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projects as the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, which was created in Brooklyn two years ago by the late Senator; poverty communities in Appalachia; the Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers Or-

ganizing Committee; and Indian, Mexican-American and civil rights community groups. Joining in the news conference was Julian Bond, the Negro legislator from Georgia and one of the trustees of the Ken-

nedy Memorial. He noted that students had played an active role in the civil rights struggle in the early 1960's and in the Presidential campaign last fall.

He said the fellowship program would enable young people to carry on their "activism and idealism." Applications for the fellowships are being received at the Robert Kennedy Memorial, 1816 Jefferson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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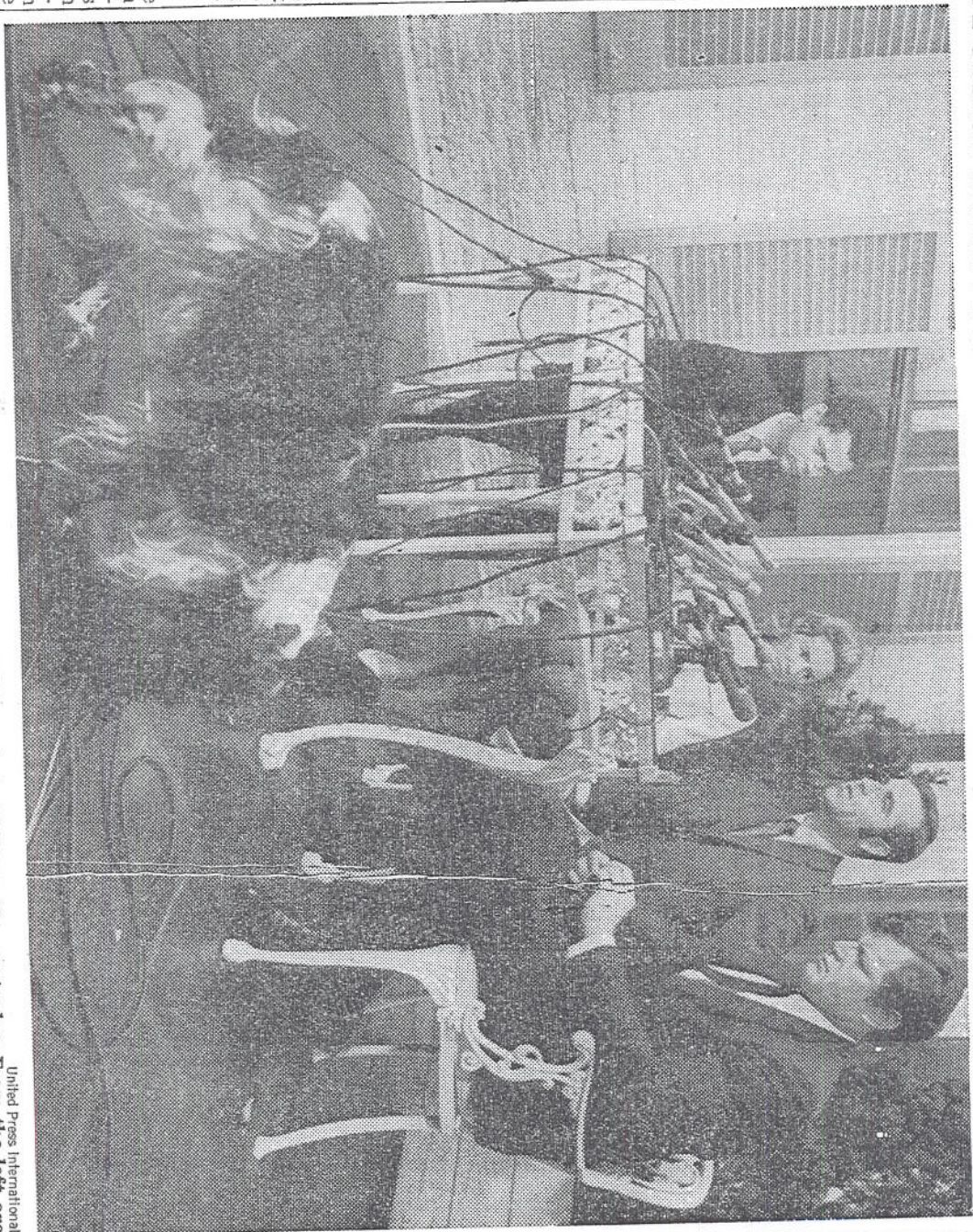
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