

NEGROES' PARADE MUTE PROTEST ON CONDITIONS

With banners bearing slogans expressing their grievances, 1,400 negro men and women marched down Broad street this afternoon, led by little children of their race. It was a silent protest against phases of segregation. The line formed about 2:30 o'clock at South street and the demonstration was ended at the Free Public Library.

Following the children, came some fifty ministers of various denominations, one of their number bearing a banner with the words "In the Name of the Lowly Nazarene." After the ministers came a large group of women in white.

Local conditions, especially the bad housing from which they are suffering, were touched on by the banners, which, however, dealt mostly with general conditions throughout the country. Side by side with the protesting banners were others bearing statements with regard to the capacities and accomplishments of the race, with many of a patriotic nature and others of a religious character.

Among the many statements displayed were these: "Wanted, Political Recognition. 6,000 Negro Voters in Essex County;" "We Expect New Jersey to Give Us a Square Deal;" "The First Blood Shed in the American Revolution Was the Blood of a Negro—Crispus Attucks;" "200,000 Black Men Fought for Your Freedom in the Civil War;" "Our Music Is the Only American Music;" "We Are Excluded from the Unions and Condemned for Not Joining Them;" "Wanted! Decent Houses!! Reasonable Rents!!!"

One of the signs bore a quotation in black letters from the Declaration of Independence, as follows: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Across the corner of this placard in red lettering were the words: "If of African descent, tear off this corner."

Mayor Raymond reviewed the parade from the city hall steps. With him, among others, was Rev. Alfred N. Stubblebine. About 3,000 negroes were lined along Broad street near the city hall.