

# They Want In; to Be Blacks—

## Psychologist Probes the Black Mind

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NEW YORK — "Today's young blacks," says Dr. Leslie Berger, a middle-aged white, "are convinced that the United States could produce a home-grown Hitler. I can't blame them for thinking that way."

Berger, soft-spoken with a Hungarian accent, is in a position to know what he's talking about. As a clinical psychologist and head of the City University of New York's \$10 million Search For Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK) program he works with society's ghetto-spawned children every day. He knows how they think and what they want.

"They want in," he says "and they want to be blacks, not Negroes. Negro is a white

term. To be branded Negro by other blacks is pure hell. It means that the community thinks you've sold out. You're not a man anymore. Once a black becomes a Negro there's virtually nothing he can do to regain his former status. Whoever gets to the podium first is the spokesman and everyone else conforms or becomes a Negro."

Sixty-five per cent of the 2,000 SEEK students is from the black community. Another 24 per cent is of Puerto Rican or other Hispanic descent.

The program itself has been called one of the most ambitious in the country. It takes (as nonmatriculants) young men and women who have high school diplomas but who would ordinarily be ineligible for admission to college and

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offers them financial and psychological help. The successful students are absorbed into the school's degree-granting program. Others receive training in specialized fields below the degree level. All, Berger feels, come away better-prepared to face the life ahead.

To help the students toward their goal, City College, located deep in the heart of Harlem, has taken over a hotel and turned it into a dormitory.

Says Berger, "We try to create a good atmosphere for study, which these people wouldn't have otherwise, and in the process we also create a lot of problems for ourselves. But it's worth it. We all learn something."

One of the things that the quiet psychologist has learned is that very few if any of those in the white community have any idea of what the black community is thinking.

"Many blacks are convinced," Berger maintains, "that we're seeing in America today what happened in Germany in the Hitler era. They fear concentration camps. That may seem foolish to whites, but it isn't. A New York newspaper, for example, ran a story recently quoting members of the Un-American Activities Committee as recommending that detention camps be readied for the summer. They reason that the camps are the perfect place to put them. Sound familiar?"

"There's also been talk about making ghetto blacks carry ID cards, which I presume would be helpful in spotting all those 'outside agitators' we hear so much about. That may sound good to the police, but to non-whites it sounds like South Africa."

Berger says he's both frightened and amused by what he sees and hears. One of the

things that bothered him was the calm that prevailed in Harlem after the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

"It's nice to think that our community relations have reached a point where all we have to do is have the mayor show up to cool things off," Berger says. "But the fact that nothing happened could be more chilling than comforting. It could mean that the militants have things so well organized that they can prevent a riot when there's provocation as well as start one when there isn't any. If that's the case, then what we witnessed was a very frightening event."

Even the things that amuse Berger are more bizarre than funny.

He's "amused," he says, "by the current theory that the answer to riots is to recruit a lot of black National Guardsmen to go into the ghettos to shoot the black rioters. I can't believe that many blacks would ever fire a gun at another. I know our students never would. They'd either turn the gun on the whites, shoot themselves or lay down their arms. If I recall correctly, we trained a lot of Nationalist Chinese troops who went over to the other side the first time they had a choice of shooting a fellow Chinese or switching allegiance. Here we have the same situation."

Another amusing plan, according to Berger, is one blueprinted by a friend who lives in a whiter-than-white suburb. "My friend, who is really quite intelligent," he claims, "is sure his town will be 'invaded' this summer. He won't carry a gun himself yet he knows the intruders will be armed, so he's prepared to surrender his house if they will allow him to keep his car and get away. He feels he can negotiate and stay alive."

Berger doesn't claim to have all the answers, but he does

feel that dialogues between blacks and whites are more important now than ever before.

"A lot of people are critical of the United Nations," he says, "but at least the U. N. has kept a channel open for the discussion of differences. Any racial solutions that will be reached will come through educated blacks and whites talking together. That's why some of the recent campus actions, such as the one at Northwestern University where black students demanded and won the right to segregated housing, is a step in the wrong direction."

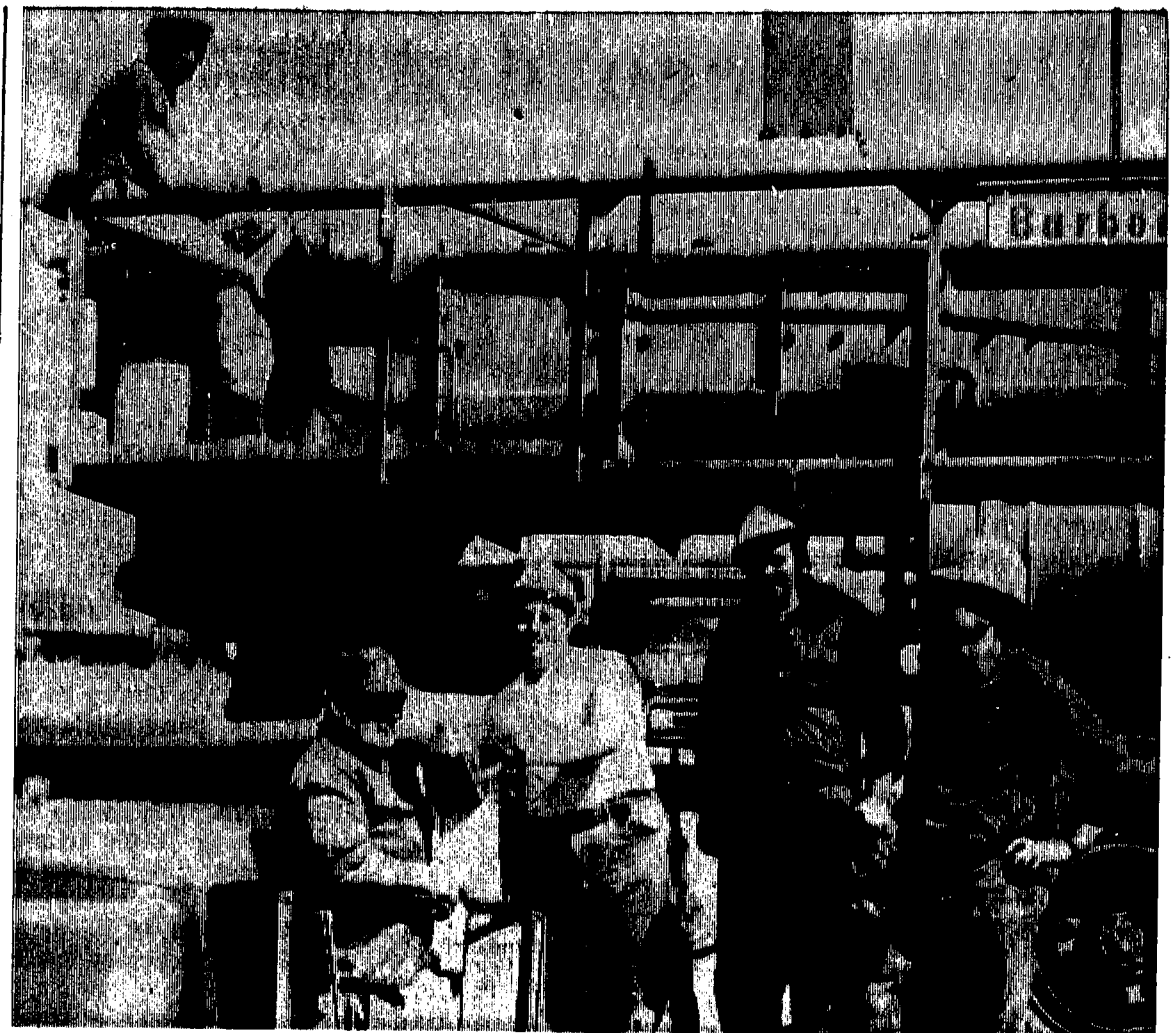
"But the attitude of the white community will have to change too. I spoke to a women's group recently at the home of one of the members on Park Avenue, very exclusive but the same street also extends into the ghetto. For some reason, many people are convinced that blacks will only burn down their own neighborhoods and won't bother the rest of the city. They may be in for some surprises this summer."

"All the fashionable ladies wanted to know about what was going on in Harlem, so I told them. When I got done the hostess said she was fascinated to be living in these times when we can observe all these things. Then she said, 'Won't you please come back next year and tell us how things have changed?' I told her, 'If you're still here and you still don't know, give me a call.'"

### HONOR GRADUATE

(Times Herald News Service)

LAKE CITY — John Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Campbell of Lake City, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, at the commencement exercises of Buena Vista College May 26. Only four of a graduating class of 107 received this distinction.



Road Workers Busy... The Schumacher gravel pit four miles south of the Carroll County Club was a busy place Wednesday as Mauer Construction Co. workers prepared materials for resurfacing county roads. Crews are now working on the Dedham and Willey road south of Carroll and the Glidden-

Coon Rapids road. The work will continue for about two weeks. Shown here are Herman Meyer, (top right) dump operator; Jim O'Mara, truck driver; Joe Vanderheiden, plant inspector; Les Peters, plant foreman and Lawrence Auen, burner operator.

### Ann Conrad to Teach Retarded

Ann Conrad, daughter of Mrs. George Conrad of Carroll, will be on the faculty at Aux-Chandelles, school for the retarded, this coming year at Elkart, Ind. She also will attend St. Mary's of Notre Dame, working for her master's degree in special education.

Miss Conrad left for Elkart Tuesday after vacationing at her mother's home for the past week. Since receiving her B. S. degree from Iowa State University she has been on the staff as head residence counselor at Beloit School for emotionally disturbed children in Ames.



Graduates... Kathleen Kock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kock Jr. of Vail, graduated with honors from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, on May 31, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. Miss Kock plans to teach in Richfield, Minn.

### D.M. Bandits Get \$10,000

DES MOINES (AP) — Police pressed a search Thursday for a pair of nervous "hippie-type" bandits who got away with about \$10,000 Wednesday in an armed holdup of the Plaza State Bank in northwest Des Moines.

Police said the men, who had long hair, wore dark glasses and battered hats, entered the bank shortly before noon. One was armed with a submachine gun, the other had a revolver.

The man with the revolver announced loudly, "This is a stick-up. Everybody on your feet, put your hands on the back of your heads. Don't anybody be a hero."

### Mass to Be Offered for Late Rev. Barry

A Month's Mind or 30th Day Mass for the late Rev. Gabriel Barry will be offered in St. Lawrence Church here Monday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited.

Fr. Barry who spent his years of retirement in Carroll, died in his native Ireland May 10, 1968. He was well known to many people of this community. He was a priest in the diocese of Sioux City from 1923 until his retirement in 1953. He served as assistant pastor at the cathedral in Sioux City and as pastor at Varina, Pocahontas, Royal and Livermore. He observed his 60th anniversary of ordination in 1965.

A dinner for visiting priests will be served by the St. Lawrence Guild Ladies on Monday, June 10 at noon.

### INFANT BAPTIZED

(Times Herald News Service)

DEDHAM — Jane Louise Mikkelsen, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mikkelsen, was baptized in St. Joseph's Church here at 1 p.m. Sunday by the Rev. Henry Meyer. Sponsors were Mrs. Andrew C. Kirsch, Halbur, and Robert Sterner of Willey.

### TAKE FIELD TRIP

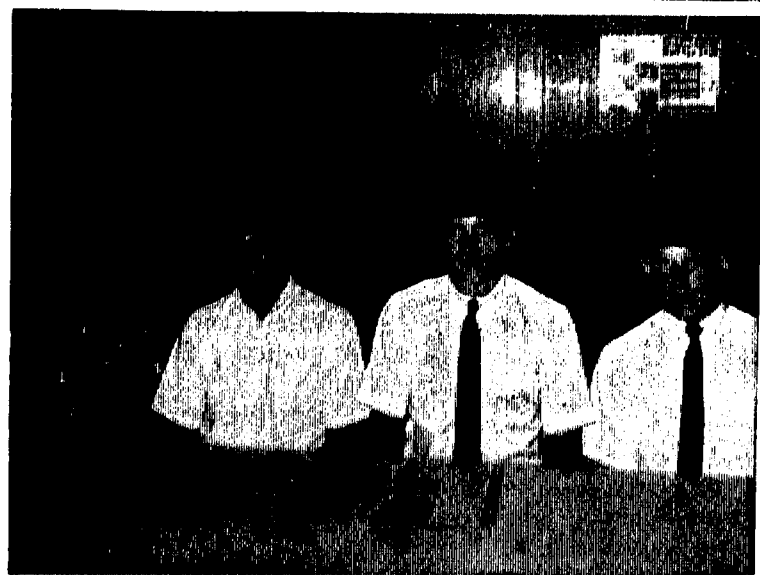
(Times Herald News Service)

MANNING — VFW Junior girls and guests made a field trip to Sioux City Monday. Louise Dammann drove the Manning community bus, and the group of 22 visited Morningside College, The Sioux City Journal-American; Station KITV, the Floyd Monument, police and fire stations. At Morningside College, they visited with Rev. M. J. Nash, who formerly served the Manning Methodist Church. At the close of the day, the group lunched in a park, and observed the 15th birthday of Debbie Fogleman with a decorated cake.

### ATTEND WEDDING

(Times Herald News Service)

AUBURN — Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sigmon spent the weekend in Des Moines to attend the wedding of their daughter, Ardith, to John Shaver on Saturday evening. They also spent some time there with another daughter, Mrs. Robert Foster and family.



Boys 4-H Elects... Officers of Carroll County Boys 4-H were elected Wednesday at the County Extension office. From left: Jude Schoenherr, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvy Schoenherr, Glidden, Live Wires, historian; Gary Schon, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schon, Glidden, Richland Hot Shots, secretary; Marty Halbur, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halbur, Carroll, Willey Rockets, president, and Norman Behrens, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Behrens, Carroll, Roselle Rustlers, vice president. Other candidates were Curtis Struve, Manning; Wayne Langel, Templeton; Larry Becker, Breda; Steve Seidl, Dedham; Dave Imming, Mt. Carmel; Terry McConnell, Coon Rapids, and George Collison, Maple River. President Mark Lucht presided. Tellers were Vernon Venteicher and Ralph Beck.

# Remember when the iceman "cameth"?



Those were the days when the milk turned sour if the iceman came late. When ice cream wouldn't keep. And food could spoil easily. But what could you do? Buy a new refrigerator? There were no refrigerators.

Today, the problem's which refrigerator. The one that defrosts itself? Or the one with the larger freezer compartment?

There are people who think the problem of choosing is the problem. The choice is too big. Too difficult. Too much competition only confuses you. So, in the name of "Consumer Protection" they want to limit your choice.

Our economy was built on free competition. That's why our free choice keeps getting bigger and better. And if somebody introduces tomorrow's refrigerator today, wouldn't you want to be able to buy it?

**Be choosy.**  
You've got a right.

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### Tigers

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lowed by John Koster's run-scoring single to left.

In a controversial play, the Carroll pitcher, Fuller, in an apparent full wind-up, swung around and hurled to second base for a cut-off. The throw went wild and the remaining runners crossed the plate safely. This brought immediate reaction from the Carroll bench, but the runs were scored in favor of the Bobcats, making the final score of the game: Breda 14, Carroll 2.

The Tigers will again take the field Friday night, June 7, hosting the Audubon Wheelers at Carroll Stadium at 8 p.m.

### BREDA

	AB	R	H	HR	BI
Reising, 3b	3	0	1	1	1
Gaffney, 2b	3	2	1	1	1
Timmerman, ss	4	3	2	3	2
Glen Koster, p	3	2	2	2	2
T. Nieland, rf	2	2	1	1	1
R. Nieland, lb	3	1	1	2	2
Gerry Koster, c	2	1	1	2	2
Woerdehoff, lf	2	1	0	0	0
J. Koster, cf	3	2	2	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	

### CARROLL

	AB	R	H	HR	BI
Everett, 1b	1	1	1	0	0
Baudler, cf	2	0	1	1	1
Brechler, cf	2	0	1	1	1
Richardson, c	2	0	1	0	0
Fuller, 3b	2	0	0	0	0
Vetter, ss	2	0	0	0	0
Kieck, 2b	2	0	0	0	0
D. Henning, p, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Pettitt, rf, 3b	0	1	0	0	0
M. Henning, p	0	0	0	0	0
Jons *	1	0	0	0	0
Lehrkamp **	1	0	0	0	0
Berns ***	1	0	0	0	0
Heuton ****	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	

\* Batted for Everett in 5th  
\*\* Batted for Baudler in 5th  
\*\*\* Batted for Henning in 5th  
\*\*\*\* Batted for Pettitt in 5th

### Score By Innings

Breda	430	07
Carroll	101	00

E—Breda 1; Carroll 6  
LOB—Breda 2; Carroll 3  
2B—Timmerman, Glen Koster, Gerry Koster (Breda); Brechler (Carroll)  
3B—Glen Koster (Breda)  
SB—Breda 1; Carroll 2  
SF—Breda 2; Carroll 1  
Koster IP H R ER BS O  
D. Henning 4 2 2 2 1 8  
Fuller 4 4 4 0 0  
M. Henning 4 2 3 7 10 4 1