

### Inner loop project hinges on 'pro or con' influences — ?

The controversial issue over construction of the proposed innerbelt (inner loop) of the Interstate Highway system, involves presently plans which have been approved by local, state and federal agencies.

However, or lately a group of people now opposing the present, or already approved plans—contend their "sole interest (in the issue) is the welfare of the entire city, including the central business district, and the welfare of every person in the whole metropolitan area."

"THE WELFARE of every person in the whole metropolitan area," eventually embraces the stakes and interests of more than 20,000 residents of the city. These people in the near Northwest area of the city, under present plans will be displaced.

Some are homemakers who have acquired and improved their properties over a period of two, three and more decades. They now face problems of financial outlays and finding suitable or desirable housing and somewhere to no end.

UNSEEMINGLY, random rumors prevail in regards to the North-South leg of the so-called "inner loop" implying of designs in its construction to perpetuate or confide characteristics of a "black ghetto." Such rumors have been widely discussed and "cussed" by Negro people over the entire Northside of the city.

Following the random rumors leaders of several local civic organizations have taken up the cudgel in furtherance of opposition to proposed plans for the inner loop. They entertain the idea that eventually any or all designs perpetuating "black ghettos" is contrary to the spirit and letter of current "equal opportunity legal enactments" involving all phases of our politico-economic life.

OTHERWISE, local leaders in the civic right crusade on the community, state and national levels associated with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., have conferred here with several of his aides. Following the appearance here early this week of the Rev. Albert Sampson it has been proposed that Dr. King should be asked to appear here on an early date. Rev. Sampson is the organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The likely sponsors of his appearance are concerned about "dramatization" of total hopes or aspirations, or "the welfare of every person in the whole metropolitan community." Elsewhere, or otherwise the director of the Indianapolis Tax-payers' Assn. Frank Murray, has proposed a court suit

against the proposed inner belt project. Congressman Andrew Jacobs, Jr. (Indianapolis) announced recently from Washington that following his request Rex M. Whitton, federal bureau of roads department aide is conducting an inquiry into the conflict over the local inner loop project.

Seemingly a Chicago engineering firm, or its experts said in 1960 that elevated highways would be the worst type of construction and would cost three times as much.

Congressman Jacobs observed that the Chicago firm or its experts, "apparently had (at the time) completed a substantial amount of engineering design on the inner loop on essentially DEPRESSED HIGHWAYS.

Congressman Jacobs cites testimony made by the Chicago firm's expert, H. W. Lochner, here in 1960.

Excerpts from the testimony of Mr. Lochner delivered in this city in February, 1960 are as follows:

"... The highway itself will be depressed. It will go under the cross-streets and under railroads. . . . We considered several things. First, what is best for Indianapolis. I'm sure you can visualize what an elevated roadway would look like. . . . They are on embankments and are not the most slightly improvements imaginable. . . .

"... we have considered the total cost of the improvement in comparing the elevated type of highway as contrasted to the depressed. You find the depressed to be considerably less expensive. . . . Far more desirable from the city stand point, just as serviceable from the traffic standpoint, and therefore we recommend a depressed type highway. . . .

Concluding, Congressman Jacobs noted that Mr. Lochner asserted, "I must say, the depressed route always appeared to me as the least offensive to the economic, traffic, social and aesthetic life of our city. . . ."

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tional achievement and that only 40 per cent of its eligible citizens were registered to vote. The Huntsville space center recently has been "forged-in" he said by the unfavorable publicity given other events in the state. "We must become more conscious of the conditions that bring criticism. We must remove the film of prejudice from our eyes. We must listen to our conscience and recognize injustice and iniquities wherever they may appear."



STUDENTS ARE HONORED: Two one-year scholarship to Marian College were awarded last week to high school graduates by the Catholic Interracial Council of Indianapolis. John Day, CIC president, made the presentation to Jacqueline Ray (center) of St. Thomas Aquinas parish, and Nora Keough of St. Rita's. Miss Ray was graduated from Shortridge High School, while Miss Keough was graduated from Chatard.

### Victim's spouse Hoosiers are to participate in NAACP national confab

DENVER, Colo. — About 2,000 delegates are expected to converge on this city for the NAACP national convention June 28-July 3 with headquarters at the Denver Hilton Hotel.

The major workshop program topics are implementing anti-poverty legislation, school desegregation, south and non-south, political action, housing, and employment.

A keynote address will be made by NAACP executive director Roy Wilkins Monday night, June 28. The Spingarn Medal, awarded annually to a Negro American for distinguished achievement, will be made Tuesday night, June 29. Youth night is Wednesday, June 30.

Heading the Indianapolis delegation are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Ramsey, Indiana State Conference of NAACP Branches president and his wife; Earle Barnette, Indianapolis NAACP branch president; Miss Carole Stevenson, Mmes. Helen Adams, Virginia Davis, Jean Stephany, Elyse Hollins, and Irene Arnold, and Messrs. Robert Williams, Charles Roberts, Wallace Hollins, and Eddie Hall.

Youth attending include Sheila Turner, Elwin Hart, Alice Hampton, Stephanie Cab-

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LIEUT. SPURGEON DAVENPORT

I, I think Chief Noel Jones should be called in to explain why there is no position for a captain in the homicide branch.

"If we need an ordinance to establish or reestablish the necessity of a captain heading the homicide branch, then I think it is the duty of the Council to pass the necessary ordinance.

The minister-councilman also revealed that he plans to seek an appointment with Chief Jones and the chairman of the Board of Public Safety before the July 7 meeting of the City Council.

Another member of the City Council, Atty. Rufus Kuykendall, also expressed his concern over the possibility of Davenport's retirement.

"I feel that by virtue of his experience and efficiency, Lieut. Davenport should hold the rank of inspector in the police department.

"I also believe that Mayor Barton, by virtue of his experience as a career police officer and superintendent of the Indiana State Police, should be able to recognize Davenport's ability and act accordingly."

The fiery Republican member of the Council added that he intended to ask Chief Jones "a few questions" the next time he appeared before the Council for approval of the police department budget.

A number of civic leaders in the Negro community have expressed amazement over the fact several other branches of the department with considerably less responsibility are headed by higher ranking officers.

While in the juvenile aid branch there is a captain and

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three lieutenants handling the administrative duties. In the detectives division charged with the investigation of burglaries and larcenies there are three captains and seven lieutenants.

Davenport has 28 men serving under his command in the homicide branch. The theory has been advanced that Davenport, who in 1963 became the first Negro to head a branch of the police department, may be limited to the lieutenantcy because of his race.

Davenport told The Recorder that moral in his branch is low because the men realize that as long as he is limited to his present rank they have little chance for promotion beyond the rank of sergeant within the branch.

Prosecutor Noble Percy offered Davenport a position on the investigative staff of the prosecutor's office but Davenport for now at least, has declined the offer.

### Cab driver

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Chicken Delight, Inc. Later, Young wrote President Johnson to thank him on his speech seeking legislation to protect the voting rights of Negroes in the South. His postscript told of his attempts to go into the Chicken Delight business, even to his application for a SBA loan.

The postscript noted, however: "I have no collateral." President Johnson took an interest, and Young's own Chicken Delight carryout business is the result.

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under intimidation of the federal voting rights bill, I'd like to know why, if we can change our laws, we are admitting we were wrong and that we can be intimidated. Are we going to abdicate the principles of 150 years?"

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