

High Court Orders Ala. to Give NAACP Hearing

Action Seen as Step Toward Reopening Organization in Ala.

NEW YORK—One more step toward returning to activity in the State of Alabama was made possible this week by a ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court that Alabama courts must give the NAACP a hearing by January 2 or Federal courts will hear the case.

The NAACP has been barred since 1956 from soliciting members or contributions or from carrying on any program of activity in Alabama. A temporary injunction halting the NAACP was issued by a state court, but since June 1, 1958, the state courts have refused to hold a hearing on the merits of this case.

Robert L. Carter, general counsel of the NAACP, who devised the attack and directed the strategy in the Alabama case, commented that the latest Supreme Court ruling on October 23 is one "to make certain that state authorities do not continue to frustrate the NAACP's five-year effort to test the legality of the injunction."

In calling for Alabama to give the NAACP a hearing, the high court cited a 192 ruling which asserted:

"The (Constitution) requires that every man shall have the protection of his day in court and the benefit of the general law—a law which hears before it condemns, which proceeds not arbitrarily or capriciously but upon inquiry, and renders judgment only after trial."

The Supreme Court ruling was hailed by NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins as a "significant victory in the Association's struggle for survival against the determined assault of the Dixiecrats. It is a great tribute to the

skill, persistence and sagacity of Robt. L. Carter, our general counsel, who has three times carried this case to the Supreme Court despite the apprehensions of some who thought it a fruitless undertaking."

The case originated on June 1, 1956, when the attorney general of Alabama, without prior notice to the NAACP and without a hearing, secured a temporary restraining order banning all NAACP activities in the state.

The Association filed a motion to dissolve the temporary injunction, whereupon the state filed a motion to require the Association to submit certain documents, including the names and addresses of all its members in Alabama.

Fearing that disclosure of the required information would lead to reprisals, harassment and attempts to intimidate NAACP members by threats and economic pressures, the Association refused to reveal its members' names.

On being ordered to do so by the court, it refused to comply and was found in contempt and fined \$100,000. The effect of this action was to bar the NAACP from a hearing on the merits of the case until the contempt action had been settled.

Eventually, in 1957, the Supreme Court heard the case. In its decision handed down on June 30, 1958, the Court, for the first time, ruled that the Fourteenth Amendment guaranteed the right of individuals to band together to further their lawful objectives without being required to have their identity made public. This, the Court affirmed, is a constitutionally protected right to freedom of association.

A&T to Mark School's 70th Birthday Nov. 7



ATTY. CARTER
... Engineers Attack

GREENSBORO — A. and T. College will mark 70-years of service at the annual Founders Day exercises to be held here on Tuesday, November 7.

The indoor services, set for the Charles Moore Gymnasium beginning at 10:00 A.M., will feature a main address by Dr. Lewis N. Pino, director, Undergraduate Science Education Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C.

A well known organic chemist and science education specialist, Dr. Pino came to the NSF in 1959 and was elevated to his present post early this year.

A graduate of the University of

Buffalo in New York and from which he received the Ph.D. degree in chemistry, he has taught at Allegheny College and served as dean at Colorado College.

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, fifth president of the College, said the observance will pay recognition to the founding fathers and to those who have contributed to the growth and development of the institution.

The program begins with a formal military review by the Joint Corps, Air Force and Army ROTC cadets, to be held on the ROTC Drill Field, adjacent to the gymnasium, beginning at 9:00 A.M.



PROCTOR

A&T President To Speak Nov. 8 At Hillsboro

HILLSBORO — Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, president of A. and T. College and past president of Virginia Union University will be the principal speaker at the Orange County Teachers observance of American Education Week in Hillsboro, November 8, at 8 p.m. in the Central High School Gymnasium.

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, Dr. Proctor is the holder of the A.B. Degree, Virginia Union University; B.A. Degree, Crozer Theological Seminary, and the Th.D. Degree from Boston University. He is a member of the Execu-

tive Board of The Southern Regional Council, General Board of The National Council of Churches, National Committee 1960 White House Conference of Children and Youth, and member of the North Carolina "Stay in School" Commit-

tee. Proctor's recent travels include a study tour of European Baptist Communities in Switzerland, France, Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Soviet Union. Currently he has been lecturing at several of the nations leading universities.

The 1961 observance of American Education Week by the Orange County Unit of The North Carolina Teachers Association marks the third such program presented to the public in recent years, featuring an outstanding educator of North Carolina.

Agronomists at North Carolina State College say it is much easier to increase average corn yields from 20 to 50 bushels per acre, as Tar Heel farmers have done, than to increase them from 50 to 70. They are convinced it can be done, however, because individual growers in the state are making up to 150 bushels per acre.



NEW COMMANDER — Mayor William Goode, right, will shortly take over the helm at A. and T. College as professor of military science and in command of

the Army ROTC Detachment. A native of Norton, Va., he reported recently at the College following an assignment in Germany. He talks with Major

Lawrence D. Spencer, currently in charge of the detachment, who is to be assigned to a new post in Colorado.

New Bennett Dorm Is Named for Mrs. Cone

GREENSBORO — Trustees of Bennett College in their annual meeting Saturday named the new \$400,000 residence hall for Mrs. Laura Cone, of Greensboro, who retired this year after serving on the board for almost 30 years.

"The choice was unanimous," said Dr. F. D. Patterson, board chairman, "and was in recognition of Mrs. Cone's long years of service as chairman of the committee on buildings and grounds in many ways as a trustee."

The board was the authorization of a study covering the development of Bennett College over the next 10-year period. The study would consider the trend of enrollment, expansion of physical plant and requirements in terms of endowment and other resources to support any decisions which might be taken.

President Willa B. Player has been authorized to initiate steps

necessary to get this matter to the development committee of the board under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, of Detroit, Mich.

Following her annual report, with theme, "Commitment to Learning," Dr. Player was commended on the excellence of the program of instruction, this expanded student body and basic resources of the college which have taken place during the past year.

Mississippi Must Be Our Next Civil Rights Target, Urges King

ATLANTA, Georgia — The next attack on segregation must concentrate on Mississippi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. told the Atlanta University Center Town Meeting last week. In answer to a question from the floor, he said "Mississippi stands as a symbol of resistance. If we can break segregation there, other places will fall."

In his address the chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference said that he would never be satisfied until justice and freedom are realities for all of God's children.

"We are interested in complete integration, and we will not be satisfied until we have it," he added. "Token integration is little more than token democracy—it's really a new kind of discrimination."

Explaining the philosophy of non-violence, Dr. King said it is based

on the principle that the means must be as pure as the ends and on the consistent refusal to do injury to another.

"Of civil disobedience, he said 'We are not trying to evade the law as does the reactionary Southerner, who practices uncivil disobedience.' Defining just laws as those in line with the moral law of the universe and unjust laws those inflicted on the minority by the majority, but not applicable to the majority, he said man should obey only just laws."

Everything Hitler did was "legal," he said, everything the revolting Hungarians did "illegal." Later he said "Morality may not be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. A law won't make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me."

Internationally, he said, the world faces a choice between non-violence and non-existence.

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'Greater Effort' NCC's Theme For Second Half of Century

At about this same time last year, North Carolina College was beginning its "Golden Anniversary Year" with a proud boast of past accomplishments. As the start of classes for 1961 heralded what officials have termed "the opening of our school half century," there was evidence of an entirely new emphasis.

"We are justly proud of our past," President Alfonso Elder said in an opening address to faculty members, "but we must be even more mindful of newer challenges

in the decades ahead." The NCC chief executive called upon faculty members to give students better instruction on how to learn and how to think, to increase the quality of what is to be learned, and to insist that students meet higher standards of achievement.

This same theme ran through presidential messages to new students during orientation and was contained in a special message addressed to returning upperclassmen.



BUDDING "EGG-HEADS" AT NCC—Illustrating the current "more work and less play" emphasis at North Carolina College at Durham is this quartet of freshmen, all honor high school graduates, taking advantage of every available moment to "bone up" for classroom work. Review-

ing the day's lesson before entering the college's gate are Audrey Bowden of Charleston, S. C.; Anita Guess, Morrisville, N. C.; Horace Richardson, Wilson N. C.; and Brenda Lyons, Lexington, N. C.

Several factors are involved; the greater demand for competence in an increasingly technological society; an attempt to help define Governor Sanford's "quality education" program for colleges and schools in North Carolina; the pursuit of excellence for its own sake. But especially compelling is the concern all administrators at the college are expressing over the consistent failure of Negro students, on the whole, to measure up to standards of academic and intellectual achievement set by students throughout the country.

Although mindful of the well known relation between cultural background and performance on standardized tests, the NCC president feels the time has come to launch a full scale attack on the problem. To explain that the majority of Negro students come from culturally impoverished families of low income, he feels, is not to provide urgently needed solutions.

As speaker after during the intellectual achievement set by accomplishments of NCC a notable proportion of its graduates obtain advanced degrees; students qualify for scholarships and fellowships in national and regional competition; the college was one of the first predominantly Negro colleges to be admitted to full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is known throughout the country as one of the best colleges in this category. President Elder expressed the view that "we may be victims of too much praise."

Praiseworthy progress, he says, is too often determined by comparing ourselves with ourselves and with no one else. The college cannot be satisfied, he believes, until its students, on the whole, are competing successfully with students from institutions throughout the country.

Referring to the sit-in demonstrations of last year, President Elder told the faculty, "If we can somehow guide our students to feel as strongly about immediate academic quality as they feel about other

forms of inequality, then I believe that a giant step will have been taken in solving the problem of inequality in academic performance."

"In this rapidly integrating society of ours, the graduates of North Carolina College must compete intellectually with students from all other colleges in the country for jobs and opportunities. This competition is growing tougher each year. Not to compete successfully as individuals with the best trained minds will result in relegation to lower forms of jobs and opportunities."

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