gov. Wallace and some others in these parts seem to have forgotten that they fought and lost the war over what that second flag stands for a long time ago," Dr. Bunche said.

Describing the poor image Alabama has on the rest of the world, he said that in the United Nations, "we know that the only way to work is through equal rights and status for all men no matter what race, religion, or culture."

He rejected the "outside agitator" label used by Alabama's leaders in denouncing the marchers.

"I am here—and I want Governor Wallace to know it —because I belong here, no citizen of his country can be an outside agitator in his country," the diplomat maintained.

Bunche said the demonstrators were representing America's conscience in writing a new chapter in the history of American freedom.

Whitney Young, executive director of the National Urban League, appealed to the white citizens of Alabama to speak out.

"I would like to know how long the white citizens of Alabama will allow their leaders to afford the luxury of preaching a hate system and urging racism — whose actions possibly cost the bringing in of federal troops, whose actions will possibly cost the people of this state—colored and white—jobs, federal aid, and education."

"How long can they afford to have a Governor who does not have a governor who does her and greet his citizens," he said.

The rally had highlights of the tragic when several Alabamians, told — simply and emotionally—of their efforts to vote and the means used to foil them.

Albert Turner of Marion, Ala., told how voter registrars would close up early and on be around when too many colored persons attempted to register.

Those who took the tests seldom passed he stated. There are 300 registered colored voters in a town and 9,000 whites in Perry County, of which Marion is the coun-

ty seat. There are 14,000 whites and 16,000 colored persons in the county.

The petition which a committee of 20 native Alabamians attempted to deliver to Governor Wallace had asked that these grievances be redressed.

It "called upon him to open registration boards at convenient hours for working people, and to encourage co-operation of county officials, and stop making racist statements, declare himself his belief in the stand that 'all men are created equal.'"

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary for the NAACP, called the demonstration the "greatest thing that has happened in the civil rights field since 1877."

He said that the United States has "decided to use its full power to guarantee the vote for black people in the south."

"We did not march as black men, we marched as the best of America is represented here," he said.

A sudden shower caused a slight flurry of activity among the crowd, but nobody sought to leave. It stopped quickly.

The marchers has set up camp at St. Jude Catholic School three miles from the Capitol building on the outskirts of Selma Wednesday night.

There they were joined by fellow-travellers from as near by as Mississippi and Georgia, and as far as Canada, Japan and London, England.

When they poured into the campsite located in a colored neighborhood nearby resident offered their homes, food and

much needed showers.

A white youth, overcome by emotion when a middle-aged lady invited him into her home, burst into tears.

"My mother would have to think twice before she would do this for a colored man," he said.

Wednesday night they heard 31 of the nation's top entertainers who gave a four-hour show.

Harry Belafonte, organizer and emcee of the extravaganza, was in the march yesterday, (Thursday) his voice rising above the others in the freedom songs.

"This is it — this is the living where it's at," he said.

"If I could sing this song — the song of what's in the hearts and minds of these people who have suffered and are still suffering for the kind of thing the rest of us take for granted, I'd be happy," the popular folk singer said, as the procession passed through a white neighborhood.

One of the marchers, a surveyor from Los Angeles, asked a group of whites — a

young, pregnant woman, an older man and woman sitting on a porch—to "come and join us."

They were silent, their faces noncommittal.

Father Sherrill Smith of San Antonio, Texas — black cloth suit badly muddied from the cuff to the elbow—said a car load of whites had seemingly deliberately swung into a puddle to splash him as he was about to cross the street.

"All the way from Selma and only my shoes muddied until now," he said with a slight smile.

Also in the line were Odetta, a popular folk singer whose hometown is Brimingham—and who said she was paying an "overdue debt"; and Peter, Paul and Mary, Leon Bibbs and Joan Byars, also folk singers; and James Baldwin, novelist.

The entertainers sang freedom songs for 20 minutes until the rest of the marchers arrived at the Capitol.

"I didn't know that many white and colored people knew each other," a local taxi driver marvelled.

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