

# Sit-Ins For Chicago

The City of Chicago, which objects strenuously to being labeled discriminatory in the superlative degree, should be confronted with the evidence of its sins. New York, which prides itself on its devotion to civil rights in the South, is faced with a test of its convictions. Chicago, which makes no such claims, and where racial discrimination exists aplenty, should be the focus of the public spotlight on these provinces of prejudice.

What is urgently needed are "Sit-ins" in local establishments where discrimination has been systematically practiced—and unchallenged. The Southland does not possess an exclusive pattern on discrimination. This revolting practice that disregards human dignity and rights, is prevalent in one form or another in many of the cities of the North.

But Chicago has more than its share of the vexing problem that is causing daily embarrassment to the United States. It is not enough to proclaim the virtues of democracy as an ideal form of political concept. Those who rally under this banner, must be prepared, like Christian soldiers of old, to stand up for their faith.

Africa and Asia keep a watchful eye on the way the white man treats the Negro in America. The uncommitted countries, especially those which have just acquired their autonomy, are not likely to commit themselves blindly to the political ideology of the West without positive assurances of the broadest application of human rights and social justice.

When Chicago's unjust treatment of its Negro residents—in housing and employment particularly—is added to America's racial dilemma, the picture is far from being an attractive one. Since the legislative process is inordinately and aggravatingly slow to redress the twin evils of segregation and discrimination, some determined "Sit-in" demonstrations may help to turn the tide of racialism in our midst.

This means of dramatizing this city's racial sins may succeed in convincing even the Uncle Toms in high places that we intend to assert our rights and make Chicago an open, decent, unsegregated city in which responsible citizens of any race, color or creed may dwell. We repeat Chicago too needs "Sit-in" demonstrations. Let's go!