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342 Get Degrees At N. C. College

Mississippi Senator Calls Howard Univ. Prof. Communist

Dixie Given Chance By U. S. Supreme Court To Set Own House In Order

WASHINGTON
The ruling of the United States Supreme Court, ordering courts to see that machinery be set in motion immediately to end segregation in public schools "as soon as practicable," is looked upon by many in North Carolina as giving the South an opportunity to set its own house in order while the court set no definite date for ending the disgraceful policy of segregation in public schools it left no doubt in mind that it meant business on the matter.

The five-page decision, which was a unanimous one was read by Chief Justice Warren and definitely stated that the role of the court is to decide whether local authorities are proceeding to end segregation in good faith. Because of their proximity to local conditions federal district courts can best perform judicial appraisal it said.

The Court stressed what the objective should be. "It should go without saying that the vitality of these constitutional principles (outlawing segregation) cannot be allowed to yield simply because of disagreement with them," the court ruled.

Further on it stated: "All provisions of federal, state or local law requiring or permitting such discrimination (segregation in public schools) must yield. Local courts were ordered "to take such proceedings and enter such orders and decrees consistent with this opinion as are necessary and proper" to bring about integration in the schools "with all deliberate speed."

Reaction to the order was varied throughout North Carolina. Governor Luther Hodges, who was in Chicago attending a Rotary Convention, said, "I'd rather not say anything until I've gone over the opinion thoroughly." He intended to return to the state earlier than originally planned because of the court's decision.

Said Representative Sam Worthington of Greenville, North Carolina, one of the legislators in the recent session of the state's General Assembly most active in advocating measure to circumvent the decision outlawing segregation. "Looks like the most reasonable thing the court could do," since it had already declared segregation unconstitutional.

Kelly Alexander of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, stated that the NAACP "will work diligently and consistently to implement the decision on a local level throughout the state of North Carolina and we will urge local school boards to desegregate." He stated further that the NAACP will resort to court action if it is found that a school board is not acting in good faith.



Campus M. Waynick, Director of the Governor's Small Industries Plan, who was the Commencement speaker in finals at North Carolina College here Tuesday.

Noted Journalist To Speak At Shaw University

RALEIGH
One of the principal features of the joint annual Women's Leadership Training Conference and Ministers Institute at Shaw University, June 6-10, will be the observance of Women's night on Thursday, June 9, in Shaw's Great Hall auditorium, directed by Mrs. Ellen S. Alston, conference chairman. This year's guest speaker will be Mrs. Betty Granger of East Elmhurst, N. Y., who has been heralded as one of the outstanding women journalists of the Association, handing a



Shown above is Rev. T. C. Graham, president of the Ordaining Council of the Ministers and Deacons of the East Cedar Grove Association and of the Association, handing a check in the amount of fifty dollars to the Rev. W. H. Fuller, president of the local branch of the NAACP. The check represents a contribution to the body headed by Rev. Fuller.

Eastland Says Dr. E. E. Frasier And Gunnar Myrdal Should Be Investigated

UNC Applicants To Seek Rights In Federal Court

The stage was set here Tuesday for federal court action to test the legality of the policy of the Trustee Board of the University of North Carolina in refusing to admit Negro students to the undergraduate school of the institution. Court action in the matter was made possible when an order issued by Judge Johnson J. Hayes of the U. S. Middle District Court authorized the parents of three Hillside High School graduates to act as the



FLOYD BROWN

Floyd Brown Is Named Director NCC Athletics

Coach Floyd Brown of North Carolina College's CIAA basketball champions of 1954 and 1955 has been appointed director of athletics at North Carolina College for a period to be covered by a leave of absence granted I. G. Newton, present holder of the position. Brown's appointment became effective here Wednesday (June 1). Newton is scheduled to return to his teaching duties at NCC on July 1, 1955.

A spokesman at NCC said "Brown will have full charge as director of athletics and will be administratively responsible to the Athletic Committee. NCC President Alfonso Elder earlier confirmed reports that "Mr. Floyd Brown has been invited to serve as director of athletics and Mr. L. T. Walker has been invited to represent the coaches on the Athletic Committee."

The decision to name the two coaches to policy making positions in the college's athletic set-up is understood to have followed a meeting of coaches, members of the athletic committee, and the college's Executive Committee. "Positive action to improve the entire physical education program can be expected immediately," one spokesman said. Taking over the athletic spot at NCC at this time, Brown falls heir to a deficit of some \$2,500. "I have accepted the invitation to assume the responsibilities of director of athletics," Brown said in a statement. He added, "I believe that if the cooperation of the college's friends, alumni, and students is as enthusiastic as I've been assured that it will be, we can improve the status of athletic finances at NCC."

Brown, a native of Gary, Ind., and one of the Eagles' all-time basketball greats, has an impressive coaching career for such a youthful man. He holds a M. S. degree from Northwestern University. He's married and (Please turn to Page Ten)

WASHINGTON
Mississippi's Senator Eastland, made a blast against the United States' Supreme Court for its decision outlawing segregation in schools — at which he charged that such men as Howard University's Dr. E. Franklin Frasier and the distinguished sociologist Gunnar Myrdal — needed investigating because of their indirect participation in the historic decision. Eastland has introduced a resolution citing at least "six men who were persons with Communist or Communist-front records."

Eastland as chairman of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee could be in a position to underwrite the proposals without any specific authorization from the Senate. Only Senator Olin Johnston of South Carolina noted his remarks and said, "I think it is something that ought to be looked into." The rest of the Senate paid scant attention to Eastland and said off the record that they did not anticipate such an inquiry.

Commented Dr. Frasier on Eastland's remarks: "I'm a Socialist and I am under nobody's influence. I do my own (Please turn to Page Ten)

L. P. Gregg 4th Negro To Finish Naval Academy

ANNAPOLIS, Md.
The race's fourth—22 year old Midshipman L. P. Gregg wins his commission from the United States Naval Academy this week. He graduates in a class of 750, on June 3. Gregg is a top man scholastically for he was 22nd in his class last year and is ranked with the status as "superior to most Phi Beta Kappas." He graduates "with distinction."

From Chicago, Gregg graduated from Wendell Phillips High School there and then joined the Marines. Friends suggested he try for a Naval Academy appointment.

It was Rep. William Dawson's first Negro appointee and, of course, Dawson will be on hand to see his protegee graduate. Also, at the exercises will be his family, Mrs. Rachell Gregg—who manages an ice cream parlor in Chicago—and his two sisters, Dorothy 24 and Rose, 20.

Upon receiving the gold bar for a second lieutenant in the Air Force, Gregg will later report for flight training at Maxwell, Mo. The six-footer is among 180 midshipmen who have chosen or been assigned to the Air Force under a Defense Department ruling that one-fourth of the class be assigned to the Air Force. It was easy for Gregg to choose the air force for he has always "wanted to fly."

A quiet guy, with little time for extra social activities, Gregg says he has no plans to marry yet. "That will have to wait for a while," he grins.

WITNESS TO REV. LEE MURDER IS LOCATED IN EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

NEW YORK
An eyewitness to the fatal shooting of the Rev. George W. Lee in Belzoni, Miss., on May 7, today told FBI agents in East St. Louis, Ill., what he had seen that night, according to information received here by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The witness, Alex Hudson, was located in East St. Louis by the NAACP. He had left Mississippi a week after the killing. Billy Jones, an East St. Louis lawyer and president of the Illinois State NAACP, accompanied the witness to the FBI office where the Mississippian told his story.

Hudson says that he was sitting with a friend when the Rev. Mr. Lee's car passed. He saw another car overtake that of the clergyman and heard the shots fired from the second car. Rev. Lee's car swerved off the road and crashed into a house while the other car disappeared in the darkness.

The NAACP, Mr. Wilkins said today, is tracing other witnesses in the hope of securing the arrest and conviction of the slayers.

At a memorial service held in Belzoni on May 22, the NAACP executive assured 400 Negro leaders from all over the state of continued NAACP support in the fight for the ballot, for justice and for desegregation of the public schools. "We expect to stay in Mississippi for the duration—until victory is won," he said.

Wilkins lauded the slain clergyman as a courageous man who "fought for equality and first-class citizenship for himself and for his people." He was killed, the NAACP leader charged, "because he thought he ought to vote just like other Americans. Someone threatened him and told him he should (Please turn to Page Ten)

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Rich At White Rock

Last rites for Mrs. Josephine Rich, wife of William M. Rich, director of Lincoln Hospital, were held at the White Rock Baptist Church at 2:30 p. m., last Tuesday, with the pastor, Dr. M. M. Fisher, officiating.

Mrs. Rich died Saturday night, May 28, at 9:30 o'clock, at Lincoln Hospital where she had been confined for ten days.

Born in Lynchburg, Virginia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Priddy, Mrs. Rich was educated in the public schools there. She was graduated from Hampton Institute in 1910 and later became supervisor of home economics in the public schools of Charlottesville, Virginia.

In 1912, she married William M. Rich and the couple lived in Norfolk, Virginia for 24 years, during which time Rich was president of the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company. In 1934, she came here to live when her husband became the superintendent of Lincoln Hospital.

Surviving are her husband; four sisters, Mrs. Annie P. Washington, Mrs. Bessie Tucker, and Mrs. Shirley Martin, all of Philadelphia and Mrs. Rebecca Bowling of Norfolk, Virginia; one brother, Walker Priddy of Charlottesville, Virginia and other relatives.

Serving as active pallbearers were R. N. Harris, J. W. Goodloe, E. M. Michaux, C. C. Spaulding, Jr., J. T. Taylor, and J. H. Wheeler.

Honorary pallbearers were the trustees of Lincoln Hospital, the medical staff of Lincoln, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, (Please turn to Page Ten)

Waynick Tells NCC Grads To Put On Armor Of Goodwill

Campus M. Waynick, director of the Governor's Small Industries Plan and former ambassador to Nicaragua, Tuesday, urged some 342 members of North Carolina College's 1955 graduating classes "to put on the armor of great goodwill" in finding a "benign answer to the great question of human behavior in the perilous months and years ahead of us."

Waynick, former newspaper editor and policy maker in several top official state agencies, paid tribute to the late Dr. James E. Shepard, NCC's founder and he remarked that a Bible given him by the late C. C. Spaulding and carrying an inscription from NCC President Alfonso Elder had been one of his treasures during his diplomatic career and now is in his library.

The speaker said, "Dedicated scientists have made not only destructive weapons for men to use against each other, but they have spearheaded successful attacks against so many diseases once deemed inoperable that many years have been added to life expectancy. They have penetrated the jungles of ignorance and destroyed many of those jungles. No other 50 years in all history has witnessed such astounding improvements in the physical environment of man.

"The minority race you so well represent has been demanding equal rights under the law and the fight for those rights has been well conducted. I do not think that you have been demanding any kind of equality except that of opportunity for your young people to strive for superiority in any field of service or work in which they are interested.

"In my time in this State I have witnessed an increase of race pride among you and have



applauded your great cultural and economic accomplishments. Certainly our State and our part of the nation depends upon the cultivation of the highest potentiality of all our people, and they cannot rise very high in any important scale unless the Negro advances. "These things I am saying to you not to flatter but preliminary (Please turn to Page Ten)

Last Rites Held For Roscoe Riddick

GATESVILLE
Funeral services for Roscoe Riddick, 89, father of Herman H. Riddick, head football coach at North Carolina College in Durham, were held at 2 o'clock Saturday at the Lebanon Baptist Church of Gatesville. Interment followed in the family plot.

The elder Riddick died at 12 noon on Wednesday, May 25, after an illness of several months. The Hunter Funeral Home, 123 Rhue Street, Ahsokie, was

in charge of funeral arrangements. The Rev. Howard Mitchell, long-time family friend and neighbor, was in charge of the last rites.

In addition to Coach Riddick, the deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Addie Parker Riddick of the home, two sons in Gatesville, Luther and Milton, one other son, Fowler, of Waterbury, Conn.; and two daughters, Miss Eva Riddick and Mrs. Derotha Roberts of Waterbury, Conn.