

Lincoln U. Begins Its 96th Year

Lincoln University, Pa., Sept. 21 (AP)—Lincoln University, in Chester County, Pa., America's oldest college for colored Americans, began its ninety-sixth year today. The college, founded by Rev. Jesse B. Barber, D. D., in 1855, is located on Mount Airy, Pa.

Spending the week-end in the study, Dr. Dan L. Johnson, president of the Lincoln University, pointed out that while the school was founded to provide leadership for persons of African descent, there never has been any barrier to admission of students to admission at Lincoln.

ENROLLMENT DOWN
A slight decrease in enrollment was experienced this year, in line with dwindling G. I. applicants, although the freshman class numbers 125 students. Among the students this year are 30 from foreign countries, mostly from Nigeria, Gold Coast, British Guiana, and Liberia.

A delegation of eleven students from Nigeria arrived on the campus this week, under the sponsorship of the African Council on Arts and Research.

New faculty members include Ir-

ving Moon, Montclair, Director of Athletics; Robert K. York, track coach; Dr. Andrew E. Murray, Professor of Church History; Jason L. Brown, former CIAA track star, instructor in English and Assistant to the Dean of Students; Jonathan L. Ward, lecturer in Chemistry; Dr. William H. King, Visiting Professor of Physical Therapy; and U. L. King, former Research Engineer at Franklin Institute, Phila., Librarian. Professor James B. MacFarland, former Director of Public Relations is the new Dean of Students.

The Theological Seminary will have an enrolment at this year of 15 students, according to Dr. Jesse B. Barber, Dean.

A total of \$65,000 has been dispensed in the form of scholarship aid at Lincoln this year. 31 students are to receive scholarship, based upon aptitude tests and high school and scholastic records.

All students seeking admission, whether scholarships candidates or not, are required to take pre-admission tests to determine their ability to handle the difficult curriculum at Lincoln.



AT THE RINGSIDE

BY LUIS VIRGIL OVERREA

CHARLES VALENTINO BOLY TO HEAD OCTOBER PROGRAM

Pat Valentino as good as the west coast fight he is? He has fought since a number of men for them, and he is the star heavy-weight champion of California.

His scheduled bout for the heavy-weight championship will be against Charles G. in the Cow Palace in San Francisco on Oct. 15. The champion is entering a retirement of \$100,000 or 50 percent of the gate to fight Valentino and Joe Louis and the International Boxing club are co-promoters along with William B. Kene, west coast national sportsman and prize track operator, Lou Thomas, a stuntmaker.

This bout will be the big thing of the winter because it should really make or break either man. Charles in this fight can establish a real claim to the heavyweight crown with a decisive and spectacular victory over Valentino.

GRAZIANO COMES BACK WHEN CHIPS ARE DOWN

The boy from the other side of the box, Rocky Graziano, finally made it on the road back last Wednesday night, but he came through in the last minute of the last round to knock out Charles Fucari at the Polo Grounds.

Looking on the pole as the 10th and final round opened, Rocky came out for the kill. Throwing the fight, Fusaria, giving away 12 pounds, had darted in and jabbing and adding the P.O.K. leaving his face a gory mass of blood. Graziano had thrown out his best blows of the evening, but they seemed never to phase his lighter and faster opponent who seemed to ride them and keep out of harm's way.

Fusaria had a record of never having been knocked out. Graziano's roundhouse right had failed all night, but nevertheless he came out in the 10th round for a kayo.

After this fight Fusaria will probably limit his future to the welterweight division, especially if champion Ray Robinson gives up the title. Graziano likely will face one of the principals in the Marcel Cerdan-Jake LaMotta middleweight title fight. Where does Ray Robinson fit in? Your guess is as good as anybody's.

SOME QUICKIE NOTES

Beau Jack will know all about his future as far as being a champion again when he meets Kid Gavilan at the Chicago stadium Sept. 29 under the promotion of the G.C. If he loses to Gavilan, he probably will never be any more than a rugged trial horse a fighter must beat if he expects to be champion. He will be a fighter just short of championship class.

If Gavilan loses, he may as well headline fights goodby -- for a while at least until he returns on that long comeback trail. Fight fans will have the privilege of seeing the bout on television or hearing it broadcast.

Ezzard Charles will give \$10,000 of his purse from his second title defense, Oct. 14 to the Livermore, Calif. Veterans' hospital, according to promoter William B. Kene. Charles meets Pat Valentino at Cow Palace in San Francisco.

FROM MINISTER OF STATE TO COLONIAL AFFAIRS SINCE 1948

Lord Listowel is the author of two books, "The Values of Life," and "A Colonial History of Modern Asia."

STADIUM ECHOES

BY VERNON HARRISON

Chicago (AP)—Of all people connected with the most healthful of human conflict — athletic competition — sports writers should be the best paid. But too many can't be paid to make a clean leap over the bar of white supremacy.

Vernon Johnson, white sports scribe for the Pittsburgh Post-Courier did make the grade. He did nothing "racial." He didn't demand that a Negro be made commissioner of baseball to succeed Boss G. He merely asked the Baseball Writers' Association of America to extend memberships to sports writers of Negro newspapers. That did it.

Johnson was immediately asked to hand in his resignation from the restricted body. That request came from none other than John Herson, chairman of the Association's Pittsburgh Courier Chapter. Herson told the democratic minded Johnson that he and the local chapter would be glad to accept his resignation "if you feel as you write."

WHY OFFENSE

Why should the simple act of trying to extend sportsmanship to sports writers offend a sports-writer, as it did Graber Herson (hope he doesn't resent this "brother business") Johnson — like most full-time sports writers has seen Negroes excel, equal and surpass white athletes mentally and physically on enough occasions to not fall for the super race hokum.

Obviously Johnson committed the crime of having a conscience. He couldn't sit comfortably in the press boxes while his darker brother is left to get a seat the best way he can. Only persons holding membership in some cities Negro assigned seats in press boxes at major league games. The association's constitution accords only reporters for daily newspapers.

In some instances Negro writers are admitted to the press box — but it is a concession or "favor" rather than a legal right. Johnson has maintained that since the constitution works undemocratically, it should be changed. Herson holds if the rule is changed, the "press box would reach from here to no where."

GOOD COMPETITION

But this fellow Johnson is a good competitor. He says he has no intention of resigning. Here is a section of Johnson's answer to Herson:

"I think that in every major league city where a Negro newspaper is published or where a Negro press association is centered, the sports editor and writer of baseball should be admitted to membership. In some cities Negro sports-writers are tacitly invited to sit in baseball press boxes without being accorded actual membership in the association.

It is the unfairness of this situation that has prompted me to criticize the Baseball Writers' Association of America. I realize that the association is confronted with a problem. I am especially critical of their failure to make any fair, open and above-board attempt to meet it."

As to Herson he may accuse this department of forming hasty conclusions by inferring that he is infected with the virus of race bias. And he may have a point there. But we still want to know why the suggestion of extending democracy to Negro sports writers should encourage him to the extent of seeking the resignation of the man who made the suggestion.

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Mixed Labor Union Succeeds In Texas

HOUSTON (AP)—An interracial union, the Red Carriers and Common Laborers Union of America, AFL, is glowing example of how various racial groups can work together in the South, for the mutual benefit of all.

First organized in 1910 with only 75 members, today it has more than 3,000 members, has property and assets valued at more than \$100,000, and is planning to open its newly built air-conditioned union hiring hall.

Lem Cephus was first president of the union, and is still an active member. Alfred Taylor succeeded him, and held office until 1945. Freeman Everett is now the president. A charter member, Jonas Jackson, 73, who still works as a red-carrier is chairman of the trustee board.

Until 1940 the union grew at a very slow pace but in that year a concentrated drive for more members netted good results. Since then it has achieved such good results that it now operates a branch hiring hall and sub-office in Richmond, Negroes, whites, and Latin-Americans make up its membership rolls.

President Freeman is considered one of the greatest union leaders in this area. A union man for 35 years last year he was honored when he became the first Negro in Texas to be named a vice president of the State Federation of Labor. He is 12th vice president.

The new union hall when opened will contain a large meeting and hiring hall, offices for officials, restrooms, recreation rooms and business locations. It will be a two-story edifice.

WHITE BACK AFTER 'ROUND WORLD TRIP

NEW YORK—Walter White, N. A. A. C. P. secretary on leave, returned this week to New York after a globe-circling tour as a participant in the "Round-the-World Town Meeting" sponsored by American's Town Meeting of the Air.

Leaving New York on July 9th Mr. White joined the party in Rome and continued with the group through the Near East, India, the Philippines, Japan and Hawaii. Mr. White participated in international broadcasts from Karachi and Rome.

In addition to these there were a number of local broadcasts in each of the cities visited and almost daily seminars with government officials, labor leaders, representatives of the press, religious groups, women's and professional organizations. In New Delhi he was the dinner guest of Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India.

STRONG INTEREST

Everywhere he went, Mr. White reported, he found intense interest in race relations in America. In the Orient particularly there were expressions of amazement that Negroes participated actively in public affairs in America. The questions most frequently asked, Mr. White said, dealt with the position of the Negro in American life.

"The unremitting efforts, not only of the Moscow radio and Tass but especially that of Reuters in India, to play up race riots in the United States as the only participation of Negroes in American life is having enormous effect," Mr. White asserted.

"American representatives and friends of America told me that this is the most serious question with which they are constantly confronted."

SUMMING UP

Summing up, Mr. White said: "There is ample evidence to believe that participation in this world tour by the National Council of Negro women and the N. A. A. C. P. has projected the race question onto the world scene as nothing else in contemporary history."

"One interesting example of the new respect gained is the number of requests for detailed information about the NAACP and its structure which were made by minority groups in various countries who wish to model their organizations on the NAACP."

BACK TO SCHOOL—Miss Wilhelm V. Throver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Throver of Franklinton, N. C. has returned to Mary Potter Academy at Oxford, N. C.

U.N. COLONIAL RULE IS URGED BY NAACP

NEW YORK—Hope that in the forthcoming sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, American delegates will vote against "the Bevin-Sforza plan for maintenance of outdated colonialism" and for a United Nations trusteeship for the former Italian colonies was expressed by Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., in a letter to Dean Acheson, Secretary of State.

Mr. Wilkins' letter dispatched today, cited a resolution passed by the 40th annual conference of the NAACP in Los Angeles last July. The resolution urged a "collective trusteeship of the United Nations with a specified time limit for the preparation of the trust areas to become independent or self-governing."

Recalling America's traditional opposition to imperialism, Mr. Wilkins urged Secretary Acheson "to return to the formula enunciated by Secretary of State James P. Byrnes in 1945." At that time, Mr. Wilkins pointed out, the Secretary of State "advocated a United Nations trusteeship for the former Italian colonies, with a view to preparing them as rapidly as possible for independence and self-government. This position," the NAACP official continued, "is in line with traditional American foreign policy."

POSTAL WORKERS DONATE TO NAACP

WASHINGTON — Enclosing a check for \$541.50, Ashby B. Carter, president of the National Alliance of Postal Employees, this week advised the NAACP that this is the first of a series of contributions his organization will make in connection with the Association's fortieth anniversary campaign.

The Alliance has appointed a committee headed by Arthur J. Chapel of New Orleans to raise funds from each of its branches as a special token of appreciation for the NAACP's forty years of service. The first contributions came from six branches of the Alliance and personal funds of delegates to its annual convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Alliance has asked its larger branches to contribute \$100.00 each and the smaller branches to give \$40.00 each.

Washington gave \$136.00 and Houston \$100.00. Others in the first six were Albuquerque, Mexico; Montgomery, Columbus, Ohio and Miami, Fla.

Los Angeles (AP)—Rehearsals for the first television show originating from the Negro business district here began last week. This show is the final result of plans actually started July 5.

The new program featuring both professional and amateur talent will start early in October. Harry Leyette is program manager and producer.

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