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Last Ditch Plea To Lift Ban On Player Rejected

Winston-Salem Charges CIAA Act Was Biased

A last ditch effort by Winston-Salem Teachers college officials to have the tournament ban lifted from its front-line substitute, Harry Rogers, to permit him to participate in the conference tourney met with failure here late this week.

Winston-Salem president, Dr. F. L. Atkins and coach Clarence Gaines conferred with tournament officials on the eve of the CIAA event here Wednesday in the hope of obtaining a reversal of the conference's executive committee barring Rogers from the tourney play.

They were told, however, by the committee that it had no authority to reconsider the matter and referred them to the CIAA's executive committee for appeal.

With the tournament scheduled to get underway Thursday, it appeared as if Winston-Salem would at least enter first round play minus the services of Rogers.

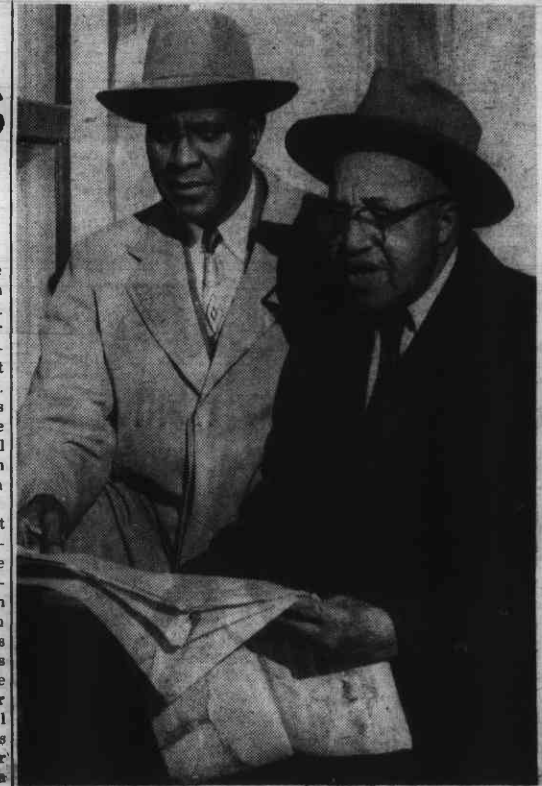
Winston-Salem officials charged the conference committee with bias in its decision and declared that the committee acted only on the basis of the Fayetteville report of the incident, which it described as exaggerated.

The decision to ban Rogers from tournament play and take a victory away from Winston-Salem stemmed from Fayetteville's protest of the game, a closely fought scrap which ended in an abortive fracas between players of the opposing teams.

Fayetteville charged Winston-Salem with "inciting a riotous" situation and causing it to lose the game which would have gained the Broncos a notch in the conference tournament.

Fayetteville asked that it be given the game by forfeiture.

According to the Fayetteville version of the incident, Rogers, who was on the bench at the time of the flare-up, left the Rams' bench to take a poke at Ronald Evans, Fayetteville captain, when the latter committed a foul on the Rams' James Sessions. A technical foul was called on Rogers and he was banished from the game. At this point, the Fayetteville version goes, other WSTC players and spectators (Continued on Page Eight)



The late Dr. Thomas H. Brewer, cut down by bullets last Saturday, is shown in this picture (right) taken during the 1954 election campaign looking over registration books with Primus King, plaintiff in the new famous Primus King case which obtained the right to vote for Negroes in Georgia. Dr. Brewer was the key figure in the court victory.

New A&T Prexy

Gibbs' Election Seen As Compromise Choice

GREENSBORO

The election of Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs as president of A&T College here Wednesday was seen by many observers close to the college as a compromise choice.

Dr. Gibbs, who had served as acting president of the institution since the death of Dr. F. D. Bluford in December, was unanimously elected to head the school by trustees in a full meeting of the board here Wednesday morning.

The selection brought to an end a two month search by trustees to find a man to fill the job vacated by the death of Dr. Bluford.

Dr. Gibbs has been at A&T for 30 years, coming to the school first in 1926. Prior to his appointment as acting president, he had served as dean of the college for 27 years and is considered by many a capable administrator.

It is widely believed, however, that Dr. Gibbs' selection was the result of a compromise between two unyielding factions on the trustee board. Re-



DR. WARMOTH T. GIBBS reportedly, one group was pressing for the selection of an alumni favorite son, Dr. Earl McClenny, president of St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute. The candidate for the opposing group was thought to be Dr. Matthew Whitehead, former president of Minor and dean at Wilson's Teachers college in

Washington, D. C.

Dr. McClenny said that he was not available for the job in a letter to the TIMES this week.

Earlier in the search, other names were mentioned prominently, among which was that of Dr. S. E. Duncan of Raleigh. But as the search wore on, it is felt that pressure for favorite candidates became greater until an impasse was reached which could be resolved only by a compromise selection.

Following the announcement of Dr. Gibbs' selection, the belief was expressed that the trustees may simply have postponed their problem rather than finding a solution to it in Wednesday's action. It was pointed out that Dr. Gibbs is only one or two years from the mandatory retirement age for North Carolina public school officials, and that A&T trustees may be faced with another search for a president within a few years.

Even if Dr. Gibbs elects to remain on the job, it was pointed out that there will have to (Continued on Page Eight)



Mrs. Martha Donnell, wife of Dr. Clyde Donnell, is seen here with Miss Omega King and Miss Audrey Hinton of Chicago, Ill admittid the palms of Miami, Florida where the Donnell's are spending a winter vacation. Mrs. Donnell is at right. — Adams Photo.

Fund To Send Calhoun To Olympic Trial Forms

A fund to send Lee Calhoun, currently rated as the nation's best young hurdler, to the Olympic try-outs in June has been formed.

A special committee composed of townspeople and officials of North Carolina College have set themselves to the task of collecting \$1,200, the amount estimated to give the NCC speedster a crack at making the team which will represent the U. S.

in World games at Australia.

Charles A. Ray, director of the N. C. College news bureau and head of the special fund-raising committee, said that several organizations and interested persons in the Durham area have expressed willingness to contribute to such a fund.

Ray said the \$1,200 figure was an estimate of the cost of hotel, travel and living expenses for the hurdles ace, who must spend at least a month in California in June if he is to qualify for the U. S. team.

Ray was quick to point out, in the face of the dramatic West-Santee-AAU row, that all of the money collected would be used only for expenses of the track star in making the trip to California and staying to compete in the meets.

Although Calhoun has enjoyed a perfect, undefeated indoor season, there are quite a few barriers the timber topper must clear before he can don the stars and stripes of Uncle Sam's cindermen. And, in order that he might have a fair chance at making the U. S. team, his coach, L. T. Walker, feels that Calhoun must spend a month in California where the Olympic eliminations themselves will occupy the space of three weeks.

Competitors for the Olympic try-outs will be selected from finalists (first, second and third place finishers) in the NCAA and AAU championships this June. Both events will be held in California. The NCAA event will be staged at the University of California at Berkeley June 15 and 16 and the AAU meet at Bakersfield on June 22 and 23.

If Calhoun fails to place in the NCAA event, he can still qualify for the Olympic trials by placing in the AAU meet.

The Olympic try-outs will be held at Los Angeles June 29 (Continued on Page Eight)

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COLUMBUS, Ga.

An estimated 2,500 persons attended funeral services for Dr. Thomas H. Brewer, venerated civil rights champion, who was shot down here last Saturday night.

The services were conducted at the First African Baptist Church. Loudspeakers piped the services to approximately 1500 persons who crowded outside the church on the lawn.

Dr. Brewer, known widely and loved profoundly in the state and region for his militant fight against racial injustice, was shot to death by store owner Lucio Flowers who emptied his seven-shot pistol into Dr. Brewer.

The victim was 71 years old, a leading member of the NAACP for several years, generally credited with leading the fight which gave Negroes the right to vote in Georgia and a high echelon official in the state Republican party.

An aura of doubt has descended over many reported incidents connected with the shooting and many questions concerning the tragedy have gone unanswered.

Police were quick to discount the fact that Dr. Brewer's connection with NAACP had anything to do with the shooting. Most press reports filed with the boycott by Negroes of the city buses.

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100,000 NEW MEMBERS SEEN BY NAACP

ATLANTA, Ga.

NAACP officials of eight southeastern states today pledged themselves to recruit 100,000 NAACP members this year. The figure represents 25 percent of the Association's goal of 400,000 members in 1956.

The remaining 300,000 members will be sought in the northeast, northwest, middlewest and southwest.

The national membership goal of 400,000 is an increase of 33 per cent over the total NAACP membership in 1955. The new figure was set this month by NAACP Board Chairman Dr. Channing H. Tobias.

Conferring here on the 1956 membership campaign with the Association's Director of Branches, Dr. E. B. Turner, and Southeast Regional Secretary Mrs. Ruby Hurley were these NAACP representatives: W. A. Fordham of Tampa, Fla., state (Continued on Page Eight)



Dr. John Hope Franklin, professor of History at Howard University, has been selected to head the history department at Brooklyn College. A high regarded scholar, Dr. Franklin taught history at North Carolina College in Durham several years ago before moving to the Washington, D. C. school. He has lectured at some of the leading schools of the East, including Harvard. Dr. Franklin is expected to assume chairmanship of the Brooklyn College history department next Fall.

ADLAI COULD GET 'RIGHTS' BILLS PASSED

BERKELEY, Calif.

If presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson chose to, he could insure passage of civil rights legislation by the present session of Congress, an NAACP political expert asserted here last week.

Clarence Mitchell, director of the NAACP Washington Bureau, described the "chief roadblock" to federal civil rights legislation as "the abject surrender of some of the liberals in Congress." Most of these liberals, he pointed out, support the Stevenson candidacy.

The Association spokesman called for a "real two party system in America" built in part by laws guarding the right to the ballot with adequate protection for all voters.

He noted that Rep. John Bell Williams of the Fourth District of Mississippi won in an election where only 19,164 votes were cast, although the Williams' district has a population of more than 400,000. Almost half of these residents are Negroes, Mitchell said, who are barred from the polls by fraud, intimidation and violence.

Mitchell spoke on Feb. 11.



Philmore Hall, bandmaster at Hillside High School, was honored by the school and former students at a program at the school auditorium last Friday. Shown in the above picture are Mrs. T. E. Speigner, mistress of ceremonies for the affair, and Mr. and Mrs. Hall seated. For more details, see page eight.

Thurman To Speak At Founder's Day At Virginia State College

PETERSBURG, Va.

Virginia State College will observe the 74th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, March 4, according to an announcement by Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president of the college.

Dr. Howard Thurman, dean of Marsh Chapel and professor of spiritual resources and disciplines at Boston University, will deliver the Founders Day Sermon at the 11 o'clock service to be held in the College Chapel. Prior to these exercises, Campus Memorial Services honoring the departed founders and alumni will be held at the Memorial Bench on the front campus and will be presided (Continued on Page Eight)

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Lt. Ezra Turner, son of Mrs. M. P. Turner of Durham, was among members of the Strategic Air Command at Travis Air Force base featured on the nation wide Wide, Wide World television program last Sunday. The program paid tribute to SAC's 10th anniversary. Turner was seen by video viewers in a briefing session with an operations officer.

Lt. Turner received his Air Force commission in Feb. 1954 and his wings in July 1954. He is trained as a navigator radarman bombardier. He is presently assigned to the 72nd squadron at Travis.