

South Africa Won't Join UNEconomic Commission

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The Government of the Union of South Africa has formally indicated that it will not participate in the first meeting of the UNEconomic Commission for Africa, which is scheduled for Dec. 29 at Parliament building, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Verwoerd administration used the technical language that the terms of reference established by the UN Economic and Social Council for

the commission dealt with Africa as a single and indivisible region. However, the Verwoerd announcement stated, South Africa "has always held that there is a division between the interests of the countries south of the Sahara and the interests of those bordering the Mediterranean."

"There are ethnological and cultural differences between the two regions which cannot be ignored," said simply, Verwoerd and his

officialdom has privately avoided the opinion that the location of the Economic Commission for Africa on the African continent proper "should make it possible to train an increasing number of Africans at its headquarters and at other centers on the continent."

From such training would come the skilled economists able to aid their countries move from one-crop economies to those based on developed secondary industries and increased foreign trade.

The advanced training of Africans for key positions runs definitely counter to the current policies of complete apartheid which is the political, economic and social obsession of the Union's government.

Conceivably that is the reason for the Verwoerd "diplomatic" rejection of membership in the commission, which Africans will dominate.

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1) Initiation and participation in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic development of Africa;

2) Investigation and study of economic and technological problems and developments;

3) Collection, evaluation and dissemination of economic, technological and statistical data;

4) Advisory services for African governments.

5) Assistance in the formulation and execution of coordinated policies as a basis for practical action in the promotion of economic and technological development.

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Cooperative Testing Program Conducted For UNCF Colleges

NEW YORK—The United Negro College Fund will administer group examinations for its member colleges again in 1959, according to Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Fund president. The tests are available to high school juniors and seniors seeking scholarships and admissions to any of these privately supported, accredited, four-year colleges.

"More than 5,000 candidates are expected to take the UNCF's Cooperative Intercollegiate Examinations this year," Dr. Mays said. The tests will be given in 265 centers throughout the country between Feb. 23 and March 7. Scores and interpretation of test results are handled by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton.

The College Fund assumed responsibility for administering the cooperative examinations in 1958, when more than 4,000 candidates were tested. Some 70 percent of the students taking the examinations were from southern states. The Virgin Islands, the District of Columbia and 28 other states were also represented.

Coordinated testing for scholarships was inaugurated by 15 of the Fund's member colleges in 1951. The tests have been increasingly successful during the ensuing years.

Last year, a few of the colleges also used the tests as a basis for freshman admissions. In 1959 the tests will serve all the participating schools in selecting both scholarship recipients and freshman

students. Pre-admission testing of high-school prospects provides an objective and uniform method of selecting freshmen, according to Dr. Mays, who is also president of UNCF's Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

"High school grades and rank-in-class do not always give an accurate picture because of the wide variations in grading systems and scholastic competition. Scores made on standardized admission tests do more than point up exceptional students. They remove much of the guesswork in the selection of college applicants. The tests should reduce the number of freshman failures in UNCF colleges."

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200th Licensed Day Care Facility In State Noted

CHARLOTTE—The Robin's Nest, a licensed day care home in Charlotte has the honor of being the 200th licensed day care facility in North Carolina, according to an announcement last week by Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of the State Board of Public Welfare which has licensing responsibility.

"Over 4,000 children of pre-school age are currently spending the majority of their waking hours outside their own homes in these day care facilities throughout the state," Dr. Winston said.

Children whose mothers work to help provide adequately for the family or as the sole family breadwinner.

The State Board of Public Welfare licenses and supervises day care facilities under State law. Licensing standards assure good physical care and protection from fire and sanitary hazards.

The "Robin's Nest" is the day care home of Mrs. R. L. Howan at 1614 Anderson Street in Charlotte. It is licensed for the care of not more than nine children.

Located in a pleasant residential section of the city, Mrs. Howan's day care home is a modern one story brick bungalow with a spacious fenced in back yard. There are many items of equipment for play both inside and outside the house.

Six active children are now being cared for throughout the day while their mothers work in various jobs in downtown Charlotte. Mrs. Howan personally supervises a program that includes lunch, rest and activities throughout the day.

Licensed day care has come about in the State, as in the nation, as the number of working mothers

has increased. Communities have recognized their responsibility to help parents plan for day care of pre-school age children. Many of our North Carolina communities have developed day care centers operated under the auspices of a United Fund, a church, or some civic group. In Charlotte there are 58 day care facilities. Day care centers numbering 23 are licensed to care for 10 or more children.

Day care homes licensed for a maximum of nine children, like the "Robin's Nest" of Mrs. Howan's number 35.

The day care home is unique family setting rather than in that it provides care in a large group. Licensing standards provide for more than mere custodial care as the purpose of day care programs. Requirements include not only good physical care and protection from fire and sanitary hazards but also qualified staff, adequate space, meals, sleeping arrangements and equipment and materials for a constructive activity program.

These requirements are important since the children spend from 10 to 12 hours a day, five days a week, in day care, more waking hours each week than children spend with their own parents.

Dr. Winston says with regard to the day care program in North Carolina, "the State Board is devoting an increasing amount of time to its responsibility to the families and the thousands of children involved who must be assured proper protection. This responsibility must be shared by communities by day care centers, and by the parents of the children."

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3 States Represented On UNCF's January Aircasts

NEW YORK—College choirs from United Negro College Fund schools in Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana will be heard over the ABC Radio Network during the month of January. Announcement of the first group of programs scheduled for the 1958 "Negro College Choirs" was made by W. J. Trent, Jr., Fund executive director, recently.

The choir of Tougaloo Southern Christian College, of Tougaloo, Miss. will be broadcast Sunday, Jan. 4.

The network will air Lane College of Jackson, Tenn., Sunday, Jan. 11, and Fish University, of Nashville, Tenn., Sunday, Jan. 18.

The month's program will wind up with the Xavier Concert Choir broadcast Sunday, Jan. 25.

The weekly "Negro College Choir" series originates in New York City for the ABC Radio Network, Sunday mornings, 10:30 to 10:55. In the New York City area, the College Choir programs are heard a week later over WABC, Saturday, 10:30 to 10:55 p. m. Local radio listings can be checked for broadcast times in the various regions of the country.

The College Choir series is broadcast throughout the world by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service and Voice of America.



PARENTS OF QUADRUPLETS—Mrs. Mae Currington, 22-year-old wife of Navy machinist's mate, Deiano Currington, both shown above, gave birth to quadruplets recently. The babies, three boys and a girl, are doing fine. The above photo was taken at the hospital in which the quads were born. (UPI TELEPHOTO.)

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