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# Barnard Is Disappointed

*How about it! That is the reaction of all good Americans*

# By Integration Response

## Public Accommodations Questionnaires Checked

Mayor James L. Barnard expressed disappointment yesterday in the number of replies received to the City Council's call for desegregation of public accommodations.

"It was a little less than I expected. I had hoped more firms would let us know how they stand," Barnard said.

However, the mayor said he doesn't feel the lack of response is so much an unwillingness to integrate as it is an aversion to filling out a questionnaire.

"A lot of people don't like to be bothered with surveys and blank forms," the mayor said. "I know I don't."

### Replies Tabulated

Barnard's comments yesterday followed a tabulation Thursday night of replies to a request for desegregation mailed late last week and early this week.

The request was mailed to establishments offering "public accommodations, particularly restaurants, hotels, motels, theaters and bowling alleys, some of which have already integrated.

The request followed a meeting last week between the City Council and a committee of Negro leaders. The Negroes were particularly interested in obtaining a list of places that would offer services to them so that they would not be embarrassed by being refused service.

The request for desegregation asked for returns only from persons who would comply with the request and not from those who would not.

### Three Against

Returns tabulated Thursday included 12 from restaurants, including one which said it would not desegregate, and 16 from hotels and motels, two of which were against it.

However, Barnard said the significant figure is not that 11 restaurant owners said they would open their facilities and only one said no, but the large number who did not reply.

Requests were mailed to 175 restaurants and 117 hotels and motels.

A strict interpretation of the questionnaire could mean most of those not replying are against integration but the mayor doesn't think this is so.

### Already In

Even though it had been less than a week when returns were tabulated, Barnard said the bulk of the replies the city is going to receive is already in.

When the council met with the Negro committee an agreement was made to meet again in two weeks (next week) to review the results.

In the absence of more conclusive returns, which are not expected, Barnard indicated the council will have to take another approach, probably by meeting with owners of the motels, hotels and restaurants.