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Friends Across Nation Mourn Loss Of Rev. And Mother Douglas

Congregations and friends across the nation and elsewhere in the world gathered Tuesday, February 18th for services in the Church of God in Christ for the Reverend and Mrs. Horace Douglas, and her mother, Mrs. Pearl Walley, who died unknown to friends Monday, February 10th.



Police broke into their fumefilled house in San Francisco at the urgent behest of Ollis Williams, church deacon, three days after they died, apparently from lethal carbon monoxide filtering through the air intake of the central heating system. Their car was believed left running by accident.

"It is a terrible loss and shock to our whole state, and to so many others," said Mrs. R. Stewart, wife of the Assistant Bishop for the State of California, who shared that post with Reverend Douglas. "Reverend Douglas was a great leader and teacher of philology. Friends have come from as far as Alaska, Hawaii, and Jamaica," she said, to be present for the wake held Monday evening and funeral services Tuesday.

Reverend Horace Douglas and his wife were both prominent and influential leaders in the Church of God in Christ throughout the State of California and nationally. Reverend Douglas, 61, had served as Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Northern California for fifteen years, and as Chairman of the Superintendent's Board of Northern California, which placed pastors in congregations throughout the State.

He was to have served as Chairman of the Steering Committee for the 21st national convention of the Sunday School department of the

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Atlanta's OPEN CITY DRIVE A Resume

Atlanta's turbulence of the past two months over restaurant desegregation efforts has been reported confusedly in the press, but it has not been in vain. Restaurants have been desegregated as a result of demonstrations. The Atlanta Constitution -- reversing its editorial policy -- and Mayor Ivan Allen, have come out for the public accommodations section of the Civil Rights Bill, which has now passed a House vote.

Some press reports in the Bay Area would have it that these successes were achieved by violence on the part of demonstrators. The Post has investigated these reports and found them untrue.

OPEN CITY DRIVE INITIATED

What did happen in Atlanta? To begin with, demonstrations for an "Open City" were initiated again by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee on December 21, 1963. In a short period of time, students were able to desegregate all the Dobbs House restaurants and in the wake of that action came partial desegregation of 16 hotels.

Following this period, participants

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A revised schedule for the \$17 million Oakland Post Office was announced just before we went to press by Congressman Jeffrey Cohelan and George P. Miller, with Postmaster-General Tyler Abell.

Selected to design the building was the architectural engineering firm of Stone, Marracinni and Patterson of San Francisco.

Completion of the building as called for in the schedule will be

early 1967.

The complete schedule as announced by Cohelan, Miller, and Abell is as follows: Mechanization, architectural and engineering drawings shall have been completed by January, 1965. By May, 1965, mechanization shall have been awarded. And by February, 1967, the building should be completely constructed.

Agreeing that the originally-

published schedule of 1960 was "slightly on the optimistic side," the Congressmen expressed satisfaction that this plan for the post office is "completely realistic," and that the project had reached this stage of development after many months of re-evaluation and study.

Both, however, urged that the Post Office Department proceed as rapidly as possible.



CORE'S Confrontation with Berkeley

PART III

Making due allowance for the many fine contributions to civil rights which CORE has made in other cities, we have stated, in preceding articles, that Berkeley CORE made a mistake in refusing to accept the agreement that the Berkeley merchants would report their employment records

to the Community Welfare Commission, an agreement that was acceptable to all other Negro and civil rights spokesmen. CORE'S decision to ignore the suggestion of Negro leaders in this area and go it alone with picketing was wrong.

Conclusion and Opinions: Our conclusions are based on the opinions of many participants. For example, a well-known city official who stated: "CORE held top cards, but did not know how to play them." A prominent liberal who told us: "Given the relationship of forces, I did not believe CORE could muster the strength for mass picketing; we had won all that could be won at the conference table." A prominent Negro leader who commented: "Well, we have been patient for 100 years. I knew that the merchants had never asked for a training school to hire white salespeople; but since this seemed an opportunity to train some Negroes, we decided to test the sincerity of the merchants; send our people to school and then see whether the merchants would hire them." Said another knowledgeable Negro leader: "The agreement was a step forward, not a seven-mile step but it put more Negroes to work in the stores; and it opened the door to still further hiring opportunities." Further, the editors

of the Catholic Voice, sincerely concerned with the cause of civil rights, found it necessary to declare in an editorial of December

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The POST wishes to announce that, immediately upon arrival at new offices on 2991 Sacramento St., we requested that the Pacific Telephone Co. inform readers calling our old numbers 832-6972 and 832-6988 that our present number is 839-0332, and that the new number be listed in information. To date, after many requests, this has not been fulfilled. The POST is sorry if readers have been inconvenienced because of this unfortunate incident. We shall continue to press for our original request.

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