



SMITH

N. C. C. SENIOR TO TOUR WITH THEATRE GROUP

A North Carolina College senior dramatic art major, Bruce M. Smith, has been chosen to participate in a "Caravan Theatre" which will tour New England this summer presenting plays and readings related to peace, race, and other current social problems.

After each performance, audience and cast will discuss questions which may encourage constructive action on these issues. Dates for the theatre, which is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), are June 26-Aug. 28.

Smith, of Oxford, is president of the NCC Theatricals Club and has played major roles in such productions of the group as "Medea," "King Lear," "Witness for the Prosecution," and "The Lark." He is a graduate of Mary Potter High School, Oxford, and hopes to become a director.

The Caravan Theatre is one of three civil rights projects of the AFSC U.S. Projects Program for summer work and study. The program, in general, seeks "to build peace through small international groups, working, living, and learning together."

Urban League Meet Set For Miami Aug. 1-5

NEW YORK—Vice president Hubert Humphrey and Lawrence Cardinal Shehan Archbishop of Baltimore, will head a list of distinguished speakers at the National Urban League's 55th annual conference in Miami Beach August 1-5.

Other speakers include Undersecretary of Commerce and former governor of Florida LeRoy Collins, and the three mayors of Greater Miami—Elliott Roosevelt of Miami Beach, Robt. K. High of Miami and Charles F. Hall of Dade County.

A record-breaking number of persons have already registered in advance. More than 1,100 delegates and visitors are expected at the conference, the largest number at such a meeting, according to Ramon S. Scruggs, conference chairman and League vice president. Closing the economic and educational gap which separates Negroes from whites will be the theme.

According to Scruggs: "As the barriers fall, our opportunities will soar. We must match our expectations with determination and our hopes with grit. We must not allow our flaws as individuals to hold back our progress as a people."

Much of the conference work will be done in workshops and concentrated on Federal and local anti-poverty programs. Leaders of business, industry, labor, education, social welfare and the clergy will be among those attending workshop sessions on methods of wiping out

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Lessons In Success



Napoleon Hill

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA—World-famous author of the best seller "Think and Grow Rich" and "The Science of Personal Achievement", Dr. Napoleon Hill and his wife have set up a foundation to perpetuate the way to success, as he learned and practiced it from the nation's most successful men enabling him to join their ranks. From a mountaintop home near here, Dr. Hill's program will teach and otherwise disseminate throughout the world by publication and instruction.

It seeks to continue for the benefit of mankind the lifetime research, writing and teaching the philosopher and author outlined in Personal Success. Philosophies of Personal Achievement Dr. Hill practiced and followed to accomplish under the sponsorship of Andrew Carnegie.

Negro Progress To be Displayed World's Fair

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A special display, The Achievement and Progress of Negro America created by the African Heritage Organization will be on display beginning Monday, July 19, in the main auditorium at the Demonstration Center of the New York's World's Fair. The pictorial review of historical Negro achievements will be shown daily from 10:00 A. M. 'til 10:00 P.M. through October 17.

An exhibit of Mary McLeod Bethune, educator and founder, National Council of Negro Women, is a special feature among many other outstanding Negroes selected by members of the African Heritage Organization.

This special World's Fair exhibit will include outstanding Negroes in the fields of Science, Military, Politics, Sports, Theatre and Arts. There will be a recreation of Harriet Tubman's famous "Underground Railroad." Also in the Harriet Tubman exhibit will be "The Harriet Tubman Quilt" which was purchased by the National Council of Negro Women thru the efforts of Mrs. Howard Thurman, Chairman of the Library and Museum Department, and donations from members of the National Council of Negro Women. The quilt was designed by Ben Irwin and executed by the History Quilt Club of Marin City and Sausalito, California.



PLAN ALPHA CONVENTION
—A portion of the executive committee of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity which met at the organization's national headquarters in Chicago last weekend to plan the group's 39th general convention, Aug. 8-12 at the Sheraton-Chicago hotel is pictured in session. Seated, left to right, are Ferdinand Clark, finance and budget com-

mittee, Springfield, Ohio; Kermit J. Hall, director of conventions, Philadelphia; Dr. Lionel H. Newson, the fraternity's 22nd general president and president, Barber-Scotts College, Concord, N. C.; Atty. W. D. Hawkins, Jr., auditing committee chairman, Nashville; Dr. Gus T. Ridgel, comptroller, Frankfort, Ky.; and Laurence T. Young, Sr., general secretary

Chicago. Standing, left to right, are Leven C. Weiss, treasurer, Detroit; E. L. James, Jr., Charleston, W. Va.; and John D. Buckner, St. Louis. Pre-convention registration indicates that more than 1,000 delegates from every state in the nation will attend the meetings. Theme of the convention is: "Continuing the Thrust for Equality of Opportunity".

CORE Director Defends Deacons In N. Y. Weekly Newspaper

NEW YORK—James Farmer, National Director of CORE, spoke out this week in defense of the Louisiana-based "Deacons for Defense and Justice" organization—a group of Negroes in the South who have armed themselves to defend their homes against racist violence. Speaking in his weekly column, which appears in New York's Negro weekly, The Amsterdam News, Farmer said, in part:

"Let's get two things straight regarding the Deacons for Defense and Justice down in Louisiana. Yes, they tote guns and no they don't shoot first. A good deal of nonsense has been talked about the Deacons, most of it coming from the Southern press in an effort to discredit CORE, the Deacons, and even to justify violent reprisals and assaults from the Klan.

First, some history—the Deacons were originally formed in Jonesboro, Louisiana as a strict and disciplined defense organization. They did not and do not seek violence. But an embattled Negro community decided it needed to defend itself from the homicidal frenzy of the Klan and others in the state.

Some uninformed people like to compare the Deacons with the Klan and that's stupid. The Deacons don't lynch, burn, or assault. The deacons don't ride

shotgun in the enemy camp. Understand, the Deacons don't replace legal law enforcement—there is no such thing as legal law enforcement in much of the South that will protect a Negro citizen.

In fact, there is considerable amount of police complicity with the Klan assaults—enough so, that alarmed Negroes, fearful for the lives of their families armed, organized and walked a beat.

And I can't blame them. I can't find fault with a man for exercising his constitutional

right to protect his home with weapons if necessary. search for political, social and human rights, non-violence is the only practical mechanism at this moment in history. But I believe that when threatened, any man has the right to protect his life...retaining of course, the non-violent injunction inside a non-violent demonstration.

CORE is in the rights business and the Deacons are in the protecting business. I don't believe in electric chairs, because that is the society retaliating violently, but I do believe in the personal right of self-defense and can only work and hope that that right is rightly disciplined through organization such as the Deacons."

NAT'L LINKS MEET IN CINCINNATI TO PREPARE FOR '66 MEETING TO BE HELD IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

CINCINNATI—The National Links in Executive Council meeting in Cincinnati for a three day stint laid the ground works for launching the Boston Assembly in 1968. The Links' program deals with three facets: Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, and

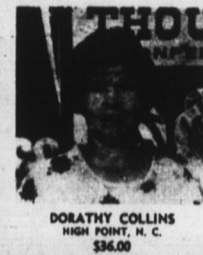
the Fine Arts. It is of great interest to note Links in their expanding efforts to meet the challenges involved in educating for democracy. To a national program of searching for youth with high academic potential has been added the dimension of providing service

for all youth,—and the powerful features of providing services to youth who are educationally disadvantaged and culturally deprived. The Boston Assembly of 1968 continues the youth features with the formal launching of the emphasis on the Fine Arts.

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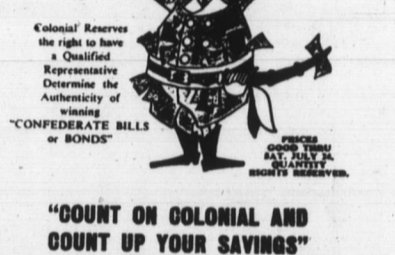


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