

ent quarter, a drop of 1022 students (work); Law, 204; Library Science, 81; Medicine, 78; Pharmacy, 191; Public Health, 112; Social work, 36.

When broken down by classes, the registration figures gave the largest number of representatives to the junior class, 1593 members. Sophomores were second in size with 1305, freshmen had 1171, and Seniors 1094. Special students totaled 291.

is set for next Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 in the Graham Memorial Candlelight room.

### Railroad Strike Ends

Peoria, Illinois, April 17.—(UP)—A joint company-union announcement says the long standing strike of five railroad brotherhoods against the Toledo, Peoria and Western railroad was settled today.

from the Hillsboro prison camp on the trail.

Highway department officials identified the would-be escapees as Paul Johnson, 24, serving 20 years for second-degree murder; and James Chappel, 30, serving a 5-8 year term for robbery.

They were captured slightly over an hour after they broke away from the 17-man road gang, less than 5 miles from the scene of the escape.

ure to present an orderly estimate.

Said Morrison, "The Publications budget was drawn up by Mr. Lear who should know his job. I'm not defending Mr. Lear, but the Publications board as a whole."

In his report on the Ways and Means committee, Bill Miller indicated that new legislation is pending on the registration system. He pointed out that the committee had met with Mr. Lanier last week.

# Race Case May Go to United States Supreme Court

By Sigbee Miller

Chapel Hill's now-famous race incident of last Sunday appeared today to be headed for the United States Supreme court in an unprecedented test case to determine the validity of a transportation company's self-imposed responsibility of segregating white and Negro passengers.

## Jones Tells Mass Meeting Case May Be Test Of Bus Company's Rights of Segregation

Mounting racial tension was evidenced at the mass meeting, attended by several hundred, as a series of reports of violence and threatened violence were given. Jones, a self-avowed liberal on the racial question, said he had taken his family out of Chapel Hill barely 24 hours after the Sunday affair upon advice of police after his wife had been threatened with death by an anonymous telephone call. A previous caller had threatened to burn the Presbyterian manse. Ray Sylvester, student, reported that he along with several friends had been threatened with violence, and Martin Watkins, a disabled veteran now living in Chapel Hill, said he was assaulted by "five or six" men at the bus station after

speaking to a Negro woman of slight acquaintance.

Efforts were made to have a member of the police department and one of the cab drivers, reportedly involved in the aftermath of the Sunday arrest, to attend the meeting but neither answered calls from the platform.

L. J. Phipps, former Chapel Hill judge, expressed the belief that the whole affair was "much ado about nothing."

The Negroes who were arrested, Jones said, were members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, which has a chapter of "12 or 15" members in Chapel Hill. A group of "white or nine" whites and Negroes came south from Washington, Jones continued, to inform Southerners of the Supreme

court's 1946 ruling prohibiting segregation of passengers in interstate commerce and, if necessary, to develop test cases.

Last Saturday, according to Jones, the F. O. R. group met with the Intercollegiate Council for Religion in Life in Chapel Hill. The Council includes students from Carolina, Duke, and North Carolina College for Negroes. The next day, attempting to leave Chapel Hill, two of the Negroes of the group were arrested and released on bond. They were taken to the home of Jones, where some of them had spent Saturday night, and were finally given a police escort to the Orange-Durham county line.

Only in Chapel Hill, Jones said, has the group met with any trouble. Since they held inter-state bus tickets, he explained, they came under the previous court ruling even on an intra-state bus.

At a spirited mass meeting of students and townspeople in Memorial hall yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Charles M. Jones, Chapel Hill minister who figured prominently in the Sunday incident, said the two Negroes who were arrested were charged with violation of bus company request, not with violation of the Jim Crow law.

Expressed Opinion Earlier

Earlier, Jones had expressed the belief that the case could not be decided in an inferior court but would

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