

## Rights Leaders Meeting Here To Further Inter-Race Policies

Bernard Katzen, vice chairman of the State Commission of Human Rights, announced today that a conference with chairmen and executive directors of Human Rights Commissions in Rockland, Westchester, Orange and Putnam Counties will be held tonight at the Tappan Zee Motor Inn, Nyack.

The conference, which will commence at 6 p.m., was called by Mr. Katzen to discuss the progress, experiences and problems of the local commissions and community attitudes in race relations.

Mr. Katzen will explore with the local commissions avenues by which the State Commission for Human Rights can assist them in furthering community acceptance of the state's Equal Opportunity Law and in enhancing the climate of good inter-group relations in their communities.



### Valley Group Backs Nyack CORE Suit

The Spring Valley chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People voted last night to support the Rockland County chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality in its fight against alleged discrimination within the Nyack Fire Department.

The NAACP voted to support

Vice chairman Katzen will be assisted at the conference by Henry Spitz, general counsel, Miss Doris Beausoleil, housing division director; Ralph Katz, director of public relations, Harry Anderson, Westchester Regional director; Miss Marguerite H. Lane, education specialist, and Leo Goldner, field representative.

Local Human Rights Commissions are created under an amendment to the General Municipal law which empowers subdivisions of government to form such bodies. Mr. Katzen noted that there are 22 local commissions in the Westchester area, the largest number in any region of the state.

Gov. Rockefeller has given impetus to the establishment of local human rights commissions in a letter to heads of municipalities throughout the state urging the creation of commissions and assuring that the State Commission for Human Rights would provide assistance and guidance to the local bodies.

Acceptances to the conference invitation have been received from: Dr. James Cotter, chairman of the Newburgh commission; Mrs. Howard Fisch of the Town of Clarkstown commission; George Wagman, chairman of the Sloatsburg commission; Joseph T. Downey, chairman of the Town of Mamaroneck commission; Joseph P. Clifford, chairman of the Larchmont commission and Henry Hohenheimer, chairman of the advisory committee on Human Relations to the Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees.

Also The Rev. C.G. McKinney, chairman, Miss Charlotte M. Baker, executive director and Raymond Johnson, staff assistant of the Yonkers commission; Arthur C. Kellman, chairman,

and Jack P. Marash, executive director of the White Plains commission; Mayor J. Edward Fox of Mount Kisco; the Very Rev. James F. Cox, chairman and Harry Fox, executive director of the Rockland County commission, and Mrs. Saul Kleinwaks of the Town of Wallkill commission.

Also Mrs. Vida Byas, executive director of the Mount Vernon commission; the Rev. Hugh D. Curran, chairman of the Peekskill commission; Burton Billings, chairman and Mrs. Florence Gross, commissioner of the Town of Ramapo commission; John Romanello, chairman, and Domenick Menick, commissioner, of the Port Chester commission; Rene Mendee, chairman of the Rye commission; William F. Pepper, executive director of the New Rochelle commission; Ralph Waldo of the Town of Cortlandt commission.

### WEATHER

**ROCKLAND COUNTY** — Variably cloudy today, tonight with possible showers and scattered thundershowers late today or at night, high from in the 80's, low tonight in the upper 50s and 60s. Fair, mild tomorrow.

**Temperature**  
High: 82 at 3:15 p.m.  
Low: 61.9 at 7 a.m.

N 4 p.m. S p.m. Mid. 4 a.m. 8 a.m.

82 80 79 72 67 68

**Barometer**

79 80 71 63 63 69

**Humidity**

29.96 29.90 29.82 29.97 29.97 29.94

41 37 51 90 99 99

**Precipitation:** None.

**TIDES**

Today: high at 9:21 p.m.; low at 3:12 p.m.

Tomorrow: high at 9:45 a.m. and 10:03 p.m.; low at 4:06 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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