

To Keep Advantage:

Cong. Diggs Urges United States To Improve Its Attitude Toward Africa

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (D-Michigan) told a Detroit Press conference that "the United States is in danger of losing the present advantage it holds in Africa to the Soviet Union."

Diggs attended the All-African People's Conference in Accra, Ghana, December 5-13, as an observer for the United States Government. He was the only elected American public official at the historic meeting of independent African nations.

Pointing out that many important African leaders, including Ghana's Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, were educated in this country, the Negro Congressman warned that

this favorable factor will be forfeited unless the United States "take a more realistic attitude in its relations with African governments."

He said Americans dealing with African countries reflect both "the difference and a lack of understanding" and emphasized that "our Nation needs to be educated on the tremendous significance of development in Africa."

Diggs sharply criticized the small amount of United States economic and cultural aid being directed to African countries. He said that Russia is spending huge sums in giving Africans technical and educational assistance.

The Communists, Diggs reminded, are taking full advantage of African concern about the racial problem in America.

He noted, however, that Africans seem to be unimpressed by the struggle between East and West and show no indication of using the cold war to bargain for aid. This attitude, he felt, is substantiated by the Conference's adoption of a firm policy of "positive neutralism."

Commenting on the Conference's aim of creating a United States of Africa, Diggs said that African leaders are aware of the many external and internal problems they must overcome.

"African leaders," he observed, "willingly admit that they will make mistakes but they will want them to be their own mistakes."

Diggs described an underlying power struggle between Nkrumah and Nasser of Egypt which was dramatized by the unsuccessful attempt of the Pro-Russian United Arab Republic delegation to dominate the Conference. This subtle tug-of-war, he said, may present a threat to Nkrumah's

desire to see a united Africa. He said that Africans would employ economic boycotts and similar passive measures.

Revealing that he seeks to be assigned to the House Foreign Affairs Committee when Congress reconvenes in January, Diggs left that he "could make a contribution to sounder relations between the United States and Africa during this critical period."



SHAW STUDENTS HEAR DIRECTOR CBS News and Public Affairs—Pictured left to right: Dr. A. T. Spaulding of Durham, Marjorie Anderson of Fayetteville, T. E. Koon of Washington, D. C.; Shirley Parker (Miss Shaw) of Newton Grove, and Dr. William R. Strassner, president of Shaw University following a lecture of "International Affairs" on Friday, December 17, at Shaw University.

Sat. Course In French Conversation Set At NCC

DURHAM — Dean William H. Brown of the North Carolina College Graduate School today announced a special Saturday course in French conversation to be taught by Dr. Jehu H. Morrow from 9:00 to 12:00 a. m. between February 7 and May 23.

Tuition and fees for this course, which carries three hours graduate credit, amount to \$30.75. Enrollments limited to 25 persons. The State of North Carolina requires six semester hours of spoken French for certification of French teachers.

The NCC Graduate School is offering the course as a result of a survey of 140 NCC area French teachers who expressed need for a class carrying graduate credit and certification credit that would also improve teachers' ability to "converse with confidence in French upon subjects of everyday interest or of current importance."

Modern teaching devices such as tape recorders, motion pictures, and other up-to-date instructional aids will be used to help the teachers learn to speak French fluently.

Dr. Morrow has been chairman of NCC's French department since 1956. He is a native of Hackensack, N. J., and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers University.

He received the M.A. and

Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and he holds a special certificate from the Sorbonne of Paris.

Widely traveled in France, Canada and Mexico, Dr. Morrow returned to the U. S. early this fall after a summer in France. He was there gathering material for a book he is writing on French colonial policies.

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December 26-30 In Philly:

Thurgood Marshall To Address Alpha Confab

PHILADELPHIA — Final plans are being made for the 44th General Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., to be held in Philadelphia's Sheraton Hotel, December 26-30, according to Kenneth J. Hall, chairman of the convention committee.

The principal speaker for the Public Program on Sunday, December 28th will be the N. AACP's renowned lawyer, Thurgood Marshall.

Miss Marjorie Anderson, famed contralto and alternate

U. S. delegate to the United Nations, will receive the 1958 Alpha Award of Honor at the same program.

Other speakers are scheduled to address convention sessions. The Alphas, headed by New York Magistrate Myles A. Paige, General President, has 271 chapters, and more than 24,700 members.

The fraternity, first and largest Negro fraternity, was organized in 1908 by seven students at Cornell University. The second and third

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