

Civil Rights Still A Challenge Senator Tells Senate

Hubert Humphrey Challenges Colleagues To End Once And For All Discrimination In America

WASHINGTON, D. C. Calling upon the Senate to end at once and for all discrimination against any Americans because of race, color, religion or national origin—Senator Hubert Humphrey last week said that it was a matter of deep regret to him that none of the eleven bills comprising a comprehensive civil rights program introduced by him and a number of his colleagues in various committees had reached the Senate floor.

The senator further stated that "this lack of sensitivity and lack of responsibility are most disturbing to me. I cannot help but feel that the inaction is due to an unwarranted assumption that the subject matter is still surrounded by an environment of conflict and bitterness. In all sincerity, I do not believe that is the case any longer. I believe that with a willingness to move forward in this area we can make significant progress in a harmonious and constructive fashion. To accomplish this objective, we need cooperation from the committees of the Congress who now have the bills within their jurisdiction and under their study. These bills are moderate and deserve support. They were presented not on an "all or nothing" basis, but rather as vehicles for discussion, negotiation and consensus. I again present them:

S. 889—A bill to establish equal opportunity in employment.

S. 900—A bill to protect persons within the United States against lynching.

S. 901—A bill outlawing the poll tax as a condition of voting in any primary or other election for national election.

S. 902—A bill to reorganize in the Department of Justice by establishing a civil rights division in the Department under an assistant Attorney General.

S. 903—A bill to protect the right of political participation and make it a crime to intimidate or coerce or otherwise interfere with the right to vote.

S. 904—A bill to strengthen the current law with regard to

peonage, convict labor, slavery and involuntary servitude.

S. 905—A bill to strengthen existing civil rights statutes.

S. 906—A bill to establish a Commission on Civil Rights in the Executive Branch of the Government.

S. 907—The Omnibus Civil Rights Bill to strengthen existing civil rights statutes.

S. 908—A bill to provide relief against certain forms of discrimination in interstate transportation.

S. Con. Res. 9—A bill to create a joint Congressional Committee on Civil Rights.

In concluding his appeal, Senator Humphrey said that it was his fervent prayer that the "84th Congress in this next session will crystallize and symbolize a feeling of good will and brotherhood in the consideration of this vital legislative program as we move forward to strengthen democracy in this nation and thus strengthen the free world."

13 YEARS OF GROUP LIVING CELEBRATED

Thirteen unique years of cooperative group living were celebrated by the Union Community Club of Durham County in Pearsontownship near here on July 28.

The celebration was held on the lawn of the home of Theodore R. Speight, Durham business man whose family was a pioneer in setting up the organization that prides itself on its humanitarian and civic activities among all citizens in the Pearsontown area.

Citing some of the community's gains during the past 13 years, Speight noted the building of a church, the construction of a school, paved

roads, electric lights, telephones, and "a general improvement in the social, economic and political life of our group." He said "the entire cultural level of the community has been raised and a high sense of ethics has been brought to bear in the conduct of all activities." "No one in this community has been permitted to go wanting the basic necessities," the club's former president added.

Other participants on the program included J. C. Hubbard, Durham County agent; J. D. Lennon, agriculture teacher at Merrick - Moore school; Mrs. Elmo Walker, present head of the Club.

Also Lee Jones, Mrs. Eluvrth Brown, David Padder, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnson. Charles A. Ray of the NCC News Bureau was the speaker for the occasion. His subject was "The Fruits of Perseverance." The success of the club's activities was attributed in considerable measure to a close working of agricultural and educational interests.

Enrolled In Mass. Summer School

Dr. John Gilchrist, B. S. North Carolina College, 1945, and a 1949 graduate of the Howard University Medical School, visited in Durham briefly last week.

Dr. Gilchrist, who served an internship in obstetrics and gynecology at Harlem Hospital during 1950-1952, spent two years with the U. S. Army in Frankfurt, Germany. After one more year's study at Harlem Hospital, where his work is being sponsored by the Cancer Fund, Dr. Gilchrist plans to enter private practice.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gilchrist, 2221 Fayetteville Street.

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Joseph Jackson, as "Gulliderstern" and Evelyn Richardson, as a "Lady of the Court," both students at A and T College, were warmly received in a recent production of "Hamlet" by the college's Richard B. Harrison Players.

The play was presented out-of-doors on the steps of Dudley Hall, the administration building on the front campus lawn.

Complete Plans For Conference At N. C. College

Plans have been completed for the sixth annual meeting of the North Carolina Principals-Supervisors Conference which will meet at North Carolina College here August 10-12.

Director Joseph H. Taylor of the NCC Summer School last week announced that the speakers for the meet will be Dr. Karl H. Berns, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations of the National Education Association, and Dr. J. Rupert Picott, executive secretary of the Virginia Teachers Association.

Dr. Berns of the NEA's Washington, D. C. office will talk on "The Covenants of the Teaching Profession" Wednesday, August 10, at 8 p. m. in the Music Assembly of the Administration Building. Dr. Picott, whose offices are in Richmond, Va., will speak at 1:30 p. m. Thursday, August 11, on "Utilizing Community Forces to Improve Education." All sessions will be in the Music Assembly.

The conference is an annual affair sponsored jointly by the NCC Summer School and the state's Negro principals and supervisors. Cooperating with Dr.

Taylor of NCC in the planning for this year's session have been H. D. Cooper, R. L. Vann High School, Aboakie; Miss U. R. Fowler, Jeanes supervisor, Johnston County Schools, Smithfield; O. N. Freeman, Jr., Morgan Elementary School, Charlotte; H. K. Griggs, Washington High School, Reidsville; Miss Ethel M. Lewis, New Bern; C. B. Stewart, Adkins High School, Kinston; E. E. Waddell, Kingville High School, Albemarle; J. Earl Whitley, Guilford County Negro Schools, Greensboro; Mrs. A. O. Williams, Vance County Schools, Henderson; and Mrs. Nina A. Wilson, Fairmont Schools, Lumberton.

Registration for this year's conference opens in the lobby of the Administration Building at 7 p. m. Wednesday, August 10.

The first general session starts at 8:30 a. m. Thursday with Dr. Berns leading a discussion of his address of the previous night. The group will then divide into discussion sections from 9:45 a. m. until 11:30 a. m. Discussions will continue through the afternoons. An informal "get together" will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. Thursday with Dr. Picott and Dr. S. E. Duncan, state supervisor of Negro high schools, in charge.

In addition to the discussions of the two main speeches, the group will also hear reports of professional progress from the National Education Association and the American Teachers As-

sociated. Some 200 principals and supervisors are expected to attend the conference.

Marsh To Head N. C. College Alumni Ass'n.

A prominent young Durham lawyer, William A. Marsh, A. B. and LL.B. 1933, has been elected president of the Durham chapter of the North Carolina College Alumni Association.

Marsh succeeds A. M. Rivera, Jr., Durham newspaperman. In addition to Marsh, other officers elected recently were Walter M. Brown, vice president; Miss Alma R. Southerland, secretary; Miss Virginia I. Southerland, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Gladys McNeil, treasurer.

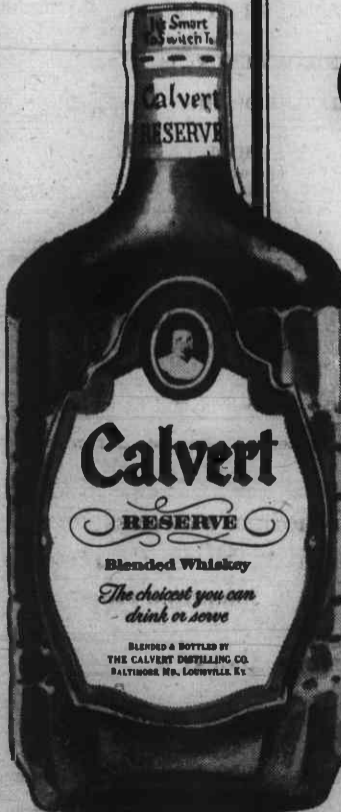
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