

# Rights Leader Declares Negroes Already At War

What is it like to be a Negro in a northern U.S. city? What does he think of his lot and what does he see for the future? These and other questions were the subjects of inquiry by Associated Press reporter Julius Griffin of New York, a Negro, in an analysis of the thought and feelings of the Negro community in Chicago.

By JUNIUS GRIFFIN CHICAGO (AP) — A Chicago Negro civil rights leader ticked

off the causes of growing unrest among Negroes here. —Too many people without jobs and pay cheques —40,000 out of work—at least 12 per cent of the Negro labor force compared with the U.S. national employment figure of 5.1 per cent. —Mounting worry over the care and feeding of families. —Frustration, bitterness, a waxing tide of resentment.

Urban League Director Edwin C. (Bill) Berry, a Negro, sums it up: "The Negro is at war." Peace, you know, is not the absence of violence but the presence of justice. For nearly 20 years, Berry has dealt with the problems of his people. You really don't get what he is saying until you leave his comfortable office and plunge into the teeming South Side. You prow through the beer halls, barber shops and dingy neighborhood stores.

I went into 10 apartments in the tenements and public housing projects on 57th and State and South Morgan streets and found arms and ammunition in each. The occupants said other Negroes also are storing weapons. "Chicago cops don't come out here to protect us," one said. "They don't care about the Negro, so the next time there is a rumble (fight) we will use these arms to protect ourselves."

"This is a misstatement," said Cmdr. Robert Lynskey of the police task force. "Everybody's rights are given equal protection by police, regardless of color, race or religion." There is mounting animosity toward whites of adjoining neighborhoods. The reasons lie in the Negro's inability to find jobs and the feeling—justified or otherwise—that local authorities are indifferent to their demands for freedom

from housing ghettos and segregated schools. The Negroes claim Mayor Richard Daley has refused to take an official stand against housing discrimination. But on Sept. 11, city council approved an ordinance which prohibits real estate brokers from discriminating because of race, religion or ancestry in the sale, lease or rental of property. Some 5,000 housewives and home owners converged on city hall in protest against the fair housing ordinance. Negro leaders say that the bill has "no teeth and the mayor will not do anything about having its provisions enforced because he is caught in a political vice."

They further blame the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. They said "the NAACP's alleging of the mayor to be humiliated at their national convention last summer caused Daley to lose interest in the civil rights issue." Negro leaders say he booted from the speakers' platform during the NAACP convention. In general, Negro politicians and civil rights leaders have a sophisticated about such matters as civil rights. If they or members of their organizations feel Negroes are victims of an injustice, they take recourse in the courts or use their politi-

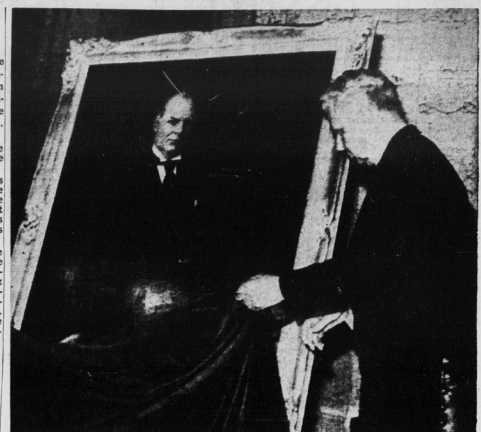
**Mental Health Workshop Held**  
MISCOUCHE — The first in a series of workshops on mental health for Prince Edward Island school teachers was held at Miscoche Regional High School over the weekend. More than 150 teachers from the eastern Prince are attending the workshop at which Dr. M.C. Beck, Charlottetown, spoke on "The role of the teacher in mental health". The workshop was sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Association and the department of education. Similar workshops will be held in other areas of the island later in the school term.

cal power to defend their positions. However, there are many Negroes such as Hayward Williams, 32, who came here from Mississippi. He talks about the integration battle grounds of Chicago as though he were discussing the Second World War. "We've had Trumbull Park, Rainbow Beach, the Englewood and Lawndale districts. We were only able to move families into these areas after ugly fights which resulted in injuries and cost us many white friends."

## Bedeque Club Deplores Trash

BEDEQUE — The Bedeque "Half Century" club met recently at the home of Mrs. Vernon Craig. The president, Mrs. Walter Leard, presided. Mrs. Annie Leard read the opening poem, "In Memory Garden". Roll call was followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The usual club business was considered. It was felt that the trash scattered about the village should be taken care of as it was unwholesome. Ways and means of improving such conditions were suggested. The program was in the hands of Mrs. Mae MacFarlane and Mrs. J. Harrison MacFarlane and they conducted a quiz and contest. Next place of meeting is at the home of the president on Nov. 25, with Mrs. George Henderson to have the opening poem. A treat was served by the hostess.



### PORTRAIT UNVEILED OF FORMER PM

Opposition Leader Dielenbaker unveils portrait of former Conservative prime minister, R. B. Bennett, which is to be hung near the Commons chamber in the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. The portrait, a three-quarter-length oil painting by artist Kenneth Forbes, was unveiled before Prime Minister Pearson, a group of MPs and senators in a ceremony presided over by Speaker Alan Macnaughton in the Commons corridor Wednesday. Mr. Bennett was prime minister from 1930 to 1935.

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