

Atlantans To Report On White House Conferences

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Dr. John Letson, Mrs. Grace Hamilton, Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Atty. Donald Hollowell, and Dr. Leslie Dunbar will report on the recent series of White House conferences on race relations at a dinner of the Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations, Mon-

day, July 22, 7 p.m. at Stouffeur's Restaurant, Hearth Room (Peachtree Level). Other Atlantans who attended the conferences called by President Kennedy have been invited to attend the meetings and participate in the informal discussion. The

public is invited. Reservations for the dinner (\$2.40) can be made by calling the office of the Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations 523-1581. "In spite of the progress made in Atlanta, Negro citizens still have far less chance for success," Mrs. Clif-

ton Hiffman, Council chairman said. "Figures provided by the U.S. Census Bureau show the following conditions of Atlanta Negroes as compared with conditions of Negroes throughout the country as reported by the President in his radio and television speech:

Local Jaycees Against Civil Rights Bills

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The Atlanta Junior Chamber of Commerce has voted to oppose all of President Kennedy's current civil rights legislation but made it clear it would continue to support what it called "all justified demands for equal opportunity for all citizens."

Of the public accommodations bill the chamber said it denies the basic principles of free enterprise forbidding a business man from choosing his own customers. To discriminate on color, race, or any other reason are issues of moral and business judgement to be left up to the individual, said the chamber in a two-page statement released this week.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce also said local legislation should be encourage and enforced in the matter of voting rights rather than through "hastily passed status." The group said it was not opposed to an earlier resolution passed by the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce calling for the voluntary desegregation of private businesses.

"An Atlanta Negro, like other American Negroes, has about half as much chance as an Atlanta white citizen, of completing high school and about one-third as much chance of completing college. The Atlanta Negro has half as much chance of becoming unemployed (as compared to twice as much chance on the national scene) but he has only one-thirtieth, instead

of one-seventh, as much chance in Atlanta of earning \$10,000 a year, and one-fourth instead of one-third as much chance as fellow white citizens in Atlanta of becoming a professional man."

Sen. Talmadge Speaks Against Rights Bills

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WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Sen. Herman E. Talmadge, D-Ga. said Thursday that enactment of President Kennedy's civil rights program would produce "terror throughout the land" and require federal troops for its enforcement because it would create a "police state."

He said that if the President's omnibus civil rights bill comes before the Senate in its present form "all who cherish our system of government will resist it." But he said "no plans" had been made for a Southern filibuster. Talmadge, appearing on a radio program CBS Capitol Cloakroom, was asked if the South would abide by the bill if it becomes a law. He replied:

"If the bill is passed in its present form, it would take troops all over America to enforce it. The people of the South are law-abiding—they abide by the law as they see it . . . but if you tell them they have got to associate with people they don't want to associate with,

(Continued from Page One) "I think you'd have terror throughout the land, and it would require force to enforce."

Talmadge also said it is doubtful that action can be completed this year on a tax reduction bill. He said the civil rights proposals "greatly complicate" the likelihood of tax action.

Similarly, he said he was "not optimistic about passing a cotton bill."

Although President Kennedy has "lost considerable popularity" in Georgia and the South, he said, "political trends change rapidly" and it would be foolhardy to predict the situation in 1964.