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CORE Chapter Chief, 5 Others Are Arrested

The president of the local chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality and five other persons were arrested yesterday on charges of contempt of court stemming from a demonstration at the Bank of America.

Booked and released on $300 bail were Harold K. Brown, 30, of 762 Bollenbacher St., CORE chapter president; Charles C. Collins, 45, of 4404 Sheldon Drive, La Mesa, a dean at Grossmont College; Collins' wife, Anna, 43, a librarian at San Diego State.

Also, Mrs. Mildred Gustophson, 37, of 931 56th St., a housewife; Stanley Crockett, 35, of 6165 Montezuma Road, a San Diego State instructor, and Ambrose Brodus, 39, of 653 San Miguel Ave.

Brown was carried into the county jail soon after 6 p.m. by two sheriff's deputies. Lt. Ruben B. Thomassen said Brown did not cooperate in being booked. He was carried to a receiving cell by three officers.

Brown was held in the cell about two hours. He then cooperated in being booked, officers said.

The arrests brought to eight the number of persons arrest-

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Technician Attending Space Symposium Dies

George W. Engstrom, 43, of Carmichael, here to attend the Ninth Symposium on Ballistic Missile and Space Technology at Naval Training Center, died of a heart attack Wednesday night in a hospital here.

Engstrom, a technical specialist for Aerojet-General Corp., Sacramento, collapsed at a Shelter Island hotel and was taken to the hospital.

Risks Taken in Ousting Powell

The House of Representatives may come to regret its decision to expel Adam Clayton Powell.

Heaven knows, he doesn't belong there helping write laws others must obey while he flagrantly violates those laws which do not serve his convenience and pleasure. But nobody has yet convinced his constituents in Harlem that Adam Clayton Powell is a disgrace as a member of the national legislature.

His expulsion may have the beneficial result of clearing up the question of just how far Congress can go in disciplining its members. Powell's expulsion is not unprecedented; there have been five others who have been dealt with in similar fashion. But apparently none of the others challenged the action. Powell says he will appeal to the courts, and if he does there are some — including Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee — who think he will win.

If the House's action against Powell is overruled by the courts, there may develop a harmful clash between the legislative and judicial branches. That is one of the risks the House took in voting 307-116 to expel Powell.

There is the complicating factor that Powell's constituents almost certainly will re-elect him to the seat which he was denied. If that happens, the question of Powell's fitness to serve probably will have to be argued all over again. Depending upon how committed the House of Representatives is to keeping Powell away from its chambers, this could result in a standoff between the House and the voters of Harlem.

A demagogue like Powell should not be given the opportunity to become a martyr. The punishment recommended by the Celler committee, and ignored by the House, would have let Powell keep his seat but he would have been stripped of seniority and ordered to pay back $40,000 to the taxpayers. It seemed like a sensible way to adequately punish Powell and dull his claims to martyrdom.

But the House obviously was responding to public outrage at hanky-panky in high places and was willing to take whatever risks may follow as a consequence of its decision. The action may not have been totally wise in terms of averting future trouble, but it was less objectionable than would have been a slap on the wrist that some were proposing.