

# Colston Aims City NAACP Drive at Monied Leaders

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In Albemarle, N.C. He holds a master's degree from the National Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

He lives with his wife and three children — Jackie, 15; Laura, 12; and Marshall Jr., 3 — at 608 Constitution Lane.

Colston was defeated three years ago in a bid for presidency of the NAACP on the same activist platform which he is now trying to implement. Last year he was elected without opposition.

He has used humor, impressive dexterity and, sometimes, force, to shore up NAACP positions and give direction to their policy statements.

"When I took office, the Madison NAACP was following an aimless, general, meandering policy of public education. It wasn't getting anywhere," Colston said.

"I felt that it was necessary to turn the NAACP program around and point it at the community leaders. We were asking the man on the street to stop discriminating, but we were asking nothing of the people on top."

The recent national convention of the NAACP in Chicago — "the most exciting convention I ever attended," Colston said — gave impetus to his program. He returned to Madison more determined than ever to break down racial barriers in Madison, which he termed "acute."

While at the convention, he released a statement warning that businesses and real estate firms which refuse to grant employment

and housing to Negroes may be picketed by the NAACP.

The excitement of the convention has ebbed, but Colston still insists that Madison leaders "don't have forever" to demonstrate their good will toward Negroes.

Anyone who doubts the sincerity of Colston's statements, or his ability to bring Madison Negroes into the streets, should consider the new defiance of the NAACP under his leadership, and its unity.

"We are working on a fair housing and employment ordinance which we will submit to the City Council," Colston said.

"And at a recent meeting it was suggested that we split the bill in order to try to get one part of it through. I opposed splitting the bill and there was quite a fight. In the end we decided to retain both the housing and employment clauses."

"There will be no dissenting votes voiced from the NAACP membership when we introduce the bill."

Privately, Colston expresses displeasure with some NAACP members who hold positions of authority in the organization.

Most are white members who joined the NAACP as a liberal gesture while the organization was devoted to "aimless, meandering" policies.

Colston feels that they are ineffectual in their positions because they are unable to understand that social action is needed.

The degree of support Colston has received from other civil rights groups in Madison is also significant. Recently, when Colston was attacked by a local ra-

dio station, which implied in an editorial that he was irresponsibly creating issues where there were none, he was defended by John McGrath, chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights.

In a public statement, McGrath praised Colston's stand on racial discrimination in Madison and said that Colston was saying things which badly needed to be said.

"This is a responsible and sensitive position," Colston said. "But there are certain statements which must be made. I must be ready to say things which will offend some people. I have to step on a few toes."

"There are some people who don't like what I am saying, and others who don't understand. But the response from both the white and the Negro community has been gratifying and it has helped me to sustain my position."

Colston said he had received two letters opposing his position on race bias, but that the balance of his mail has encouraged him to "keep it up. Keep the pressure on."

The effect of his activist policy has been to bring "new blood" — younger people, students — into the NAACP, and to infuse some of the older members with new enthusiasm," Colston said.

Others are leaving the NAACP. Colston explained that "this is the pattern all over the nation. Many old members who have done their work are making way for younger men and women."

The new members, he said, are both Negro and white. "The



Marshall Colston, aggressive leader of the Madison chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is shown with his family in their home at 608 Constitution Lane. Shown from left to right are Mrs. Colston; Laura, 15; Colston, Jackie, 15; and, seated on the

floor, Marshall Jr., 3. Under Colston's leadership, the local NAACP chapter has brought the focus of its program to bear on community leaders who, Colston feels, can change attitudes toward Negroes. (Staff photo by David Sandell)

NAACP has always been an interracial organization. I hope I never see the day when white people will leave," he commented.

Colston has a sober conception of his duties to his race.

"The leadership of this movement is composed almost entirely of well-educated Negroes — ministers, lawyers, social workers like myself," he said.

"But the fact that the movement is led by intellectuals doesn't

mean that it doesn't have popular support. The leaders feel that it is their duty to articulate the problems of Negroes who aren't so well educated, to express their claims for them.

"People ask me, 'Why don't you

## Duke Reported Wed 4th Time

LONDON (U) — The Duke of Argyll was reported today to have taken his fourth wife in a secret wedding eight weeks ago. She was identified as Mrs. Matilda Coster Mortimer, 40-year-old daughter of New York socialite Stanley Mortimer.

The duke, who is 60, won a divorce last May 8 from his third

wife in a sensational case in which the duchess was described by the judge as highly sexed and completely promiscuous.

London newspapers said the wedding took place June 15 in a registry office just outside London.

The couple were reported hon-

## Minuteman Test

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (U) — The Air Force has launched its 14th Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile from this base. An Air Force spokesman said the launch Thursday by a strategic air command crew was a routine training flight.

eymooting in the south of France and in Italy.

sit back and enjoy your good job, of social status; it's a matter of your nice home? You're well skin color. "As long as there is a Negro fixed. Why don't you shut up?" "What these people don't understand in Mississippi who is not free, stand in that this is not a matter then I'm not free."

## It's 'Sabotage,' He Cries

### Olson Rakes Zeidler's Comment On World's Fair

An angry Lt. Gov. Olson Thursday accused Frank Zeidler, director of the Department of Resource Development, of "planned sabotage" of Wisconsin's plans for participating in the New York World's Fair next year.

Olson, chairman of a special World's Fair Commission created by the 1961 Legislature to help organize the state's participation in the Fair, made his blast following a statement by Zeidler Wednesday that any money spent on the Fair by the state or its citizens could better be spent on improving the State Fair at West

Allis.

"If this is the way Zeidler would attract industry to Wisconsin, then there is a strong question as to whether he should be director of resource development," Olson said.

Olson said the entire plan of the Commission is to utilize funds from private Wisconsin industries that wish to have exhibits at the Fair. No state funds are involved.

"If Wisconsin business and labor want to participate in the Fair as an investment and at no cost to the state, I feel the state should help them do so," Olson declared.

"This attack by Zeidler amounts to planned sabotage," he said. "Now Zeidler sabotages the fund on the Fair by the state or its citizens could better be spent on improving the State Fair at West

Allis. The Commission has been having difficulties getting industry to make contributions for a combined exhibit at the Fair. A decision has to be made early in September.

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## Return to Collective Bargaining'

### Johnson Offers Resolution To Help End Rail Dispute

(Special to The Capital Times) WASHINGTON — Settlement of the current railroad dispute through collective bargaining rather than by Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) arbitration is provided in a Joint Resolution introduced in the House of Representatives by Cong. Lester Johnson (D-Black River Falls).

"I feel this proposal is a more democratic solution to the existing problem than House Joint Resolution 565, which would have the effect of turning the issues in dispute over to the ICC for arbitration," he stated.

"These disputes involve the basic work rules of the men who run the trains, and the ICC has never before acted in this area. Furthermore, I do not believe this matter properly falls within the jurisdiction of the ICC."

Johnson's measure would retain the status quo during the period of collective bargaining by providing that no changes may be made in existing rates of pay, rules or working conditions covered by any of the notices in dispute. The proposed legislation would also place a moratorium on any strike or lockout based on the notices in question.

The bill puts the disputing parties back into collective bargaining, with provisions for any assistance necessary from the Secretary of Labor and the National Mediation Board. To guarantee that the railroads and their employees will actively work to resolve the questions in dispute, a Special Joint Emergency Railroad Committee will be set up. This Committee would consist of five members of the House and five members of the Senate.

At 10-day intervals, the Secre-

tary of Labor and the National Mediation Board will report to the Special Committee on the progress of the negotiations. If, at any time, the Committee decides that no progress is being made toward settlement of the dispute, it can recommend further action by the Congress.

"A nationwide railroad strike would be detrimental to the public welfare, including national

health and defense," Johnson pointed out. "However, if the railroad employees are not permitted to strike, then the railroads must refrain from arbitrarily making the work rule changes they seek. The parties involved must settle their differences face to face, as they have always done in the past."

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