

Close Out Demonstration With Mass Registration

165 Applicants
Out of 1000
Processed in Hr.

Along for Ride

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Cecil B. Moore, president of the Philadelphia NAACP, who requested the City Hall demonstration Sunday at Convention Hall as a "show of unity," termed the work-stoppage as "totally effective", and pointed out that "this is just the beginning"

of a new era for Philadelphia's awakened masses.

The march which was co-sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality and the NAACP, began promptly at 8:00 a.m. when about 200 pickets converged on the hall. In less than an hour, more than 2,000 persons had joined the crowd parading silently about the hall. The marchers included men, women and children. Many of the women pushed infants in baby carriages.

During the ensuing four hours an estimated 4,000 persons marched.

MOORE'S ADDRESS

At 11:45 a.m., marchers assembled on the west side of the hall to hear an address from Moore. The fiery NAACP president told his audience that the City Hall demonstration was "just an example" of what the newly enlightened Negroes of Philadelphia can do, and

added that "in the future we intend to reward our friends and punish our enemies."

Moore had words of scorn for Mayor James Tate, the Board of Education and the Commission on Human Relations, claiming all of them were condoning job discrimination on City construction contracts.

"We can read and write and we're not going to be fooled anymore," he said.

BLASTS McDERMOTT

At one point during his remarks a spectator yelled out: "Let's make Cecil Moore the mayor."

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LITTLE ERNEST DAVIS, 3rd, age 3, is supported between his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis, Jr., as they join marchers parading around City Hall in protest demonstration.

3 Generations



Mrs. Lenora Battle, her granddaughter, Marie Tyler, and daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Tyler, are shown in line of march at City Hall. Behind them is former Darby detective, Sergeant Howard Carrington, now employed as a Special State Justice Department Investigator.

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Moore replied: "I don't want to be mayor. Being the mayor can't require too much brains, because if it did James McDermott wouldn't be a candidate."

Moore ended his speech by recalling the purpose of the work stoppage.

"We are engaged in this demonstration today as a tribute to Medgar Evers," Moore said. "We are going to complete the major activity of his career. Evers was attempting to educate Mississippi Negroes to use the power of the ballot. Let's all go across the street to the Registration Commission and register to vote."

REGISTER TO VOTE

Moore's words provided the signal for the huge crowd to converge on the Commission's offices, located in the Commercial Trust Building directly across the street from City Hall.

Of the approximately 1,000 persons who went there to register, clerks processed 165 during the first hour. Moore said it was the greatest amount of persons ever to register at the Commission office during a single one-hour period in the history of the Commission.

\$5,600 RAISED SUNDAY

Monday's demonstrations followed on the heels of a mass memorial service held Sunday afternoon at Convention Hall in which an estimated 8,000 persons attended to pay their respects to the late Medgar Evers.

Roy Wilkins, national executive secretary of the NAACP, and one

of the principal speakers at the services, urged the audience to offer their prayers not only for the widow and children of Medgar Evers but also for the white people of Mississippi who, he said, are "prisoners of the system" (of segregation).

The crowd donated \$5,600 to contribute to a fund for education of Evers' children.