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STUDENTS PLAN SIT-IN TO PROTEST UNIVERSITY SEGREGATION

The University of Chicago Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) in a meeting on January 18th called for action in the form of a sit-in protest at the University's Administration Building to begin on Tuesday, January 23rd, unless the University announces a change in its policy of segregation in its real estate property.

At a meeting with George Wells Beadle, President of the University of Chicago, representatives of UC CORE and Student Government presented him with a series of test cases which clearly proved that the University of Chicago practices racial discrimination in its off-campus housing. In each of the test cases, the Negro applicant's request for housing was denied. In all cases, the white person who immediately followed with a similar request was given a choice of several apartments.

Mr Beadle justified this policy by stating that the University is attempting to create a stable and integrated community and that "we are proceeding as fast as we can to attain integration as soon as we can." He further stated he believed that it would be "immoral" for the University to integrate housing which is located in an all white neighborhood and which the University plans to own on a temporary basis only.

As to the question of open occupancy for the city of Chicago, Beadle was opposed to such a law unless open occupancy legislation covered the whole state of Illinois; an occurrence which most observers of this state's politics know to be an improbability for many years.

Statements such as these lead CORE to believe that the University's policy of "stability" is designed to keep Negroes out of predominantly white areas within the University community.

In addition to the difference of opinion between the Administration and student CORE concerning overall policy, UC CORE