

# Leader censured by NAACP still fighting in South

MONROE, N. C. — What has happened to Robert F. Williams, militant former president of the Union County NAACP, who was ousted from his post by the national convention of the NAACP last Summer for allegedly having counseled that the Negro should "meet violence with violence and lynching with lynching?"

Williams is here at 410 N. Boyte st., publishing a weekly mimeographed newsletter, "The Crusader", which is more outspoken on the racial issue than possibly any other publication in the deep South, except the newsletter occasionally published by the Montgomery Improvement Association, of the famous bus boycott case.

The Crusader is in its 34th edition and has five ads on the back page. Subscription price is \$4.75 per year; \$2.50 for six months; and 10 cents per copy.

Beneath the index, it hurls the challenge at Dixie, "O' South, wilt thou repent and accept the 14th amendment?"

## WHAT'S COMIN' NOW HAIN'T PACIFISTS!

It carries comments on the current integration struggle in the

South, and the latest edition is enlivened by a woodcut of a typical Dixiecrat, waving a smoking pair of shooting irons and calling out over a barricade of T. N. T., sacks of U.S. Surplus chicken and pig feed, and rum, to allies in an out-house labeled, "Missile House; "Sam, hurry out that Missile House! Dem what's comin' now haint pacifists!"

The allusion is to the South's "student strikers" which editor Williams said "represent the vanguard of the new Negro on the march toward liberation.

"The brutally overbearing South digs in to meet the onslaught of nonviolent resistance with the rebel call for not unusual terror and violence", says Williams.

Continuing, he says, "Ordinarily, a pacifist would be considered pushover prey for the violence released from the warped minds of southern bigots. However, in the present turmoil, the South seems hesitant to lean too much on violence because of the young Negro's willingness to fight back."

Williams goes on to say that "It

is a sure bet that the jim crow walls of the South can be toppled. (But) Negroes will have to muster

the courage to topple them themselves.

## **"STOP VOLUNTEERING FOR SEGREGATION"**

"Negroes must stop volunteering for segregation. An individual is nothing who will allow himself to submit to the un-Godly and unconstitutional laws and mores of a people who are no more than Americanized pagans."

Williams continues to demonstrate that his own spirit is not broken by the censure of the parent body of the NAACP.

He relates how he personally "penetrated" the color barrier at the Monroe bus terminal during a February trip to New York.

He entered the "supposed" jim crow side of the bus terminal, he said.

"A very bewildered white ticket agent" asked him to go to the "colored" side. He refused, was sold a ticket, "and took a seat among the white patrons of the waiting room". Williams said he did the same thing without incident in Charlotte, High Point, Lynchburg, and Danville, Va.

He observed that the "disheartening thing about the trip was that Negroes were voluntarily segregating themselves."

Williams charged that in Monroe, the property of Negroes "is being readied for the auction block without due process of law" by the expedient of handpicking two Negroes of dependable meekness to attend urban renewal meetings. Federal law, administering urban renewal requires citizen participation in slum clearance proceedings. He calls the meetings in Monroe "kangaroo" hearings with regard to Negro rights.