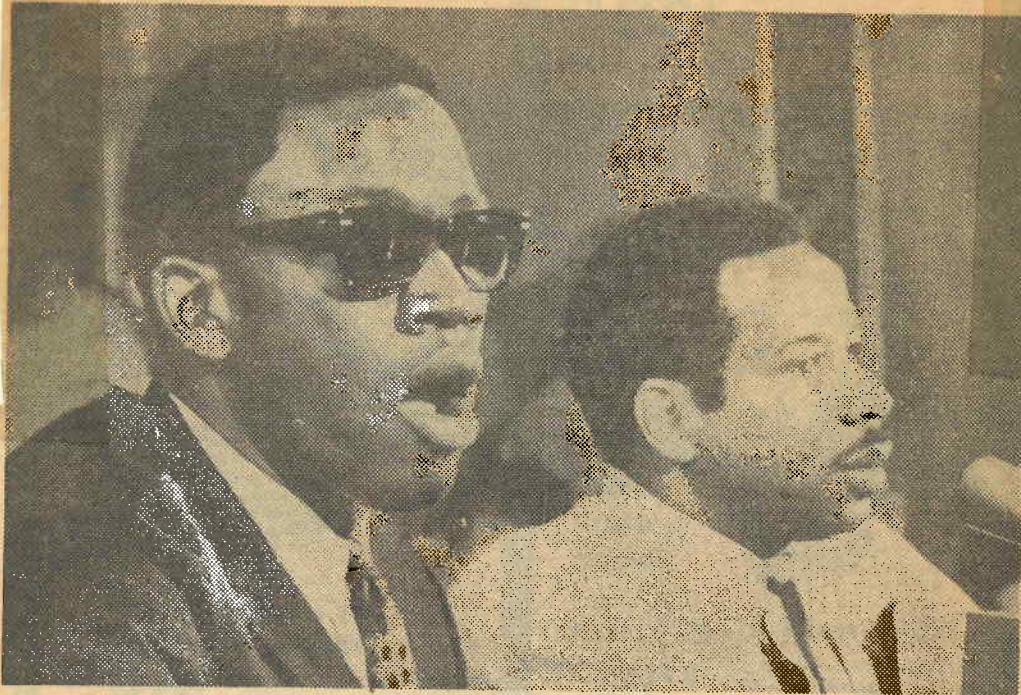


'I'm Not for No Riot...'



Mr. Mayfield, and Norris Morrow, of Tampa, a youth leader.

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Rufus (Catfish) Mayfield, 20, chairman of the board of Pride, Inc., went to Congress yesterday and in the strong, eloquent voice of the ghetto pleaded that projects for disadvantaged youngsters not be stopped as soon as summer ends.

Mr. Mayfield, director of Pride, Inc., here told the Senators that his team is actually proud to be sweeping the streets, alleyways and chasing those rats, and he pleaded with the Senators to save the work program, now destined to die Sept. 1, under which many of the Pridemen are working and getting paychecks for the first time.

The Senate Judiciary Committee called him to testify on what should be done about riots.

"I'm not for no riots," Mr. Mayfield declared, a piece of wisdom he said he'd learned by watching cowboys-and-Indians movies on television. It's always some 83-year-old Chief who sends a bunch of 30-year-old braves down a hill to get wiped-out while he just keeps getting older, he said.

"No agitator can tell me what

to do. I talked with Rap Brown. I talked with Mr. Carmichael. Did we have a riot? No."

That cleared away, Mr. Mayfield then talked about what he said his heart was really set-on. Pride. He told the Senators it was the first time many of the youngsters had ever worked and that 90 per cent of those in the Prides had opened bank accounts with their first paychecks and were saving to buy school books and clothes.

Now this is about to end, he said, and he wanted to know if Congressmen who fear "long hot summers" and pass "dynamite programs in the Springtime" — those who love the poor in May — would still love them in November.

"You snatch (the programs) right back after the hot summer is over," he told the Senators. "It's like a pacifier in a baby's mouth. You know a baby's not too cool with thinking. He thinks some grub is coming down. But two hours later, that pacifier doesn't work. His stomach knows that.

"What you really need is meat," he said. "You don't need no riot bill."

"There's an urban war and this war in Vietnam," he said, dipping briefly into the foreign-policy area. "It's up to Mr. Johnson and Congress to figure out which one they're going to deal with."

Mr. Mayfield was one of several witnesses from ghetto areas after Sens. Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.) and Philip A. Hart (D., Mich.) insisted that the Committee, headed by Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), had been hearing only from white mayors, police chiefs and community leaders.

The Committee also heard Norris Morrow, a leader of the white-helmeted youth patrols given credit for subduing riots in Tampa who told Senators that the young Negro "feels that he's a piece of furniture. You wax him and dust him and shove him in the corner and use him when you want to. He wants to be used every day like you."

The Committee is considering legislation that would make it a Federal crime to cross state lines to incite riots.