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Africa's Faith In U.S. Affirmed

Liberian Ambassador States Position in Shaw Finals Speech

RALEIGH—In spite of the criticism within and without the country everybody knows that the United States is the first country to contribute to foreign countries in the sole purpose of obtaining peace, said Ambassador George Padmore of Liberia as he addressed the Shaw University graduating class at the Ninety-sixth Commencement exercises here Monday.

The uncommitted nations know, he stated, that weapons manufactured by the United States will be used essentially for the protection of the United States.

"No one is afraid they might wake up in the morning and find that an invasion by American forces had been launched. Padmore further stated that Africans were well aware that the aim of both East and West is to win the friendship of the majority of the African peoples.

Both political philosophies are largely foreign to the African, the Ambassador declared. Therefore he hopes to maintain a broad view toward each side, and at the same time develop a personality of his own.

Padmore pointed out to the graduating class that three formidable enemies face mankind today—Ignorance, disease and pre-

judice. These are the crusades that call the youth of 1961.

He deplored the fact that in many countries, a shred of education is a rare privilege. He challenged the graduates to grasp the opportunity to proudly walk the path of human relationship.

Dr. William R. Strassner, president of Shaw University, presided at the exercises and conferred the honorary Doctor of Laws degrees upon Padmore, citing him as an outstanding business executive and political leader, and also Dr. Frank P. Graham, United Nations mediator as "a great humanitarian and a champion of the rights and dignity of every individual."

An honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree was conferred upon the Reverend Paul H. Johnson, pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, for his vigorous leadership as a minister.



PRINCIPALS AT SHAW COMMENCEMENT—Dr. William R. Strassner, Shaw University president, George Padmore, Liberian Ambassador to the U. S., Dr. A. T. Spaulding, insurance company president and member of the Shaw trustee board, and Dr. Frank Graham, United Nations official, are pictured shortly before Shaw University's commencement program Monday at

Raleigh. Padmore, and Dr. Paul Johnson, Raleigh minister (not pictured) were given honorary degrees by the University during the exercises.

SENATE APPROVES BILL

Failure Of C-R Guards On School Aid Scored

NEW YORK—Responding to Administration pressure for a school aid bill palatable to Southern Congressmen, the Senate this week refused to incorporate in the bill guarantees that Negro children will benefit from Federal money on the same basis as white children.

Despite a telegraphed appeal by the NAACP to 81 Senators, it tabled an amendment offered by Sen. Prescott Bush, Republican, of Connecticut.

This would have authorized the withholding of Federal funds from any state failing to proceed in good faith to comply with the constitutional requirement that racial discrimination be ended in public schools. The vote against the Bush amendment was 61 to 25.

In his wire to the Senators, Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, cited rioting in Alabama and the defiance of federal authority as proof enough that "to keep the race question out of the Federal school bill is in fact support for the racists."

In a subsequent message to Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana, Senate Democratic majority leader, Wilkins criticized the "un-

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SCLC Urges Probe of Removal of Bus Passengers in Ala.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Southern Christian Leadership Conference through its President, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., last week urged Everett Hutchinson, Chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate the removal of interstate passengers on Cuba, Ala.

"The impending end of school terms in colleges throughout the country affords an opportunity for such tests," he added.

Secretary Wilkins emphasized that "American citizens have the right and the duty to test the enforcement of the Constitution of the United States as embodied in the law and in the interpretations and rulings of the U. S. Supreme Court.

"Any state law or custom which is not in compliance with the Constitution is subject to challenge at any time by any citizen who chooses to act to enjoy his rights," he concluded.

Two Tarheel Women Educators Among Forty Suggested For Jobs in Kennedy Administration



BROWNE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Two prominent North Carolina educators were among a list of 40 distinguished Negro women whose names were submitted to President Kennedy as qualified to serve in policy-making positions in the current administration.

They are Dr. Marjorie Browne, professor and chairman of Mathematics at North Carolina College, and Dr. Wilmoth Carter, professor of Sociology at Shaw University.

The list was prepared by the American Council on Human Rights, an organization composed of sororities and other women's organizations all over the country. Dr. Browne is a native of Memphis, Tenn. She came to North Carolina College in 1949 after taking her undergraduate work at Howard University and the Master's and Doctor's degrees at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Carter, a native of Reidsville, N. C., is a graduate of Shaw, Atlanta and the University of Chi-

cago. The only name on the list recommended for a specific post was that of Mrs. Marjorie McKenzie Lawson of Washington, D. C., who was President Kennedy's campaign advisor on Negro matters.

ACHR urged that she be appointed to the United States Federal District court in Washington, D. C., because, "she is eminently qualified, and because President Kennedy has promised to appoint a Negro to a Federal judgeship."

Dr. Jeanne L. Noble, president of Delta Sigma Theta, directed compilation of the list at New York University's Center of Human Relations, commissioned by ACHR to direct the manpower talent search from which came

the 40 names. The names were presented to Presidential Aides Frank D. Reeves and Louis Martin by Dr. Noble, Dr. Marjorie H. Parker, president of ACHR and of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

In a statement accompanying the list, ACHR said: "Recognizing that these are early days in the appointment of individuals, ACHR is, nevertheless, disappointed in the fact that very few Negro women have been placed in policy making positions.

Besides Drs. Browne, Carter and Mrs. Lawson, others who made up the list of the first 40 are as follows:

Dr. Sadie T. M. Alexander, Phil- See TARHEELS, 3-A

for 25 and more years. They were honored last week at the final meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association, of which

Call Issued As Yearly Campus Exodus Begins

NEW YORK—The NAACP this week urged members of its 123 key college units in 33 states to return home on a "non-segregated transportation basis" at the end of this school year.

Estimated campus populations affected is 546,450, including Howard University in Washington, D. C., with a student population of 4,400, the bulk of whom reside in the South.

Roy Wilkins, the Association's executive secretary, urged the students to "sit where you choose on trains and buses," and to "use terminal, restaurant and other facilities without discrimination."

Wilkins noted that the directive "will obviously apply to students whose routes home lie exclusively within a state, as well as to those who will be interstate passengers.

"The Supreme Court's rulings are clear as to both types of travel," he said.

The NAACP spokesman observed "the publicity focused on the Freedom Riders and the heavy armed guard needed for their protection have led leaders of the Rides to feel that the viciousness, crudity and disregard of law characteristic of Southern segregationists have been well exposed."

However, the Ride leaders agree that "the Rides have not yet tested to what extent Negro passengers engaged in normal and routine travel will be able to enjoy non-segregated use of facilities," he said.

"The impending end of school terms in colleges throughout the country affords an opportunity for such tests," he added.

Secretary Wilkins emphasized that "American citizens have the right and the duty to test the enforcement of the Constitution of the United States as embodied in the law and in the interpretations and rulings of the U. S. Supreme Court.

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PICKETS IN N. Y.—Some of the thousands of union members and students who joined CORE in picketing the Greyhound and Trailways bus terminals on May 17. The pickets

protested the continuation of segregation in waiting rooms in the South. CORE initiated pickets marched in 33 cities across the country. The above scene took place in New York.

NAACP Urges "No Cool Off" For Freedom Riders in Southland

NEW YORK — Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, today sent the following statement on the Freedom Bus Ride Project to 1,434 NAACP units in 45 states.

The position of the NAACP on the Freedom Bus Riding project is simple and clear:

• American citizens have the right and the duty to test the enforcement of the Constitution of the United States as embodied in the laws and in the interpretations and rulings of the United States Supreme Court.

• Any state law or custom which is not in compliance with the Constitution is subject to challenge at any time by any citizen who chooses to act to enjoy his rights.

• Where the proper authorities of the state and its subdivisions fail or refuse to protect citizens of the United States in pursuit of the enjoyment of their rights, it is the duty of the Federal Government to furnish such protection.

• We reject completely, regardless of the guise in which it is presented, the indefensible thesis that citizens who seek to exercise their declared and defined constitutional rights anywhere in their country are provocateurs, or inciters to disorders or violence, or are otherwise disturbers of the public peace and order. When the public peace is based upon denial of the constitutional rights of the individual and upon the suppression of petitioners, protestants and peaceful activists, then it is not peace, but tyranny.

The attempt to equate the peaceful protests of those persons acting within their rights and

within the framework of the law, with the violent brutality of mobsters operating wholly without, and in defiance of, the law is a service to confusion and to the further debase of due process and equality under law. This alleged reasoning is akin to insisting that Negro citizens who seek to register and vote in some localities are as guilty of creating a disturbance as are the white people who use violence to stop them.

• We further reject the contention that Negro citizens should voluntarily declare a moratorium on their efforts to challenge the denial of their rights and should permit segregation to-usual in the interest of lessened tensions. Never have the segregationists given an inch except under the pressure of court orders or economic boycotts. In these instances change has been reluctant, grudging and on a minimum basis, and has been accomplished only after last-ditch resistance.

• It is significant that the Freedom Bus Riders encountered no violence and bloodshed except in Alabama, the one state where the NAACP has been prevented from operating.

The Secretary conferred personally on May 15 (the day after the bus burning at Anniston, Ala.) with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy for one hour and urged Federal protection for the riders. In other statements and speeches the same protection has been demanded by the NAACP.

WEST POINT GRADUATES



CADET Kenneth L. Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramey H. Quinn, Louisville, Ky., will be graduated June 7 from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. Quinn will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps. At West Point he was active in the Spanish language, camera, sailing and weight-lifting clubs. (ANPhoto)



CADET Reginald J. Brown, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Brown, Richmond, Calif., will be graduated June 7 from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. Brown will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry.



MONEY TO MAINTAIN FAMILIES between planting and harvest is being provided by the AFL-CIO to 53 Negro farmers in Fayette and Haywood Counties, Tenn., who lacked funds from usual sources after they had registered to vote last year. Examining the list of those to receive the aid are left to right, Assistant Dir. Don Slaiman of the AFL-CIO Dept. of Civil Rights, Field Rep. Richard Haley of the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE), and Sec. Matthew Lynch of the Tennessee AFL-CIO, in whose office in Nashville the conference took place.



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE CLASSROOM — Pictured above are members of the W. G. Pearson Elementary School faculty who have taught at the school for 25 and more years. They were honored last week at the final meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association, of which William J. Holloway, counselor at North Carolina College, is president. Shown are Mrs. Ada E. Davis, Mrs. Julia D. Gamble, Mrs. Pearl Cordice, Mr. Thomas R. Webber, Mrs. Carlotta R. Holmes, and Mrs. Mahan B. Flemming.