



"Amongst the laws which rule human societies there is one which seems to be more precise and clear than all others. If men are to remain civilized, or to become so, the art of associating together must grow and improve, in the same ratio in which the equality of conditions is increased."—From "DE TOCQUEVILLE'S AMERICAN REVISITED:" A Graphic Commentary by Joaquin de Alba published by ACROPOLIS BOOKS, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20009 (cloth \$6.95; paper \$3.95) Copyright 1969 by de Alba

ZETA WOMAN RECEIVES CABINET POST

President Richard Nixon named Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz of Salisbury, N. C., the first Negro to head the National Education Association, as director of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau.

As director of the women's bureau, the 49-year-old special education teacher will be "in a sense a symbolic spokesman for all working women in government," said a Labor Department official.

A Labor Department spokesman said the role of the Women's Bureau "is to formulate standards and policies which will promote the welfare of wage-earning women, improve their working conditions, increase their efficiency, advance their opportunities for profitable employment and investigate and report on all matters pertaining to the welfare of women in industry."

Mrs. Koontz will be replaced in the NEA position by George Fischer, a teacher from Des Moines, Iowa.

Sam Lambert, executive secretary of the NEA, said Mrs. Koontz has made an "excellent contribution in building a strong unified profession" through her work with the NEA.

In a telegram to Nixon, Lambert said Mrs. Koontz has demonstrated many times "her ability to lead during one of the most critical periods in the history of American education."

Mrs. Koontz, 49, became president of the NEA last July. She has long been prominent in educational organizations. She was president of the NEA's department of classroom teachers in 1965-66.

She has been a teacher since 1938, when she graduated from Livingstone College at Salisbury. Before taking a leave of absence to attend to her national duties with the NEA, she was a special-education teacher at Price Junior-Senior High School at Salisbury.

Mrs. Koontz comes from an education-oriented family. Her father was a teacher and principal. A brother, Dr. Samuel E. Duncan who died last year, was president of Livingstone College. A sister, Miss Julia B. Duncan, has been the college's registrar.

Another brother became the District of Columbia's first Negro commissioner, and two other brothers are public school principals.

Her husband is a teacher at Salisbury's Dunbar High School.

Mrs. Koontz is a graduate of

Livingstone College, and has done further study at Atlanta University, Indiana University and N. C. College.

She held teaching positions at Dunn, Landis and Winston-Salem, N. C., before returning to Salisbury in 1945. She has been there since.

She has been active in many state and national professional teaching organizations and has held a number of leadership positions.

During the past year, she has received much national attention for her work as head of the NEA.

Mrs. Koontz is the second North Carolina Negro to be appointed to a major government post by Nixon. Earlier, he appointed Robert J. Brown of High Point as a special assistant to promote Negro business ownership and management.

—From Winston-Salem Journal

Kappa Men Head Two Maryland Colleges

Two Maryland colleges have Kappa men as presidents. At Morgan State College, in Baltimore, is Martin David Jenkins, and at Maryland State College, in Princess Anne, is John Taylor Williams. Both have led their institutions upward and forward since they took over in 1948 and 1947, respectively; both have made an imprint on the state. Both stress high academic achievement; both also glory over their renowned football teams.

Both have sent their welcome and good wishes to the present Grand Chapter Meeting.

Brother Jenkins also hopes that fraternities will change their emphasis or expand their interests so as to give a greater helping hand to young black people and others similarly in need.

Noted for being outspoken on civil rights matters and for having at "open door" policy to students, Brother Jenkins has seen his students sit-in, picket, go to jail, and march, march, march in different parts of the country. As a result, in Baltimore in 1954, they broke down racial barriers in the lunchrooms of all 39 branches of a drugstore chain; in 1955, they similarly opened the 15 branches of a dairy-restaurant chain, and a few years later opened all dining rooms in downtown department stores. Still later, 471 Morgan students went to jail, but when they were released after three days the movie houses nearest to the college had been desegregated.

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Alpha Assumes Smith Presidency

Dr. Lionel H. Newsom, former president of Barber-Scotia College in Concord, N. C., and presently associate director of the Institute for Higher Educational Opportunity in the South, a component of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) of Atlanta, has been elected President of Johnson C. Smith University by the University's board of trustees.

Dr. Newsom succeeds Dr. Rufus P. Perry who retired December 3, 1968, after serving the 102-year-old Charlotte institution for years.

In making the announcement, Dr. James E. Allen of New York, chairman of the board of trustees, cited Dr. Newsom's long and distinguished record as an educator and administrator.

"Dr. Newsom brings a rich and

varied background to his new position. He is an able administrator, sound scholar and a human leader.

"This type of leadership is needed to continue the amazing record of achievement made by retired President Perry," Dr. Allen continued.

Born in Wichita Falls, Texas, Dr. Newsom was reared in St. Louis, Mo. Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., granted him a B.A. degree; his M.A. was earned at the University of Michigan, and Washington University awarded him the Ph.D. in sociology and anthropology.

Dr. Newsom has served as an instructor of history and sociology at Lincoln University,