

## West Va. State Names Bldg. In Honor of Dr. J. W. Davis

INSTITUTE, West Virginia—West Virginia State College last week dedicated the \$1,500,000 "John W. Davis Fine Arts Building," part of its 75th anniversary celebration.

The new structure houses the college's graphic arts, dramatic and music departments and is slated to accommodate an estimated 1,200 students per semester.

It is named for Dr. John W. Davis, former president of the college, who retired in 1953, after having administered the institution's growth from 27 students to 1,850.

Dr. Davis became president of West Virginia State in 1919, following a brief period as secretary of the YMCA in Washington, D. C., and at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Following the U. S. Supreme Court's historic school integration ruling in 1954, U.S. Solicitor General, Thurgood Marshall—then Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., asked Dr. Davis to join his staff as Special Director, Teacher Information and Security.

In this capacity, Dr. Davis still works to protect Negro teachers in communities making the transition to integrated schools preventing their dismissal when possible, and securing redress and jobs for

them when necessary.

Dr. Davis' efforts have been expanded to include close cooperation with teachers' organizations in the southern states. He also directs the Herbert Lehman Education Fund.

He helped to set up an emergency fund to provide financial assistance to temporarily displaced teachers, furnished information for their professional improvement and guided research that has aided lawyers in bringing suits on behalf of teachers.

## CR Commission Urges More Fed. Examiners

WASHINGTON, D. C.—More Federal examiners should be assigned to register Negro voters in the South, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights recommended this week.

The examiners, the Commission suggested in a report on the first two months of the implementation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, should be assigned to "all remaining political subdivisions covered by the Act in which registration facilities or in which applicants are being disqualified for failure to meet a literacy requirement."

The Commission also recommended affirmative Federal programs which would encourage individuals to register to vote and at the same time give them a better understanding of the rights and duties of citizenship.

The U.S. Civil Service Commission which provides and supervises the Federal examiner program should initiate an information program which would notify all unregistered voters of the qualifications re-

quired for registration and the times and places they could be registered by examiners. The Commission report noted that there has been a sharp decline in voter registration after an initial period of high registration in counties with examiners as well as in counties where State registration officials allow Negroes to register freely.

## Trial Lawyers To Hold Session At Duke Univ.

BOSTON, Mass.—How does an attorney translate medial terminology into legal terminology so that the client and the court can understand it? The 20,000 member American Trial Lawyers Association will answer this, among other timely questions, when it brings its traveling seminar—"Damages and Settlement"—to the Duke University Law School in Durham, on Saturday, December 11.

Chairman for the seminar, ATL Governor Chas. F. Blanchard of Raleigh, extends an open invitation to all attorneys in the state of North Carolina to become "students for the day" at this meeting and learn the difficult art of settlement negotiation.

Underlining the educational impact of the seminar—part of the ATL Continuing Education Program—law students at the University will be welcomed free of charge.

A volunteer team of some of the foremost trial experts in nation will act as faculty and present realistic trial demonstrations—the best, most graphic means to teach trial skills—and clear, concise lectures on the changing, complex art of settlement negotiation.

As educational aids, complimentary copies of two valuable reference texts will be distributed—"Damages and Settlement" and "Examination of Witnesses."

The "students" will learn the answers to many troublesome questions arising from the settlement of personal injury claims, such as: How can the irreparable loss of a wife or mother be translated into tangible pecuniary damages? How can the defendant's physician be used to develop the plaintiff's pain and suffering? How to explain to an injured or bereaved client the full meaning and necessity of negotiation to settle a claim.

The noted faculty will be headed by ATL President Joseph Kelnor of New York, and includes National Secretary and Governor Herbert E. Greenstone of New Jersey, Chairman of the Admiralty Committee Louis R. Harolds of New York, Governor Max Israelson of Maryland, National Seminar Committee Co-Chairman Verne Lawyer of Iowa, Governor Stanley E. Preiser of West Virginia, and Tort Editors William B. Whitaker of Florida and Jerome L. Yesko of New Jersey.

## Intervenes In Behalf of 4,000 Watts Rioters

WASHINGTON—The California courts were charged last week with sweeping "under the rug" the cases of more than 4,000 Negroes arrested during the Watts riots.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., plus the Los Angeles chapter "chapter of the NAACP asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review a suit that names three Los Angeles Courts—the Municipal, Juvenile, and the Superior Courts, along with 21 Los Angeles judges.

The two civil rights groups also asked that the cited courts be enjoined from taking further proceedings until there is a hearing. The civil rights attorneys ask the high court to define "the relation between the state and those who, because of poverty and neglect, have been excluded from society."

Negroes, the attorneys continue "who have despaired of proceeding through the lawful process have now become caught up in the machinery of the law—the enforcer of the standards of that society."

The California Courts are being charged with neglecting willful laws this, among other the Negroes of the charges against them, to inquire as to whether they could afford legal counsel and to appoint counsel when needed.

Negro petitioners named in this suit and others interviewed, asserted that they had no legal representation at their initial arraignments and the District Attorney argued that bail be set at three times the normal level.

## 5 Professors In Administrative Change at A&T

GREENSBORO—Five professors at A. and T. College are involved in a series of administrative changes completed last week.

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president, in announcing the shifts, listed a new position, a director of Planning and Development.

Dr. F. A. Williams, who until his appointment was director of Extended Services, will serve in the new position. Dr. Dowdy said the new office will embrace the functions normally associated with fund raising, alumni affairs and public relations.

Dr. Williams, a 1931 graduate of A. and T., holds the master of science degree from Michigan State University and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin. He had served previously as dean of the Graduate School, prior to taking a two-year foreign assignment in the Republic of Sudan in Africa.

Dr. Virgil C. Stroud, professor of political science and history, who for the past two years has served as acting chairman of the Department of Social Sciences, has been named chairman of the Department.

J. Niel Armstrong, associate professor of education and director of the Summer School, has been appointed acting dean of the Graduate School. He replaces Dr. George C. Royal, currently on leave for a teaching-research assignment in Philadelphia.

Lt. Col. William Goode, U.S. Army Ret., is the new dean of men. The former professor of military science, in charge of the Army ROTC Detachment at the college, Goode is a graduate of Knoxville College and has had 25 years of military service.

He replaces Jimmie I. Barber, who has been appointed director of housing. Barber is a graduate of A. and T. College and holds the masters degree from New York University.



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