

Tribute

A striking Atlanta sanitation worker kneels at the grave of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the second anniversary of Dr. King's death. Dr. King was killed in Memphis while supporting a sanitation workers' strike. The sign slogan was used by Memphis strikers at the time of Dr. King's slaying. (RNS)

Dick Gregory:

'Rally Behind Morality, Not Dynamite'

Boston —(RNS)— Comedian Dick Gregory, speaking at a Boston University symposium on hunger and poverty, urged students to rally behind "morality, not dynamite."

The day-long symposium was convened in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., slain civil rights leader, and an alumnus of Boston University. Some 1,400 persons attended.

Gregory, who advocates a non-violent approach to social problems voiced some sharp criticism of American manners and personalities.

Some of the comedian's comments:

• On hunger: "If you want to know what it feels like to be hungry, go three or four days without eating and then turn on the TV and watch the dog food commercials . . . Listen to him talk about all the nutrition in that dog food."

• Supreme Court nominees: "Out of 200 million people in this country he (President Nixon) had to pick one to fill a Supreme Court vacancy, and he came up with Haynsworth. Then he went on TV to say Haynsworth is the most honest man he knows, and Nixon isn't lying. On second try he reached farther down into the barrel, Nixon picking Carswell for a vacancy on the Supreme Court is an insult to all the decent people of this earth."

• Power: "Do you know how

many blacks there are in Washington, D.C.? You gave us the capital. It's like Hitler giving Berlin to the Jews."

• Judge Julius J. Hoffman: "He made Hitler look like he had class . . . Bobby Seale asked the judge how many shares he had in the Brunswick Co., which manufactures weapons. He's a major stockholder. It's a cold day in America when anti-war demonstrators end up in a courtroom before a judge with stock holdings in the weapons industry."

• To a heckler who booed Mr. Gregory's suggestion that Judge Hoffman should have sent the Chicago 7 to jail for 10 days the first time they acted up: "You kids are quick to boo, but you didn't raise hell when they shackled Bobby Seale. We're hip to you."

• Radical Bombings: "Rally behind morality, not dynamite, the only difference between you and your parents is that you're young slimy-sneaks."

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Private Schools Deserve Aid, Protestant Says

Atlantic City, N.J.—(RNS)— The vice president-dean of a small Protestant college described public financial aid to non-public schools as "essential to the continued existence of a genuinely free, pluralistic society."

John Vandenberg of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., made a plea for more government money for non-public schools at the 67th annual meeting of the National Catholic Educational Association.

"In the field of education, freedom is the opportunity to teach our children in a way consistent with our ideals and values," he said. "In our American society, a pluralistic society of some 200 million people, citizens have different ideals or values to which they are committed."

"It is inconceivable that these 200 million people will all have the same views on education. Because of this, it is essential that the independent or non-public school exist; for freedom requires alternatives from which to choose, including the alternative which is consistent with one's own commitment."

He called non-public schools "an essential barrier to the complete domination of education by the state and to the complete secularization of America's philosophy of education."

Vandenberg described the campaign for public aid to non-public schools as "the struggle for the rights of all citizens to educate their children without having to submit to the economic coercion of the state."

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Housewives to Survey Inner City Prices

Detroit—(NC)—Some 10,000 women are expected to participate in a shop-poor-live-poor consumer survey to determine whether there are "patterns of discrimination against the black and poor" in area inner city markets.

Volunteer housewives from city and suburban areas are being asked to "shop in a poor person's shoes" and live on a low income budget from April 20 to May 3.

The housewives will be asked to shop in pairs in inner city supermarkets and shops to de-

termine whether a pattern of discrimination exists.

The project is being conducted by Focus: HOPE, a non-profit, non-sectarian Detroit organization seeking to improve conditions among the area's poor.

The project will be the second survey in two years sponsored by the organization. The first survey was made following the 1967 Detroit rioting and disorders. It substantiated charges that higher food and drug prices prevailed in inner city stores compared with shops in more affluent areas, a report stated.

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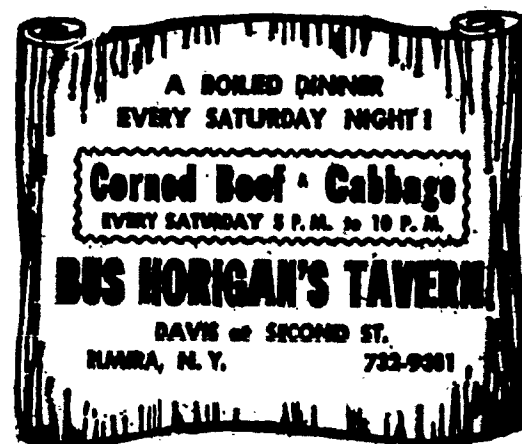
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