Johnson challenge pleads for justice
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GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, speaking from the same site where President Lincoln delivered his famed Gettysburg Address, declared Thursday:

"... One hundred years ago, the slave was freed. One hundred years later the Negro remains in bondage to the color of his skin.

"The Negro today asks justice. We do not answer him... when we reply to the Negro by asking, 'Patience.'

"... To ask for patience from the Negro is to ask him to give more of what he has already given enough. But to fail to ask him — and of all Americans — perserverance within the processes of a free and responsible society would be to fail to ask what the national interest requires of all its citizens."

MR. JOHNSON probably, for the first time in his long political career, received his warmest applause from the colored community when he so eloquently concluded:

"The Negro says, 'Now.' Others say, 'Never.' The voice of responsible Americans — the voice of those who died here and the great man who spoke here — their voices say, 'Together.'

"There is no other way.

"Until justice is blind to color, until education is unaware of race, until opportunity is unconcerned with the color of men's skins, emancipation will be a proclamation but not a fact.

"To the extent that the proclamation of emancipation is not fulfilled in fact, to that extent we shall have fallen short of assuring freedom to the free."

IN ANOTHER Memorial Day address, Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver called on all Americans to aid in the fight for civil rights.

Speaking in Hyde Park, N.Y., at the burial site of President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the President's brother-in-law urged:

"Citizens groups to finance and support those working actively for civil rights. Businessmen to use their power of persuasion among colleagues to prevent racial strife, and

Homeowners to help "break down the awful housing ghettos which disgrace the North" by working for integrating housing and encouraging colored to move into their neighborhoods."