

# Police Curb Pickets Blocking Brooklyn Building Site



Pickets stage sit-down across Clarkson Avenue at the Downstate Medical Center site



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Policewomen remove demonstrator from gate of construction area as truck waits to enter

## 200 Racial Pickets Seized At Building Projects Here

By PETER KIHSS

More than 200 civil rights demonstrators were arrested in Brooklyn yesterday and 26 others were taken into custody in Manhattan as a result of efforts to block public construction until Negroes and Puerto Ricans get more jobs.

Police officials said they believed the mass arrests here were the highest since 500 persons were jailed in the Harlem riot of Aug. 1, 1943, when five persons were killed.

At least 10 ministers and church officials were detained in the Brooklyn demonstrations, outside the Downstate Medical Center. In wave after wave for nearly eight hours, Negro and white sympathizers darted in front of incoming construction vehicles to sit down or lie down in the roadway. They were picked up and taken away in patrol wagons—a dozen at a time.

### Arrested in Manhattan

In Manhattan, seven ministers were arrested for locking their arms to obstruct construction vehicles trying to enter the Rutgers Houses project on the Lower East Side. There the demonstrations led to scuffling between other pickets and policemen trying to move them. The demonstrations were over within a quarter hour.

The Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, a spokesman for the Brooklyn demonstrators, said last night that he and three other spokesmen would meet with Mayor Wagner at City Hall at 11:30 A.M. today. However, he said demonstrations at the \$25,000,000 state project would resume at 7 A.M.

"While we talk, walk!" Dr. Taylor told 2,000 supporters at a rally last night in the Corner Stone Baptist Church, 574 Madison Street, in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. The

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phrase brought an ovation. Besides Dr. Taylor, the men who will meet the Mayor are the Rev. Dr. Sandy F. Ray, chairman of the Committee on Job Opportunities, which organized the protest; the Rev. W. A. Jones, its coordinator, and the Rev. Milton Galamison, pastor of the Siloam Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn.

Edward S. Lewis, executive director of the Urban League of Greater New York, whose organization has been among the sponsors of the demonstrations, said last night that "there is going to be no let-up in the kinds of pressure now going on until something is done."

He said civil rights leaders had told both Mayor Wagner and Governor Rockefeller that "the one way to solve this is some brown faces—Negroes and Puerto Ricans—on construction jobs."

The City Commission on Human Rights was understood to be planning a statement some time today on its plans. Mayor Wagner directed it last week to give priority to complaints of discrimination in the construction industry.

A commission spokesman said yesterday that the agency for some months had been sending out questionnaires to contractors to appraise compliance with antidiscrimination clauses in their contracts.

The State Commission for Human Rights announced yesterday that it would hold a public hearing on an Albany union, Local 12 of the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, but no date was set. An investigation into a complaint that Negroes were denied membership in the union was said to have shown there were none among 500 members.

### 81 Women Arrested

The Police Department reported that 211 adults had been arrested in the Brooklyn demonstrations, including 130 men and 81 women. The names of 12 children—six boys and six girls—were recorded by the police, but this did not constitute arrests.

All the Brooklyn defendants were charged with disorderly conduct. A total of 192 were arraigned, and all were released on their own recognizance, pending varying hearings. Of the arraignments, 126 were in Adolescent Court before Judge Abraham Roth, and 66 before Judge John M. Murtagh in Criminal Court.

Section 722 of the State Penal Law provides that disorderly conduct is any of a dozen specified acts committed "with intent to provoke a breach of the peace and under circumstances whereby a breach of the peace may be occasioned." These include acting "in such a manner as to annoy, disturb, interfere with, obstruct or be offensive to others," and congregating with others on a public street and refusing to move on when ordered to by the police.

Dr. Taylor estimated that 1,250 persons had taken part in the Brooklyn picketing. Three-fourths or more of the participants were Negroes.

The clergymen arrested were both whites and Negroes. Among them Dr. Taylor listed the following:

The Rev. Hilton James of Beaman Baptist Church; the Rev. Carl McCall of the New York City Mission Society; the Rev. Howard Moody of Judson Memorial Baptist Church; Dr. Francis Wallace, Stated Clerk of the Long Island Presbytery; the Rev. J. Oscar Lee, secretary of the race relations department of the National Council of Churches; Miss Miriam Corbett, a staff member of the council, and Miss Grace Goodman, radio and television secretary of the Protestant Council of New York.

### Warning by Lawyers

The Rev. John Hinkamp of the Flatlands Reformed Church told a reporter he had been arrested for sitting in the path of approaching construction equipment. Lawyers told him and others not to get rearrested during the day, he said, so when he returned to the scene he only marched.

Other ministers bundled into patrol wagons included the Rev. Charles E. Lewis of the New Canaan Baptist Church and the Rev. Plato Sutherland of St. Mary's Baptist Church in Jamaica.

None of the 14 ministers arrested July 15 at the project were arrested yesterday, Dr. Taylor said. He said they had limited their actions partly "in order not to have to post bail" and even more importantly so as to be able to remain on hand "to give moral support to our people and to keep the movement peaceful."

The ministers arrested on disorderly conduct charges in



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the Rutgers Houses demonstration were booked as follows:

The Rev. Richard Gary, 39 years old, of 521 West 126th Street; the Rev. Thomas Pike, 25, of 521 East 14th Street; the Rev. Jay Cooke Allen, 35, of 131 East 10th Street; the Rev. David W. Romig, 37, of 38 Monroe Street; the Rev. Richard E. Johnson, 25, of 3 Henry Street; the Rev. William Dwyer, 33, of 48 Henry Street, and the Rev. William C. Chapman, 27, of 49 Monroe Street. Mr. Chapman was the only Negro among them.

The ministers, a seminary student and a social worker were charged only with disorderly conduct, but 17 other defendants in the Rutgers Houses picketing were charged further with interfering with police officers.

The nine facing only one charge and eight of the others were released by Judge Francis X. O'Brien in Criminal Court in custody of their attorney, former Assemblyman Mark Lane, pending hearings July 29. Two others posted \$50 bail each.

Mr. Lane said that the remaining seven defendants had in the meantime been brought into Adolescent Court before Judge Edward D. Caiazzo, where one had bail set at \$2,000, five others at \$1,500 each and one at \$500.

Mr. Lane protested to Supreme Court Justice Joseph A. Sarafite later, seeking a reduction in this bail. The bond was cut to \$10 for Paul Dubral, national education director of the United Furniture Workers, whom Mr. Lane said he had known for many years. Bail was reduced to \$1,000 for the others.

Both the Rutgers project, which is being carried out on behalf of the City Housing Authority, and the Downstate Medical Center job have been picketed by the Joint Committee on Equal Opportunity, made up of six civil rights groups, since July 9 and July 10, respectively.

### Ministers Formed Group

The Committee for Job Opportunities for Brooklyn, which organized yesterday's medical center action, was formed by 75 Negro ministers last week with Dr. Ray as chairman. Other officers include the Rev. Walter G. Jacobs, co-chairman; the Rev. H. Carl McCall, secretary, and the Rev. Richard Saunders, financial director.

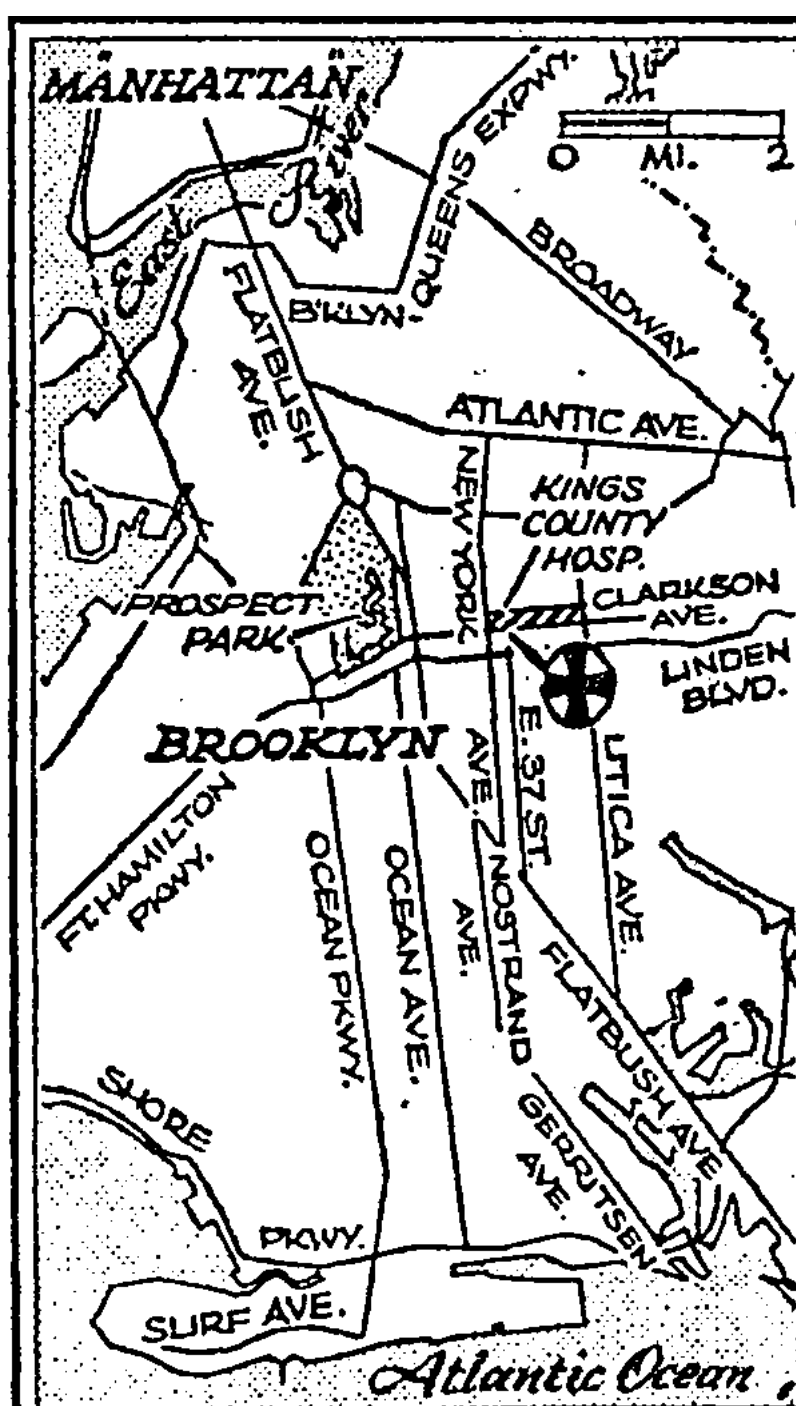
The group met last night at the Corner Stone church to determine further policy and to keep its supporters informed of its plans. Dr. Taylor said its aim was to obtain "at least 25 per cent of jobs in all categories" for Negroes and Puerto Ricans in projects built by public funds.

The Rev. A. D. King of Birmingham, Ala., the brother of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was among the speakers at the rally.

Sit-in demonstrations continued yesterday in the City Hall corridor outside Mayor Wagner's office and in the press room of Governor Rockefeller's office at 22 West 55th Street, as they have since July 9 and 10, respectively. These are also sponsored by the Joint Committee on Equal Opportunity.

The Rochdale Village housing project in Jamaica, Queens, which is described as the world's largest cooperative, was announced as the target for demonstrations beginning today, in a move to get 25 per cent of the construction jobs for Negroes and Puerto Ricans.

New picketing, led by five clergymen, started yesterday at the construction site of Public School 25, West Brighton, with



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15 marchers. Richard Prideaux, chairman of the Staten Island chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, said that the plan had been to picket Curtis High School, New Brighton, where an

addition is under construction but that not enough pickets appeared.

Four pickets marched outside the White Castle stand at Al- lerton Avenue and Boston Post Road in the Bronx yesterday continuing the protest of alleged discrimination in hiring practices by the hamburger chain.