



GEORGE MEANY, President of AFL-CIO, talks with A. Philip Randolph, leader of Brotherhood Sleeping Car Porters, during 2nd day's session of the AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting Aug. 16. The Teamsters asked for a 5th delay in hearings on charges of corruption before the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices committee. Sources said the Teamsters would get the delay if they pledged to show up later. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO.)

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NEW ORLEANS, La. — Two conflicting views of the jury trial issue were brought into sharp focus in an exchange of letters between two Southerners, Aubrey W. Williams of Montgomery, Alabama, President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., and Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, Majority Leader of the Senate.

The SCFF leader said that a jury trial law might have been passed in actual local situations. "If you can pass civil rights bills with jury trial amendments until you are blue in the face and you will not hear Negroes in Montgomery, Alabama get the right to vote," Senator Johnson, on the other hand, said that he did not believe the jury trial and the right to vote are inseparable. "I cannot find it in my conscience to legislate with the concept of rights in order to bypass one of the fundamental concepts of our liberties."

The two letters set forth these opposing views follow:

"Dear Aubrey:

"We have been friends for many years. On the basis of that friendship, I am presuming to tell you frankly that I believe you are working yourself into an untenable position. . . .

"It is a simple matter to take hard and fast positions on essentially complicated questions. Certainly, there will be many on both sides of the issue—who will be tempted to do so for reasons not

altogether unrelated to personal advantage. I do not believe you belong in that category.

"There are honest and sincere men whose devotion to the civil rights cause cannot be questioned, who are struggling to resolve the intricacies of the issue. They include men of the caliber of Senator Clark of Pennsylvania, Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming and Senator Kefauver of Tennessee. All of us have grave doubts as to the wisdom of abolishing trial by jury through the use of a legal substitute.

"Aubrey, I tell you quite frankly that I cannot find it in my conscience to juggle with the concept of equity in order to bypass one of the fundamental concepts of our liberties. Furthermore, I cannot agree with you that we must do so in order to secure an effective guarantee of voting rights. I do not believe that the jury trial and the right to vote are inseparable and speaking, again, as a friend who wishes you well, I believe if you examine all of the facts carefully you will come to the same conclusion."

Sincerely,
/s/ Lyndon B. Johnson
Dear Lyndon:

I have read carefully everything you wrote and I can see how you justify your position on this issue and you will at least not feel that you have let me down. I am not finding fault with you however, I just do not think you are thinking the thing through to the actual local situations where any civil rights law would have to be applied.

Let's take a given situation, suppose here in Montgomery a judge should order the registrars to stop their currently dilatory tactics and proceed to register Negroes with reasonable dispatch and a proper consideration for their convenience, as they now do in the case of any white person who applies. And suppose the judge finding at a later date that the registrars had not obeyed his order but were continuing their delaying and obstructing tactics and proceed to find them in contempt, now what I would like to ask is, would such registrars be able under your amendment to demand and be entitled to have a jury trial? If they would, then you can pass civil rights bills until you are blue in the face and you will not help Negroes in Montgomery, Alabama get the right to vote.

Lyndon, my dear fellow, lets don't kid ourselves, this jury trial idea is sprung as a delaying move. No Southern State has never had such. It is only now as our good friends from these deep South States see this issue coming down on them that they spring this. It was a clever stratagem but it should be seen for what it is and dispensed and fought for that reason.

"With warm personal regards,"
Sincerely,
/s/ Aubrey W. Williams

A&T's 66th Year Opens Sept. 9th

GREENSBORO — The A&T College will begin its sixteenth school year on Monday, September 9.

On that date, an expected bumper crop of entering freshmen will start a week-long program of orientation leading towards registration.

A special Freshman Orientation Committee, headed by William H. Gamble, has arranged a program for the new students which will keep them busy from early morning to late in the afternoon, all aimed at giving the youngsters a head start on their college careers.

Gamble said that arrangements have been made to receive the freshmen all day on Sunday, September 8.

Sixteen groups of approximately 30 students each will be organized at a general assembly of all freshmen scheduled for 8:00 A. M. on Monday. They will have together

As groups during most of the week for various examinations, placement tests in English and mathematics, guidance tests and official letters were submitted for assignments with personnel desks and advisors.

The otherwise steady crowd will be enlivened with a Freshman Jellification on Friday evening, September 13. The annual All-freshman Worship Service and the President's reception for freshmen

both on Sunday, September 15 and the annual Freshman Talent Night on Friday, September 20.

A special reception committee headed by Miss June Williams, St. Augustine, Fla.; Miss A. E. T. and Alexander Gardner, New Bern president of the student body, will be on hand to welcome the new enrollees.

Freshmen will register all day on Wednesday, September 11.

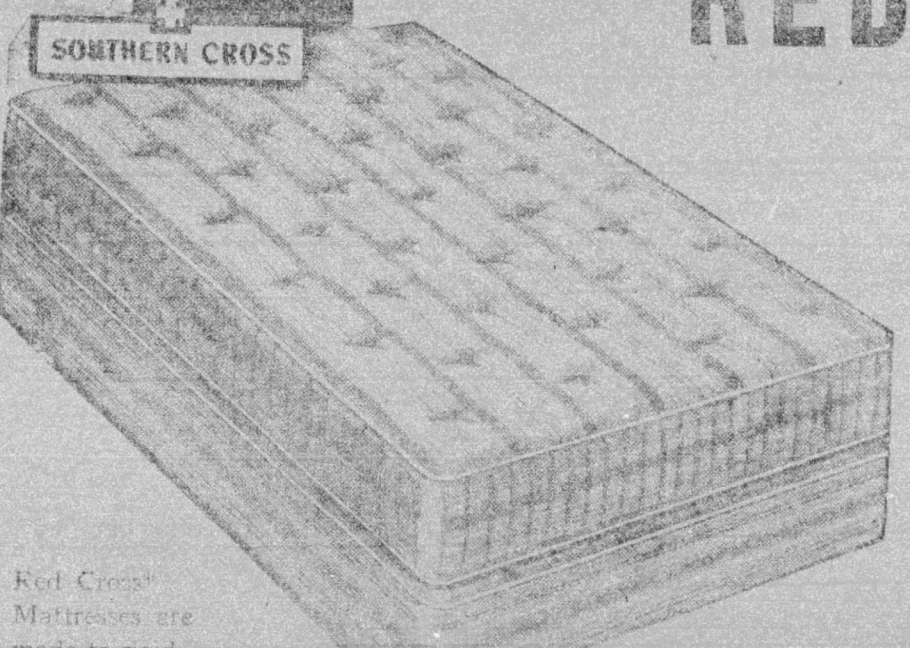
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Drama Grant To NC Native

DURHAM — Miss Shirley Ruth Williams, "Miss North Carolina College of 1956", has been awarded a \$1,500 drama scholarship to Karam House, Western Reserve University's drama workshop, in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Siler City eed graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors from NCC last June.

She majored in German and drama. A member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, she was also a senior counselor, a leader in student government and student publication activities.

At Karam House, Miss Williams has been assigned to direct the Children's Youth Theatre and to supervise continuing.

Her first two productions are "A Hallel of Rain" and "Pipe Dreams."

The former NCC queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Williams of Siler City. A sister, Mrs. Hazel Williams Rollins of New York finished NCC in 1955.

She is employed as a file clerk in the International Sales Department of Macmillan Publishing Company in New York this summer.