'Free Rides' End Asked

By Mayor In Bus Boycott

White Montgomeryians were urged by Mayor W. A. Gayle yesterday to quit giving rides to Negro employees who have been boycotting the city buses.

"The Negroes have made their own bed," the mayor said, "and the white people should let them lie in it."

The mayor's appeal followed his announcement that the City Commission has adopted a get-tough policy and would make no further efforts to compromise with Negro leaders on a settlement.

Today, the mayor and the two associate members said they were still receiving messages of commendation on the stand they have taken. A flood of "hundreds" of favorable calls were received yesterday at City Hall in response to the announcement.

RESTORE MORE SERVICE

Meanwhile, a Montgomery City Lines official said "very few" Negroes are patronizing the three routes reinstated by the company Monday. J. H. Bagley, bus company manager, said service was restored on the Day Street, Veterans Court and Maxwell Heights routes over the weekend.

Mayor Gayle said Monday that boycott leaders have repeatedly turned down all "reasonable" proposals for a settlement and the City Commission, consequently, is "pussifying" around with them.

LICK AT "SOCIAL FABRIC"

In his statement yesterday the cooks, who are refusing to ride the buses, are fighting to destroy our social fabric just as much as the Negro radicals who are leading them.

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the white people, who haul the maids and cooks to and from work,

They think it's very funny and amusing that whites who are opposed to the Negro boycott will act as chauffeurs to Negroes who are boycotting the buses."

"The City Commission urges the white people of Montgomery to cease the practice of paying 'blackmail' transportation money in any form or fashion."

Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers also announced that the police department has been ordered to "break up" Negro groups which he said have been "loitering" at certain times of the day in white residential districts.

NO NUISANCE PERMITTED

- He added that many Negro boycotters have been hitchhiking rides to work, "and we do not intend, to allow them to become a nuisance in white sections."

- Mayor Gayle added that Negroes seem to have gotten the impression they have "hemmed in" the white people by the boycott and can force the acceptance of their demands.

- But actually, the Mayor charged, "the vast majority of white people in Montgomery don't care if the Negroes never ride another bus."

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