



Five hundred students march to City Hall

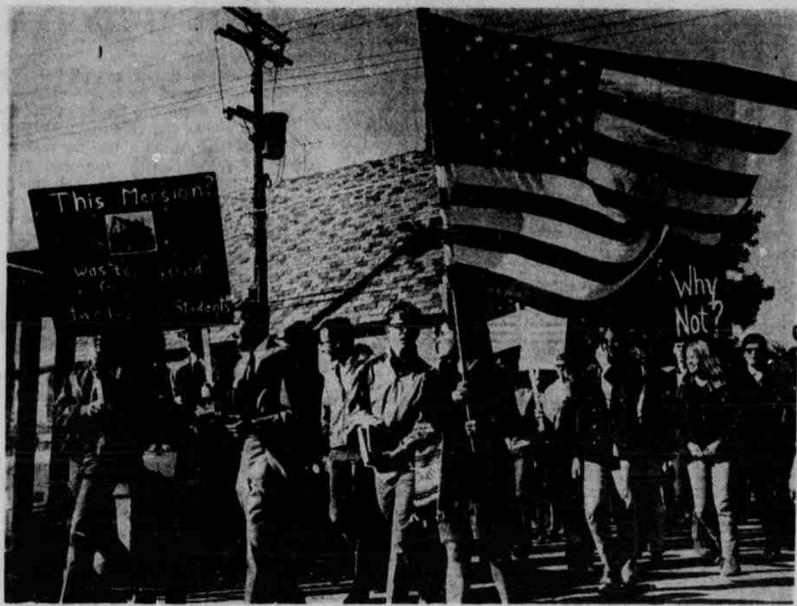


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The vanguard of an orderly march: Old Glory, and the new glory of students with a message.

Landlady not discriminating . . .

'No response list' sparks response

by Larry Eckholt
Senior Staff Writer

An 83-year-old woman who knows what it is like to be a target of prejudice has responded to the "no response list" released Wednesday by the University housing office.

"Why, after all of these years, would I discriminate? I am colored myself," said Mrs. Harriet Williams, whose name appeared on the list. Lincoln landlords who did not respond to a University housing agreement urging that they rent to all students, regardless of race, creed or natural origin were included.

MRS. WILLIAMS has been a resident of Lincoln for 37 years and during that time has rented to Negro students, teachers and servicemen in addition to white people and foreign students, she said.

But this year Mrs. Williams'

home has no student renters of any color. She is not on the University's "approved housing" list because she did not return the anti-discrimination agreement.

"I received it," she said, "but I didn't think that I would have to sign it. I get along with everybody. I have never had any trouble at all before."

Mrs. Williams formerly lived at 2211 R St., but moved to her present home at 1618 No. 28th St. in 1958. She had been on the approved list until this summer, she said.

"I called Mr. Blue's office (University housing office) and was told that my rooms were in perfect shape," she continued. Later she was notified that her rooms would not be approved because she did not return the agreement.

"It was a real shock," Mrs. Williams recalled. "I didn't know what to do. I have always been close to the University."

MRS. WILLIAMS once cooked for a men's co-op housing unit on campus and for a fraternity. Her daughter works on East Campus, and her grand-daughter is a senior this year, student teaching at East High School.

Mrs. Williams came to Lincoln in 1931 from Washington, Kan., "where my family was well-respected," she said.

"We didn't know we were 'colored folk' until we came here," Mrs. Williams said. She cited a number of examples of prejudice against her family in Lincoln.

Her husband, a construction worker, was told by his employer to refer to himself as an Indian.

"Then he could go along on road trips when they needed him," Mrs. Williams said.

She had worked at a downtown

dime store for some time until her employer continued to load extra work on her, Mrs. Williams recalls.

"ONE DAY I went up to him and said, 'Slave days are over,' and quit," she recounted. She then got a job at a department store where she worked until retirement.

But Mrs. Williams does not think that the University's policy of sending the anti-discrimination agreements to landlords is the best way to combat prejudice in Lincoln.

"I think it is hurting the program," she said. "It's only the riff-raff that's causing problems; the nice people aren't. Many people will let anyone rent their rooms."

Mrs. Williams was very insulted by having her name published in the newspaper, she said.

"I just want people to know that I'm not that kind of person," she said. "If I had done something wrong, then it'd been all right. But I haven't, and I don't want a big dark cloud like that over me in my old age."

"I just want people to understand that I'm not that sort of person," she repeated.

Students invited to keg party

A keg party, sponsored by the Hamilton for Congress delegation, is scheduled for 3-8 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Rod and Gun Club.

Students who are 21 and over may buy tickets for \$3.00 at Hamilton for Congress Headquarters at 235 N. 11th St.

Bill Cosby confirms performance

Comedian Bill Cosby will be performing at Pershing Auditorium in an 8 p.m. concert Friday, Oct. 18, according to Nancy Griffin and Royce Aldersen, Union Special Events Chairmen.

Tickets are available for students at discount prices of three, three-fifty, and four dollars. Coupons (which can be exchanged for tickets at Pershing) will be on sale in the north lobby of the Nebraska Union beginning next week.

On Oct. 9, 10 and 11, Pershing will be selling tickets in the Union. They may also be purchased at the auditorium office any time.

Pershing Auditorium has also confirmed the scheduling of a concert by Simon and Garfunkel on Nov. 9.

Callan: U.S. could stop bombing

by Julie Morris
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Democratic Congressional candidate Clair Callan said Thursday that the United States "could stop the bombing of North Vietnam at this time."



Clair Callan

Callan also told the University Young Democrats, "I also believe that any meaningful negotiations should include the National Liberation Front."

Callan prefaced the statement on Vietnam given in response to a

question, saying, "The first thing you have to remember is that a member of Congress has no direct effect on Vietnam policy except for voting on appropriations."

About 40 people attended the meeting. They included YD's, Callan staff members and several supporters of Bruce Hamilton, New Party candidate for the First Congressional seat Callan is seeking. Republican incumbent Robert V. Denney is running for re-election to the seat.

The students applauded loudly when Callan said he supports the Presidential candidacy of Hubert Humphrey "all the way, look at the alternatives."

Callan said he believes in a two party political system, and told the students they could be most effective by working within the two parties. "You can't be on the

outside looking in."

He said he would not comment on Hamilton's candidacy because "he doesn't have any record."

"What we have to do this time is run on our record," he said. "You are offered a choice (in this election); all you have to do is to look at my record in the 89th Congress and at my opponent's record in the 90th."

"Denney," Callan said, "talks one way and votes another."

CALLAN WAS elected to Congress in 1964 and lost to Denney in 1966 by one percent of the vote.

Callan listed the positive programs he said the 89th Congress passed including medicare, federal aid to elementary and secondary education, a rent supplements program, headstart, the Job Corps and the manpower training act.

"The choice now is whether or

not we want to continue to make progress," he said.

Callan said he thinks he can win the election. He cited a recent poll that showed him with only one percent behind Denney. That poll gave Callan 42 percent of the votes compared with 43 per cent for Denney, 14 per cent for Hamilton and one per cent undecided.

He told the students to look at the history of the Democratic Party in Nebraska. He has run for office on the Democratic ticket four times in the past 10 years. Callan said, "Nobody thought I could win, but we did in 1964."

The party has built its Nebraska organization slowly, he said. In 1964, "for the first time we started to have an organization, for the first time we started to have some money."

"I and other people who have

'Who are they against? They're against anybody who has money.' 'This is utterly fantastic for Lincoln, Neb.'

by Larry Eckholt
Senior Staff Writer

Five hundred University students walked to Lincoln's City Hall Thursday for an announced protest against racial discrimination in local housing.

But the debate at the "mobile" Hyde Park embraced racism, the pros and cons of the system and the concern of Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf.

THE GROUP assembled in the Nebraska Union Lounge to hear ASUN Human Rights Committee Chairman Dan Looker single out three cases of alleged discrimination in Lincoln.

"We are here to dramatize the injustice that exists in some of Lincoln's housing," Looker said, "and to show student support for a city ordinance concerning open housing."

Looker cited Adolph Hock, Mrs. Otto Bentzinger and the Trenridge Apartments as three cases of discrimination brought before the Lincoln Human Rights Commission "which clearly showed their refusal to rent to black Americans."

After a moment of silent meditation, the group began its six block trek to City Hall under sunny October skies. The line of students stretched for over two blocks. Leading the group was a Lincoln City policeman.

The group gathered in front of the civic building as city personnel peered from windows. American flags flanked the speaker's platform.

AFTER MORE remarks on the existence of racism in Lincoln and on the University campus, the debate shifted to how that racism could be eradicated.

Dave Bunnell said that the establishment has to change or it

would not survive. Looker believed it could be changed by using methods within the system.

But Gary Hill, head of the Lincoln Human Rights Commission, admitted that "the establishment is not getting the job done now."

"Regardless of what we want to do or how we plan to do it, we cannot do it without the support of concerned people like you," Hill said to the students.

Bruce Hamilton, candidate for 1st District representative, said that the demonstration "was something that was badly needed to get started on this campus."

"THIS IS beautiful," he continued, "because it is a beginning. Young people, working together, can make lawful change in this country."

Then Don Brown, a student, informed the assemblage that Mayor Schwartzkopf was in his second floor office overlooking the demonstrators "but isn't bothering to come down."

The "We Want Mayor Schwartzkopf" campaign began.

John Hughes asked for a vote of how many people wanted the

mayor to address the crowd. The majority did. A committee was appointed to approach the mayor's office on the matter.

Leo Scherer, administrative assistant to the mayor, told the committee:

"THE MAYOR asked me to tell you that he is in conference and cannot come down at this time."

The debate on "the system" was rekindled.

An unidentified student said that "if the mayor doesn't think we are important, then we shouldn't think that he is very important."

But John Schrekinger replied: "We cannot get out of the system because we are the system."

Mike Lowe was the final speaker. He noted the lack of substantial support from the campus black community during the march.

"BLACK PEOPLE think it is absurd to march if we do not show sincerity on our part," he said.

He encouraged persons to not "just accept the system which has produced 'student niggers' and 'black niggers'. We have to take the initiative in producing change in this country," he said.

During most of the demonstration there were few onlookers near the City Hall.

Two local businessmen exchanged views on the march:

"What is it?"
"Oh, some students."
"What are they against?"
"They're against anyone who has money."

The marchers seemed to be impressed by their numbers. Assorted comments included: "This is fantastic for Lincoln, Nebraska." "I can't believe it." And "It's about time."

Snow to slow poster place?



Photo by J. E. Shaw

From San Francisco to Lincoln with love and peace.

'Joint' has open door air policy

by George Kaufman
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Right now Neil Balfour is maintaining an open door policy, but he knows he's going to have to reassess his position when the snow arrives.

Neil is the manager of the Poster Joint, which is housed in an ex-gas station at 16th and 'Q' streets. All summer they had had the garage door open, which draws customers into the shop to look around at all the posters hung from the walls.

But obviously he can't keep this up all winter.

"WHEN THE door is closed, we don't do nearly as much business as usual," Neil says. "We'll have to decide what to do when it starts snowing."

The shop carries all kinds of posters, incense, Indian water pipes, medallions, buttons, leather watch bands, cigarette lighters and all kinds of novelties, including colored glass balls called "marijuana balls" for no apparent reason.

Neil, an NU junior from Nehawka, is managing the store for owner Verne Holoubek, who has moved to Wisconsin. The store went into business last spring and Neil took over the reins at the start of the summer.

Only about five per cent of the customers are "hip types," according to saleswoman Candy Legé. The rest "are mostly just curious," she says. "Most of them just wander in to look around from curiosity, but they usually wind up buying something."

"There are a lot of headaches involved," he points out. "You have all kinds of people wanting different things, and you have to keep up constantly on what's selling."

The customers are, naturally, mostly students, both university and high school. "When school started, it was just unbelievable . . . we were sold out of just about everything."

The Charles Lloyd Contemporary Jazz Quartet will perform in concert Friday afternoon at 3:30 in front of the north entrance to Love Library.

Sickness had forced Lloyd to postpone an earlier trip to this campus and construction has caused a change in the location of the concert.