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Closed Shop, Closed Unions In Industry, Declares Roy Wilkins

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The craft unions in the construction industry are "closed unions operating closed shops," Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, charged in an address at the third national conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in addition to Wilkins, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Whitney Young, Jr., participated in the conference called by the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and attended by 500 top executives of the nation's major corporations.

The Vice President called for an all-out effort by big industry to curb the massive unemployment among nonwhite workers in our cities. Young warned that Negro unemployment is "approaching a catastrophe."

"Construction unions," Wilkins said, "have imposed de facto closed shop arrangements that give the union effective job control. As far as the Negro worker is concerned, the skilled craft local in the building and construction trades are closed unions operating closed shops."

"This, of course, is a clear violation of the National Labor Relations Act as well as of executive orders banning racial discrimination. The excuse of unemployment in this industry is not valid." He cited a recent New York City report indicating an increase of 20,000 jobs in construction in that city.

The NAACP leader reviewed the efforts of the Association to level the color bar in construction industry employment in Philadelphia, New York City, Cleveland and elsewhere. Also cited were the more than 900 complaints filed by the NAACP with the President's Committee alleging job discrimination in plants of some of the country's largest corporations.

"The history of government contract compliance in relation to antidiscrimination provisions indicates that so-called 'voluntary compliance' is an inadequate approach," he said. Plans for Progress was instituted as a means of securing voluntary compliance with executive orders requiring non-discrimination.

"The encrusted traditions of anti-Negro practices by employers and certain powerful labor unions have become the traditional pattern in many industries and is deeply resistant to change," he asserted.

Recent rulings by the NLRB holding "that discrimination by a labor union is an unfair labor practice" were hailed by Wilkins as a "new note of progress." He cited also a noticeable increase of Negroes in higher-paying positions in government, industry, films and television.

Scholarships for Honor Students

NEW YORK.—National Distillers and Chemical Corporation has established two four year college scholarships for outstanding Negro students, it was announced today. The grants, called National Distillers Achievement Scholarships, are worth a maximum of \$6,000 each. They will be awarded this spring to students who will enter college in the fall.

Winners may elect any course of study in the liberal arts and sciences curriculum and may attend any accredited college of their choice. Schools selected by the students will also receive an annual grant. The scholarship will be awarded through the National Achievement Scholarship Program, a new project administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation of Evanston, Ill., a non-profit institution.

The National Achievement program, which gets underway this year, was created by grants from the Ford foundation. The National

Atty. Bullock, Baha'i Lecturer, House Guest of Mrs. Van Sombeek

Attorney Matthew Bullock, Baha'i Lecturer, was Mrs. Van Sombeek's house guest for two weeks. His family and hers have been friends over 30 years.

While here in Durham, Mrs. Van Sombeek gave luncheons and fellowship suppers in her home. Friends from N. C. College, Duke University and citizens of Durham were among the invited guests. Bullock told of his experiences over many years in many countries, other continents, including Africa and the Holy Land. While in Monrovia, Liberia, he was the guest of President Tubman.

He was born near Henderson, Educated in the north, graduated from Dartmouth and Harvard Law School, held some of the highest positions in his profession in the state of Massachusetts, before that, taught in some of the colleges in the South.

His main address was at NCC speaking on the topic "Fundamental Oneness of All Religions" and the "Oneness of Mankind," two important principals of the Baha'i Faith for World Peace.

Followers of the Baha'i Faith believe this will bring about the fulfillment of Christ's prophecy in His prayer "Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven."

Therefore, one can find followers of the Baha'i Faith, like Attorney Bullock, in all parts of the world, among all races, nations and peoples dedicated to deeds and actions, not only words and lip service, inspired by the Writings of the Messenger of God for this day, such as: "The Baha'i message is a call to religious unity and not an invitation to a new religion, not a new path to immortality, God forbid. It is the ancient path cleared of the debris of 'imaginations and superstitions of men, of the debris of strife and misunderstanding and is again made a clear path to the sincere seeker, that he may enter therein in assurance, and find that the word of God is one word, though the speakers are many."

Missing

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Reports to the effect that the FBI had entered the case could not be substantiated here Wednesday morning.

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Establishment of the new scholarships, an official of the company said, stems from its interest in helping to provide increased educational opportunity for promising Negro youth. This aim was also expressed, he said, in the company's support of the United Negro College Fund, the United Negro College special

Teachers

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Bulletins of information describing registration procedures and containing registration forms may be obtained from Dr. Shipman at the Department of Education.

Prospective teachers planning to take the tests should obtain their bulletins of information promptly, Shipman advised.

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North Carolina College at Durham or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, New Jersey.

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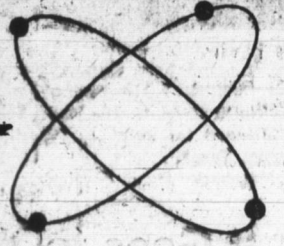


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