

# Cites Business and Industrial Committee's success in finding jobs

On the anniversary of its founding, members of the Business and Industrial Coordinating Committee look back with pride on the accomplishments of their unique partnership. The BICC is made up of leaders in business and industry, representatives of unions, government agencies, civil right groups and voluntary social agencies.

It was formed to bring about greater integration within the Newark area labor market. Charles W. Garrison, senior vice president of Bamberger's - New Jersey and former New Jersey Assemblyman and independent insurance agent, George C. Richardson, are co-chairman of the unparalleled job-finding pioneer.

In the first year of its operation, BICC members firms hired over 4,000 colored and Puerto Ricans. — a figure which represents over 30 per cent of total new workers hired.

No statistics exist but the co-chairman state that only a fraction of his percentage of jobs previously went to non-whites. BICC is composed of over 100 organizations who meet regularly in an attempt to solve area employment problems.

A MARKED attitudinal change on the part of Greater Newark employers has been one of the BICC's most significant achievements.

A Work Study Program cooperatively conducted with the Newark Board of Education will train 25 potential school drop-outs on half-day in school and a half-day on job environment. Seventeen students are already involved.

The organization also developed a Federal Manpower Development Training Act application for an on the job training program which is currently in Washington awaiting disposition. It has been designed to cope with burgeoning automation problems and create more openings at the entry level.

BICC IS STILL in the process of expansion. On August 7th, it called together both public and private organizations with employment or job-placement programs in an attempt to develop a system of communication, operation between programs devoted to the jobless. Represent-

at job placement is always successful. Some individuals fail to meet specific job requirements because of educational deficiencies, environmental background gaps possible discrimination or inadequacies in vocational training.

The BCC Training Committee is making a detailed analysis of some 1200 job applicants in an effort to determine the major cause of failures and to develop planning for other actions to aid this unemployed group.

The Training committee is also working with the Newark Board of Education and school system to do everything possible to fit the academic curriculum to meet the needs of business and industry. In addition, the Training Committee is attempting to set up a short program to help a substantial group of potential employees who fail to pass entrance exams.

GARRISON also announced that an all-day Workshop on problems related to the employment of minority workers for members and non-member employers has been scheduled for mid-October.

The Workshop will place emphasis on the pressing employment problems in the Newark area and their effect on business, industry and the colored and Puerto Rican community. The workshop will emphasize how business and industry can positively benefit by expanding and upgrading employment for colored and Puerto Ricans.

THE COMMITTEE THANKS AFRO

To the Editor:

The Recreation Department, Newark Board of Education, is indeed appreciative of the fine cooperation being given to us by the AFRO in our Summer Program. Needless to say, it is imperative that our young citizens get as much encouragement and direction as possible these challenging times—especially in regard to worthy use of leisure time. Our programs are envisioned with the needs and interests of these young people in mind, and by your support you give vital sanction and strength of our efforts.

um of the press, and take pleasure in inviting you, your Staff and friends to our forthcoming District Festival would be grateful for asvals (schedule enclosed, We possible.

Thank you for kind consideration.

Very truly yours,  
Frances G. McDaniel  
FIELD SUPERVISOR

Hackensack follows Newark To the Editor:

It is a matter of public record that Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio voiced strong opposition to the controversial Chapter 51 tax-reform law, which he maintained would cost Newark \$77 million yearly in tax retables. His protests, as we know, were to no avail.

note that the tiny township of South Hackensack has challenged the validity of that law in the Superior Court on the grounds that it is arbitrary and discriminate against most taxpayers for the benefit of a few.

Regardless of the legal aptitude and qualifications of the South Hackensack town attorney who is handling the suit, I think that it is imperative that the City of Newark immediately throw into this very important legal controversy the full strength of its legal aid either by intervening in the pending

not belong to man who is walking even to direct his steps."

Man's only true light and direction comes from God's word as Psalm 119:105 states "your word is a lam to my foot and a light to my road-way."

The way to survive our urgent times he emphasized is to listen to Jehovah's counsel in his book of instruction, the Bible and apply it. He concluded by reading Philippians 1:27, Williams Translation, which says "you must practice living lives that are worthy of the good news."

The event was sponsored by the Watchtower Society of Brooklyn, N.Y., and brought together 20 congregations of ministers for an advanced program of worship, based on the theme, "Around the world with Jehovah's Witnesses."

In addition to observing the baptism of 58 new ministers, the delegates also viewed a film produced by the Watchtower Society Title "Proclaiming Everlasting Good News Around the World."

suit and participating fully and actively in all stages of its progress, or by instituting its own suit to challenge the constitutionality of the law which would add an even greater tax burden upon the homeowner who is already taxed beyond his ability to pay.

The township of South Hackensack is to be congratulated for the speed with which it took up the legal cudgels in this extremely important matter.

JACK TRUGMAN

## Community Corner

By BERNICE BASS

Last Sunday night on my WADO "Community Corner" program, the Rev. John W. Collier described the chronology of events surrounding his recent imprisonment, together with several other clergymen and rabbis in Tallahassee, Florida.

When this group was refused service in an airport restaurant in Tallahassee during June 1961, they refused to leave the premises until they were served.

They were subsequently arrested and convicted of unlawful assembly. When bond was posted, the group was released.

Lawyers took the case all the way to the Supreme Court. However, the Court ruled it had no jurisdiction

in the matter because the Florida Supreme Court had been bypassed and the group had thus not exhausted all legal means for redress.

UPON BEING presented with the choice of paying the original fine or serving a 60 day sentence, the group decided that, because of the principle involved, they would serve out the sentences. They were released after four days by a judge who felt their presence was needed up north to quell the race riots here.

In discussing the riots Rev. Mr. Collier expressed his dismay over the activities of the rioters and looters but he felt attention must be given to the cause which precipitated such action. He said that churches and civil rights groups must revamp those outside the normal sphere of their influence.

Young people with roots in any group would be among those eventually ca-

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