

Baptists Support Adam Powell; Urge Pardon



INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN HISTORIAN SHAW SPEAKER
Dr. John Hope Franklin, center, internationally known historian and professor of American History and professor of American History at the

University of Chicago, is shown here last Friday, shortly after addressing a capacity audience in Greenleaf Auditorium. Left to right are: Dr. John R. Larkins, Shaw trustee; Miss Jose-

phine Walker, senior from Blackstone, Va.; Dr. Franklin; Charles B. Robson, assistant professor of history; and Joseph Goodson, senior from Raleigh.

Dr. Franklin In Informative Shaw Address

RALEIGH—"We live in a nation so young, yet so unenlightened on the history of the Negro people," Dr. John Hope Franklin, internationally known historian, told the faculty, students and visitors at Shaw University in Greenleaf Auditorium Friday morning (January 27).

Addressing an assembly audience, the renowned professor of American History at the University of Chicago, was introduced by Dr. John Rodman Larkins, a trustee of Shaw.

Using as his subject, "The New American History," Dr. Franklin declared, "One historian wrote a book during this generation in which he stated, 'So far as I know, Negroes have made no significant contributions.'"

He further commented, "This author completely ignored the fact that Negroes have fought in all wars, their role in the building of this great and prosperous nation, developing crops and adding to the economy in general," he receiving lower wages.

Author of a number of books, including "From Slavery To Freedom," Dr. Franklin cited many beliefs held by some Americans years ago. Among these were the oft-espoused theory that the Negro is innately inferior since his role required no thought; and some believed, Franklin said, that what Negroes did do was not worthy of attention.

"Some historians," the illustrious speaker averred, "had no understanding of the fact that Negroes have been most conscientious and zealous keepers of this country's conscience. They have shared the white man's problems."

"After contributing to the winning of the civil war," said Dr. Franklin, the race found itself left out of everything."

Maddox Names Two Negroes

ATLANTA, Ga.—Not all of the Negroes in Georgia believe that Governor Lester Maddox is against them. This was evident Monday when he named two to the 200-member State Democratic Executive Committee.

It was learned that Maddox has chosen Negro Rep. R. A. Dent of Augusta as one of the 100 members he selects for the 200-member committee.

Maddox also has selected Atlanta banker Mills B. Lane, Jr., a supporter of Maddox's opponents in the past, for the committee.

Dent was the only Negro who was voted for Maddox in the legislature and was the only Negro legislator to attend the governor's inauguration.

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Wilkins Says Filibuster Vote Is "Kick In The Teeth"

NEW YORK — The Senate's refusal Tuesday, Jan. 24, to permit a vote on a motion to bring about a change in the anti-filibuster rule represents "a victory for standpatism within that body," said Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. Wilkins, who sat in the Senate gallery and witnessed the 53 to 46 defeat of the

petition, told newsmen that "while the rest of the country moves ahead, the Senate stands still facing backward."

He said defeat of the anti-filibuster resolution, which would have reduced the majority needed for cloture from two-thirds to three-fifths of those present and voting, was "a kick in the teeth to possible civil rights and other progressive legislation coming be-

fore the Congress in the future."

The filibuster rule, in the past, has been used to block civil rights legislation.

Defeat of the bipartisan drive to make it easier to break a filibuster, Mr. Wilkins said, "aids extremists who will cite the vote as illustrating the futility of working through established channels to gain improvements in the civil rights area."

SCLC Warns Of Disaster In Grenada, Mississippi

Church Believed Burned by Enemies Of CR Workers

ATLANTA, Ga.—Dr. Ralph David Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference this week warned of "disastrous consequences in Grenada, Miss., if our civil rights workers and the Negro community there are not given adequate protection by federal, state and local authorities."

The warning came in the wake of a fire Sunday night at the Bell Flower Baptist Church, which provided an office for the SCLC staff in Grenada. The blaze destroyed or badly damaged much of the church's roof, interior, furnishings, records, and heating equipment.

"We can not help wondering if enemies of the Grenada County Freedom Movement set fire to the church," Dr. Abernathy said. "It is only natural that we suspect this. Some residents of the church neighborhood in Grenada reported hearing sounds like explosions when the fire started. Also, our staff members and local Negro parents and children have been subjected to harassment, threats and terrible physical abuse ever since last summer when the Southern Christian Leadership Conference began an all-out drive for equality and justice in Grenada."

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Former Instructor at North Carolina College Passes in Ga.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Miss Ruth Gwendolin Rush, one of the moving forces at North Carolina College for 38 years, was funeralized here Thursday.

Death came to Dean Rush Sunday night. She had been in ill health for several months. From 1915, five years after Dr. James E. Shepard founded NCC, until 1953, "Miss Rush" served NCC with devotion and loyalty.

Dr. Shepard named her dean of women in 1925. She was his right hand from then until his death in 1947. From 1948 until 1953 she served as dean of women.

Her ties with the Shepard family were close and remained unbroken until her death.

One of the nation's early Negro women to receive advanced training at Radcliffe, Harvard, and Columbia universities, Miss Rush was unassuming and worked tirelessly in the interest of improving the lot of the Negro as she knew it. She worked through churches and the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs. This group named her its president for seven consecutive terms.

She was a native of Atlanta. She graduated from Clark College in 1914 and later was awarded the M.Ed. degree by



MISS RUSH

Harvard. On two separate occasions, 1925-1926 at Radcliffe and 1930-1931 at Columbia University, Miss Rush studied personnel and educational administration.

From 1953 until 1958 Miss Rush served actively as dean of students at Spelman College in Atlanta.

The Rev. Joseph E. Boone eulogized Miss Rush at Rush Memorial Congregational Church, a church founded by Miss Rush's father.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Emma C. Brown and one son, Dean Rush. 2A

U. S. Largest Organization Pleads For NY Congressman

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In an impassioned and strongly worded resolution the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc. through its Board of Directors meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas last week urged the U. S. Congress to pardon...

The resolution, presented by Dr. J. H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the Convention stated that the six million, three hundred thousand Negro Baptist "do not sit in judgment on Rep. Powell for we have not the facts or the legal background to make such a decision. 'As taxpayers we would say that if Congressman Powell has not conducted the affairs of the Committee according to rules and plans laid down by the Congress and if his Committee knowingly or unknowingly sat idly by and allowed this to happen without a constant reminder, they, too, must share some of the guilt assessed against him.'"

The resolution stated that the Baptist Convention did not seek "to make this strictly a racial issue." Moreover the statement said the Baptist Convention was not a part of those "who seek to use the type of pressure displayed on the steps of the Congress building as a means of determining the legislative and legislative procedure of the Congress."

The Nation's largest Negro organization in its statement disassociated itself "... from any voices of threats designed to intimidate the President of the United States. We, as a race, must increasingly make it known that such unprincipled and misguided voices do not

represent the thinking of the vast majority of Negro Americans."

Dr. Jackson presented the statement to more than two thousand Baptist Board members and pastors meeting at their mid-winter session which was unanimously adopted.

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EASTLAND SUIT U. S. Supreme Court Sets Hearing Date



PALMER PRESENTS CHECK for \$500 on legal defense fees following her dismissal as a teacher in Enfield. John H. E. B. Palmer, executive secretary, North Carolina Teachers Association, presents a check to Mrs. Willa Johnson. Mrs. Johnson sued the Board of Education of Halifax County

Feb. 20 Set as Trial Day for Miss. Senator

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The U. S. Supreme Court has set hearings for February 20 on the question of whether congressional immunity protects Sen. James O. Eastland from a damage suit for illegal actions.

The question arises from a suit filed against the Mississippi senator by the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), a civil rights organization based in Louisville, Ky.

SCEF charges that Eastland, who is chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS), conspired to bring about raids on the SCEF offices in New Orleans in 1963. The suit seeks \$250,000 each from the senator and J. G. Sourwine, chief counsel for SISS.

The suit states that the central issue is whether any man, as a result of his position, is wholly above the law. SCEF lawyers are appealing a lower court decision that Eastland is immune from suit for his actions against SCEF, because he could not have carried out those actions if he had not been a member of the Congress.

What this means, they say, is that "wherever the legislator uses his official position to facilitate or cloak his illegal or criminal activities," he can plead immunity.

The lawyers point out that "this is the heart of the problem. No greater danger to a free society exists than the concept that men in high

NCTA Presents \$500 To Enfield Teacher

V.P. Humphrey to Address AME Meeting in Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey will deliver the principal address at the Kittrell College Founders Day Celebration to be held in Washington Friday, Feb. 10. The Vice President will climax the event with an address at the Allen-Lincoln-Douglas Awards banquet to be held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel at 7:30 p.m. He will be presented by Bishop George W. Baber, presiding prelate of the Second Episcopal District of the AME Church.

Bishop Baber, along with the Rt. Reverends Henry C. Bunton of the CME Church, Raymond C. Jones of the AMEZ Church, and religious leaders of other denominations, will present the Vice President an award commemorating his unselfish and humanitarian service to the nation.

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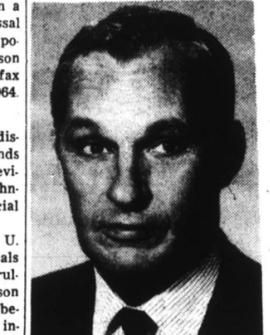
E. B. Palmer, executive secretary, North Carolina Teachers Association, presented to Mrs. Willa Johnson, a former teacher of Enfield, a check for \$500 Tuesday, as a payment from the National Education Association's Million Dollar Defense Fund, for legal fees in a case involving her dismissal as a teacher due to alleged political activities. Mrs. Johnson filed suit against the Halifax County school board in 1964, following her dismissal.

The District Court had dismissed the case on grounds that there was insufficient evidence to prove that Mrs. Johnson was dismissed for racial reasons.

In June 1966, the Fourth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court ruling that Mrs. Willa Johnson was discharged primarily because her outside activities interfered with her teaching duties. Attorney Richard Morgan of the National Education Association, released the text of a telegram as follows: "Willa Johnson Case reversed and remanded to the District Court with instructions to enter an

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DEMING

Former Uganda Ambassador In Annual Event

Former U. S. Ambassador to Uganda the Hon. Olcott H. Deming will be among the participants in White Rock Baptist Church's second annual Human Relations Institute here Feb. 10-12.

Ambassador Deming, now diplomat in residence in the Research Triangle Area, will be the featured speaker at 11 a. m. on Sunday Feb. 11. This is the annual Goodwill Day Observance.

The institute opens at 12 noon with a ministers' session on Friday, Feb. 10. Featured speaker-consultant See AMBASSADOR 2A

A NEW TEAM Co-Chairmen of the National Sports Committee in support of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) take their positions.

From left are Maury Wills of the Pittsburgh Pirates (standing in for the ailing Bill White); Jack Greenberg, LDF director-counsel; Bill Russell (LDF) take their positions.

and Gale Sayers of the Chicago Bears. Sayers, Russell, and White head team seeking \$100,000.00 for the LDF. (NVI Photo)