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...into the production of synthetic rubber for tires."  
 Broughton added that a sharp increase in the importation of crude rubber would be "the only lifesaver for the passenger car tire manufacturer."

Dr. Israel Weinstein, city health commissioner, said today about 30 per cent of just-vaccinated couples with positive primary reactions are discovering that the vaccine causes a positive reaction to the Wasserman test.

## **Chapel Hill Seeks Facts On Racial Controversy**

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 CHAPEL HILL, April 17. —

More than 1,000 university students, faculty members, and interested townspeople jammed Memorial Hall here this afternoon to attend a "violence meeting" seeking to clarify facts related to interracial disturbances in Chapel Hill this week.

Three men, two of them students and the third, Rev. Charles M. Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, were called upon by the acting chairman, Winston Broadfoot of Chapel Hill, to explain their knowledge of the situation, touched off Saturday and Sunday by the arrival of a "team" from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, New York interracial group and the action of two Negro members of the group who refused to move to the back of a

### **Presbyterian Pastor Describes Group Forcing Legal Showdown**

Carolina Trailways bus at the direction of the bus driver. The Negroes insisted upon their rights under the June 3, 1946 ruling of the United States Supreme Court making it illegal to segregate seating of passengers of different racial backgrounds from one point in one state to a point in another state.

Rev. Mr. Jones explained at today's meeting that the F. O. R., as the organization is generally referred to, is a national organization of Christians, and has made a "thorough and exhaustive study of law as related to transportation in order that Christians and oth-

ernment agency to co-operate in relief activity."  
 The army, navy and other federal agencies rushed aid to the disaster scene.  
 Senator O'Daniel (Democrat, Texas) introduced a resolution demanding a "full and complete investigation" of the disaster.  
 Representative Stephenson (Republican, Wisconsin) raised the question: "What if a similar terrible calamity struck Washington?" He proposed that federal agencies be scattered throughout the country to avoid wholesale destruction of the government in such an event.

Gridley, Ill., in February, 1946. The guards were charged with manslaughter and acquitted.  
 A spokesman for the two executors of McNear's estate said that work probably will be resumed Monday. He said current negotiations began last April 4.  
 Assassination of McNear capped a long series of violent incidents along the 230-mile belt line railroad which serves as a freight by-pass and crosses Illinois south of Chicago from Keokuk, Iowa, to Effner, Ind.

ers might understand the law and practice it."

He further explained that the F. O. R. offers leaders for discussion groups in the Upper South, "and, when necessary, institutes friendly test cases in the courts."

Jones insisted that the Negro and white youths with the F. O. R. group were "not lawless trouble makers" but were fine Christian citizens "intent on informing people on changes in the law regarding transportation."

An unidentified student posed a question from the floor asking, "does Rev. Mr. Jones think the

true Christian spirit is displayed by the F. O. R. representatives who come here and insist upon sitting with white passengers on busses, when they know that such practice would only cause trouble and dissension?"

Another student, Harvey Daniels, stated "from a constitutional aspect the rights are very clear. But when you consider the general attitudes and practices in the South it is stupid to raise a point which can bring only friction, a crusade of going about and raising such questions, cannot be merely trying to bring about reconciliation. It has as its end the creation of dissensions not here before" he concluded. "I cannot but damn all connected with bringing a group here merely to stir up dissension."