



March to city hall to dramatize needs

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White students, striving to do something about "hidden discrimination" in Lincoln, will march on City Hall Thursday afternoon.

The march will originate at Hyde Park, 3:30 Thursday, according to Dan Looker, chairman of the ASUN Human Rights Committee.

Purpose of the march is to "dramatize the need for justice," according to Looker.

LOOKER, speaking at a special, informal student senate meeting late Tuesday afternoon, urged that senate pass a resolution at Wednesday's regular meeting in support of the march. He also urged that senate support city efforts to approve passage of a city open housing ordinance in the future.

A federal open housing law has been passed, he remarked, but it doesn't mean a thing. Machinery just is not set up to facilitate action against those who discriminate. Looker explained why the march to a Lincoln landlord's house, planned at Saturday's student power seminar of the Midwest Conference on Movement Politics, was cancelled.

Adolph Hock, the landlord accused of discrimination policies, has been under tremendous pressure from the city and is not in good health, Looker said.

Therefore, at the urging of Gary Hill, head of the Lincoln Human

Rights Commission, the march was switched to City Hall.

Hill, also speaking at Tuesday's Senate gathering, briefly explained Lincoln's racial situation.

"Lincoln is a sneaky type of city," he stated. Lincoln residents insist there are no discrimination problems, he said.

BUT THERE are hotels, cafes, barber shops and apartment houses which discriminate.

In a town like Flint, Michigan, for example, blacks know where they can and cannot go. But in Lincoln, people think that minority races are welcome anywhere. But this is not true, he declared.

Landlords will agree to rent a unit over the telephone, but upon discovering that the prospective tenant is black, they will say, "Gee, I didn't know you were married," or "Gee, I didn't know you were single."

Hock is the first landlord to come right out and say, "I don't like black people," Hill said.

While Hock cannot be prosecuted in court, he and other apartment owners are scared, Hill said. Much has been accomplished because of this incident.

Hill pointed out the advantages of a march downtown. Because distance to be covered would be small, more people would come and fewer would quit before reaching the destination.

THERE IS strength in numbers, Hill said. We would like to see a demonstration of 1,000 kids. The

more people the better. He emphasized that a small group of 20 to 30 would only be branded "rabble rousers" and would have no effect.

After reaching City Hall, marchers, with the aid of loudspeakers, will give the basis for their plan of attack on discrimination.

Marchers will say that they don't like prejudice in Lincoln. They will then distribute petitions urging students not to live in housing where blacks are not allowed. This plan of attack will give a definite direction to the demonstration.

Hill also emphasized that an orderly procession was of the utmost necessity. "Any lawlessness would kill us," he said. "An unorderly gathering would only make Lincolnites angry."

No parade permit will be needed Thursday if marchers remain on the sidewalks, he said. Policemen will always be near the march on an informal basis to control traffic.

People lack concern about Lincoln's racial situation because of the small number of Negroes, 1800, in the city, Hill concluded. Unemployment among Lincoln's minority races is the lowest of any city in the country, but the jobs held by these people are of the lowest possible status.

Looker remarked that word of the march is spreading rapidly throughout the campus. He hoped that students from every facet of the University would participate.

The Roman Empire falls again

Grab your togas boys and rev up the old chariot — funny things are happening down on the Appian Way, on the way to the forum.

Residents from all dorms will be eligible to participate in this year's Abel-Sandcz-I.D.A. Fall Musical, "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum," to be presented November 21, 22, and 23 in the Union Ballroom.

TRYOUTS FOR actors, courtesans, dancers, eunuchs, singers, panderers, and comedians will be held October 4-6. Auditions will be held on Friday, October 4, will be 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6, from 1-6 and 7-9 p.m.

Interested students should allow for rehearsals planned for Sunday or Monday through Thursday nights in the Sandoz basement.

The musical's Board of Directors, a group of interested students from the residence halls, have tentatively hired four persons to produce and direct the production.

Dean Tschetter, will be the director and set designer. He has worked five years in University Theatre and has helped construct sets in New Hampshire for the professional touring company production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

Dianne George, a senior in music, will be the music director. Terry McClellan will serve as the technical director and stage manager. Nancy Burling will be the choreographer. Gary Grahnquist will serve without pay as the producer.

THE MUSICAL comedy is set in pagan Rome and is lewdly adapted from the plays of Plautus. He was a genius at inventing endless slapstick plot complications.

The story is that Pseudolus, a slave, will be granted his freedom if he can secure as his master's bride a dumb blond virgin who has completed her basic training as a courtesan.

Pseudolus must foil all the males who desire dumb blond virgins, and almost succeeds. Sharing the frantic antics are eunuchs, panderers, aging lechers, vainglorious soldiers, and defrauded vestals.



Special Edition causes clash

In response to criticism voiced by the Inter-Dormitory Association (IDA), Tom Morgan, Builders' president made a public statement concerning the dormitory coverage in the Builders Special Edition.

The following are two letters which explain the position of IDA and the response by the Builders:

Tom Morgan
Builders President

Dear Sir:

Your group has just this week sent copies of the August Special Edition to our dormitories for the freshman residents. As dormitory leaders we can express only unqualified discontent with your issue.

WHILE WE realize that more dormitory residents could be involved in the Builders program, this does not preclude the necessity of fair and adequate coverage.

The distortion of articles about dormitory environment is as unfortunate as the rush-book format which you present.

We are happy, however, to learn that you are considering a change in format and to this end we offer these proposals:

1. That articles implying value judgements about either living system be explicitly labeled as opinion;

2. That you interview a dormitory and a Greek leader giving both a chance to expound on the values of their own environment;

3. That you solicit new articles to shed the hackneyed aura of an obsolete edition;

Bruce Bailey
IDA president

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IDA President

Dear Sir:

The University of Nebraska Builders regrets that the living unit section of our recent "Special Edition" has brought about discontent among dormitory leaders.

We realize that several articles dealing with campus housing contain information which many students might term misleading.

WE CAN assure you that in all future publications our organization will make an increased effort to edit articles in such a manner that they present a fair representation of all facets of the University community.

We do feel that it is important to point out, however, that the assistant editor and several members of the "Special Edition" staff were dormitory residents and that all articles on dormitory life were edited by dormitory students.

Your proposals for future publications are appreciated and are being considered. Since early last spring we have been planning for a magazine to be printed next summer which will replace both our "Special Edition" newspaper and "First Glance" booklet.

We would hope that dormitory residents would continue to express their interest and concern by increased participation in all Builders projects. As always, Builders' primary concern is the promotion and betterment of the University of Nebraska . . . a job which requires the efforts of all students.

Signed,
Thomas G. Morgan
Builders president

Housing office lists unresponsive owners

The University Housing Office has released the names of landlords who have not responded to the anti-discrimination agreement.

The list was current as of Friday, September 27, according to a Housing Office representative. The addresses given to the Daily Nebraskan by the Housing Office are either the address of the facility for rent or the home address of the landlord.

OF ABOUT 780 such agreements sent to landlords who rent off-campus housing to students, about 300 have not indicated the owner's acceptance or rejection of the agreement.

The list will be used in conjunction with petitions to be circulated this week by the ASUN Human Rights Committee. The petitions state that the signatories will not rent off-campus housing from any landlord who has not signed the Housing Office agreement and will

not rent from any landlord who is not on the University approved housing list.

The first clause of the agreement requires the landlords to "stand ready to rent to all students and members of the University of Nebraska community regardless of race, religion, or national origin."

"I would like to emphasize that we are not accusing any of these landlords of discrimination," said Dan Looker, Human Rights Committee chairman, "but we realize that by their not returning or not signing the agreement, these landlords are retaining the opportunity to discriminate."

Looker said the petitions will be sent to the list of landlords who have not responded to the agreement, urging them to reply and urging them to sign the policy statement.

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Racist society prognosis—'creative disruption'

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A white man once approached Hayward Henry — a black militant — and asked him to change the phraseology of his movement to "colored strength" so that it might be easier for whites to accept.

"Colored Strength? Blacks in the ghetto are screaming for justice and whitetown is worried about semantics."

That is the message which Henry brought to Lincoln Monday, a message which was delivered in the context of defining terms.

HENRY IS a 26-year-old doctorate candidate in biochemistry at Boston University. He is national chairman of the Black Affairs Council of the Unitarian-Universalist Association which was organized in the spring to deal with problems in the ghetto.

He said that he came to Lincoln to make Black Power relevant to the needs of the white community in its effort to end white racism.

"I define power as the rewarding of my friends and the punishing of my enemies," he explained. "We must get out of the illusion that one can deal with man's conscience in matters like racism. We also have to deal with things like man's pride and his need for profit."

And when power is defined that way, Henry feels, it can break down racism.

"Power does not relinquish with ease," he said, referring to the economic hold that the white man has had on the black man since slavery. "But one must demand

what is due him."

Black militants are demanding capital assistance in the ghetto on their own terms as reparation resulting from the centuries-old war against slavery, he continued.

"We are not looking for handouts. The money we need is in the spirit of 'accounts payable' — like reparation after World War II."

HE POINTED to the rebuilding of the Japanese and European economies after the war as historic precedence to the demands of the blacks now.

"What we want is money to rebuild our economy, in lieu of the slave labor of my black brothers, that's all."

Henry said he would have been "perfectly satisfied" to continue in a more moderate approach to solving racial problems, but he gave one reason why he was forced into militant action.

"White America made me a 'professional nigger. I have to be black 24 hours a day and nothing else. A white man can be committed to a cause for a couple of hours and then run home. I have to be totally committed or I lose everything."

He challenged white Americans to take the fight against racism into the white community itself. He outlined a four-point program:

—practice non-intervention in black affairs unless specifically asked to do so.

—provide technical expertise in the underdeveloped black ghetto.

—provide new means of capital assistance in the ghetto.

—do not shrink from racism when confronted with it.

IF THIS FAILS, he said, blacks will have to resort to "creative disruption," examples of which include boycotts of General Motors products and of the Chase Manhattan Bank because of "their investments in South Africa."

He said that the so-called "withdrawal" of the black man into his own society was "inevitable."

"It became obvious that the white man qualified integration by forcing the black man to assimilate white culture.

"But we do not want to absorb his whiteness. Instead we have repudiated his demands of whitewash and reaffirmed our blackness," Henry explained.

He said that the current racial friction exists because blacks want absolute power in the "arenas of their existence" and that the white man doesn't want to give it to him.

Henry concluded with a plea for gaining rapport with the white community:

"I am constructively trying to make America a better society for all groups of people. And I am trying to keep black men from hating white men.

"IN SHORT, I am telling you that we should make a pact of peaceful co-existence, to make a profession of destroying white racism.

"If we don't we might wake up someday singing 'We Should Have Overcome.'"



Black Power—no one questions the meaning of a clenched fist.

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