

Addonizio is given ultimatum

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Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio was given 30 days to move effectively toward ending discrimination in unions and industry in Newark, or "face a situation similar to that in Philadelphia."

The ultimatum on Monday came from the Newark Coordinating Council, a group comprised of several local organizations.

The council gave Mayor Addonizio until July 10 to come up with a suitable solution toward ending unfair tactics in unions or picket lines will be dispatched to selected construction sites.

Monday's session began with a picket line of some 100 persons in front of City Hall.

In their list of requests, the Council asked:

Immediate and full integration of work forces of the building and trades now engaged in construction for the city of Newark; that colored workers be placed in each job category of the building and trades on all city construction.

That the mayor and City Council assume the responsibility for forcing unions of the building trades that practice discrimination to accept colored workers.

That the mayor establish a fair employment practices committee with no less than half the committee members to be taken from a list of eligible persons supplied by the council.

That the committee have the power to prosecute unions in industry which are found to be guilty of discriminatory enrollment or hiring practices according to race.

That this committee re-

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ulate the hiring practices of city construction so that on any one site the number of colored employees be no less than 25 per cent.

That an apprenticeship training board be set up similar to that of the fair employment practices committee, but that this board be responsible for advertising notices of any openings and tests relative to apprenticeship training in unions or on the job training in industry.

That this board also be endowed with certain powers to act in the event of proven discrimination.

Members of the committee meeting with the mayor included the Rev. Horace P. Sharper, the Rev. Claude C. Kilgore, Thomas Edwards, Clarence Horton, Mrs. Frances Johnson, John Webb, Duke E. Moore and Assemblyman George Richardson.

Mayor Addonizio promised to invite the heads of all building trades unions in Essex County to a meeting to discuss the problem.

He said he would also ask Gov. Hughes to send representatives from the attorney general's office and the State Division on Civil Rights.

The mayor said that at this meeting, he will be able to determine what the city can and cannot do.

Corporation Counsel Norman Scriff said that under existing state laws, no municipality has the legal power to create the agencies demanded.

The mayor pointed out that he has already sent memorandums to all city department heads calling for strict enforcement of the state laws against discrimination on city construction and purchasing contracts.

Meanwhile, members of the Newark Coordinating