

CARL ROWAN IS FSU CENTENNIAL FOUNDER'S DAY SPEAKER APRIL 17th



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CENTENNIAL BANQUET SPEAKER

DR. SAMUEL D. PROCTOR

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, a nationally renowned educator and minister, will be the Centennial Banquet Speaker April 16, 1977 at Fayetteville State University.

The banquet is scheduled to commence at 7:30 pm in the H.L. Cook Dining Hall on the campus of the second oldest state-supported institution (founded in 1977) in North Carolina.

A native of Virginia, Dr. Proctor is Professor of Education, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey and Senior Minister in the Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City.

Dr. Proctor is an alumnus of Virginia Union University, Crozer Seminary, and Boston University, earning the doctorate at the latter in ethics.

He has served as President of Virginia Union University (1950-60) and North Carolina A & T State University (1960-64). From 1964-1969, he held administrative positions with the

Peace Corps in Nigeria and Washington, the National Council of Churches, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Institute for Services to Education and the University of Wisconsin.

His foreign travels have included the Far East and the Arab States; Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union; West Africa; Western Europe and Israel, North and East Africa; Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Dr. Proctor is a member of the governing boards of the United Negro College Fund; Meharry Medical College, the Institute for Services to Education, Overseas Development Council, John Dewey Society, Middlesex General Hospital, National Committee for Citizens in Education, Council for Religion and International Affairs.

He is the author of *The Young Negro in America, 1960-80* published by the Association Press, 1966.

In 1964, he was awarded an outstanding Alumnus Award at Boston University and in 1966, a Distinguished Service Award by the State University of New York at Plattsburg.

He is the recipient of numerous honorary doctorate degrees which include Bryant College (R.I.) Bucknell University (Pa.) Davidson College (NC), Ottawa University (Kan.) Rider College (NJ) Stillman College (Ala.) the University of Rhode Island, Atlanta University, Wilberforce University (Oh.) St. Peters College (NJ), Central Michigan University, Virginia University, Coe College (Iowa), and the University of Maryland.

Dr. Proctor is married and has four sons.

A nationally renowned journalist who was the first Black American to sit with the President's Cabinet and the US National Security Council will be the featured guest speaker at Fayetteville State University's 100th Anniversary Founder's Day Ceremonies April 17, 1977, at 2:30 pm, in the JW Seabrook Auditorium.

The speaker is Carl Rowan.

A native of McMinnville, Tennessee, Rowan will be introduced by Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor of the second oldest (founded in 1877) state-supported school in the state of North Carolina.

Rowan is considered one of the most sought-after lecturers in the United States and is probably read, seen and heard by more Americans than almost any other journalist in the land.

While a freshman at Tennessee State College in Nashville, he took a nationally-competitive examination that led to his becoming one of the first 15 Blacks in US history to attain commissioned officer rank in the Navy.

After World War II, he received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Oberlin College and then a master's degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota, which has given him its "distinguished achievement award."

From 1964-65, when he was director of the United States Information Agency in the administration of Lyndon B. Johnson, Rowan became the first Black American to sit with the President's Cabinet and with the US National Security Council.

Earlier, Rowan served as John F. Kennedy's ambassador to Finland -- at that time the youngest US envoy in the world. Still earlier in the Kennedy Administration, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs and as a member of the US delegation to the United Nations.

As a world traveled journalist, Rowan has traveled in virtually every significant country in the world with the exception of the Peoples Republic of China.

He was a 1954 recipient of the Sigma Delta Chi medallion for the best foreign correspondence of 1954 for his reporting from India. Rowan received the same prize in 1955 for his coverage of the historic Asian-African coverage in Bandung, Indonesia.

He is the only journalist ever to win Sigma Delta Chi medallions in three consecutive years; winning the 1953 prize for domestic reporting for his coverage of the school desegregation cases then pending before the US Supreme Court.

Rowan, who grew up in poverty, has been and is American journalism's loudest, strongest voice in behalf of the nation's poor, its Blacks, its Chicanos and other minorities.

He is a strong supporter of the NAACP, the National Urban League and other civil rights groups and was publicly credited by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with saving the Montgomery bus boycott.

For his accomplishments in these many fields, Rowan has received some 29 honorary degrees from such

institutions as his alma mater, Oberlin College, Notre Dame, Howard, the University of Massachusetts, Temple and Alameda University.

It was as a reporter for the Minneapolis Tribune that he won numerous awards, including the Sigma Delta Chi medallions. Rowan left the Tribune in early 1961 when President Kennedy asked him to join his administration.

After four and one-half years in government, Rowan returned to journalism in 1965 as a columnist for *The Chicago Daily News* and *Field Newspaper Syndicate*. His syndicated column is carried by newspapers that go into almost half the homes in the country.

Rowan is a permanent panelist on "Agronsky & Co.," a popular public affairs show which is viewed on television stations in 40 of the nation's largest cities.

His political and social commentaries are aired regularly on the radio and television stations of the Post-Newsweek Broadcasting Company and Rowan is a frequent panelist on "Meet the Press."

Rowan is also a roving editor of the *Reader's Digest*, the world's most widely circulated magazine, for which he writes four to eight articles a year.

His demand as a lecturer causes him to deliver some 40 speeches a year on college campuses and at conventions of teachers, businessmen, civil rights groups.

Rowan's broad audiences in every field of journalism result from the fact that no other US journalist can claim his breadth of experience as a high level government official, civic leader, prize-winning foreign correspondent and expert on domestic affairs.

He and his wife live in Washington, DC and are the parents of three children.



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FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY'S \$7 MILLION ACADEMIC BUILDING -- Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently at Fayetteville State University (NC) for the new George Lee Butler Learning Center, shown above in the architectural rendering David Hall and Associates, Inc. of Raleigh, N.C. Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor of the university, led an assembled group of trustees, administration, faculty, alumni and friends on a brief tour of the multi-million dollar complex by Fayetteville architects, Basil G. F. Laslett, AIA and William L. Laslett, AIA.