

NAACP Seeks To Restore Peace In Riot Areas

NEW YORK—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People mobilized many of its units for duty in strife-torn communities throughout the nation last week, in an effort to calm racial tensions and to bring peace to ghetto areas in which violence has erupted.

A white policeman shot and killed a Negro burglary suspect, NAACP State Field Director Marvin Davies and other civil rights leaders toured the Central Avenue riot area and urged teenagers to stay off the streets.

Meanwhile, NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins met with other civil rights leaders in upstate New York on June 13, to develop plans to combine organizational efforts in Cleveland, Ohio, this summer to ease racial tensions and wipe out inequality and injustice.

Clark, head of the Metropolitan Applied Research Center, which sponsored the meeting.

In Cincinnati, Dr. Bruce H. Green, president of the local NAACP branch, said: "While we certainly cannot condone violence... we must condemn the conditions of poverty, lack of employment, dilapidated housing and sub-human conditions in which ghetto residents are required to live."

Kenneth Guscott, president of the Boston, Mass., NAACP Branch, called on U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark to launch an investigation of police brutality charges brought by Negroes during weekend riots which started June 3 in the slum section of Roxbury, a Boston neighborhood.

Guscott told a delegation of Negroes who complained of police mistreatment. In a meeting of community leaders, Guscott also added that "those who commit violence in the name of civil rights only do a greater damage to that cause."

"We, as always, will respect and defend the rights of any persons unjustly or unlawfully treated."

Freak Pool Accident Takes Life Of Youth In Chapel Hill



PRINCIPALS IN COMING EVENT—Shown are the principals in the 16th annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Zion Church, who will participate in the event, scheduled to meet at First AMEZ Church, McDonough St. at Tompkins, Brooklyn, N. Y., August 5-12.

mediate past-editor, Woman's Column; Mrs. Minnie D. Hurley, New York, treasurer; Mrs. Cordelia M. Elliott, Indianapolis, Indiana, supervisor, 4th Wilmington, N. C., supervisor, 3rd district; Mrs. Amelia Tucker, Louisville, Ky., supervisor, 6th district and first Negro woman member of the Kentucky Legislature; Mrs. Josie E. Fuller, Cincinnati, Ohio, retiring superintendent, Buds of Promise; Standing, Mrs. Dorothy K. Walls, Chicago, Ill., superintendent, 1st district; Mrs. Minnie Miller Jones, Salisbury, N. C., supervisor, 2nd district; Mrs. Alcistis Coleman, Salisbury, N. C., retiring 2nd vice-president.

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CHAPEL HILL—For nearly three quarters of an hour Friday afternoon, spectators and swimmers had been thrilled by the expert execution of fancy and difficult dives from the high board at the Roberson Street swimming pool.

It happened in a split second. At about 6:05, James Edward Ward lay crumpled on the concrete under the board. The crowd's exhilaration turned to gloom. According to eye witnesses, Ward made an approach to the edge of the board, made his spring, apparently changed his mind, did a second spring, turned in mid-air as if to go back to start another dive. It was as he came down from the second spring that his right foot missed the board and he went under.

In less than fifteen minutes, Ward was receiving treatment at North Carolina Memorial Hospital's intensive care division. It was reported that he suffered abrasions on his back, lacerations on his right shoulder and severe brain damage.

W. Rock Pastor To Preach at Jack Tar Sun.

The Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, will preach at the "Upper Room" Hour of the Inter-State International Court Order of Cyrene of United States of America, Sunday, June 25, at 8:00 a.m. at the Jack Tar Hotel.

The Male Chorus of White Rock, under the direction of Theodore Freeland, will sing for the occasion.

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Watts Hill Jr. Named Chairman Of Home Security Board Of Directors

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Arthur Clark New President Local Ins. Co.

The Board of Directors of Home Security Life Insurance Company of Durham announced Tuesday (June 20) the election of Watts Hill Jr. as chairman of the board and Arthur W. Clark as president.

Former Chairman George Watts Hill will continue on the board and as chairman of the executive committee. He had served as board chairman for 27 years and, prior to that, as president for five years.

Home Security, now in its 51st year of operation, has over \$575 million insurance in force, and 615 employees including representatives in N. C., S. C., Ga. and Fla.

Clark, who has served as executive vice president since 1964 and director since 1961, is chairman of the company's finance committee. He joined the staff of Home Security in 1948 and was director of planning from 1952-58 and vice president from 1959-63.

AMEZ Foreign Missionary Meet Slated For Brooklyn

PITTSBURGH — Mrs. Emma B. Watson, president, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, AME Zion Church, announced, this week, that plans and program are complete for the 16th quadrennial meeting of the Society, at First AME Zion Church, Tompkins Street at McDonough, Brooklyn, N. Y., August 5-11.



Registration and social activities are scheduled for Saturday, August 5. A well rounded program of orientation to Brooklyn and environs has been planned that will include even the children.

MEN'S DAY SPEAKERS—Mt. Gilead Baptist Church will observe Men's Day on Sunday, June 25, with special programs for morning and evening services, according to Jesse L. Allen, Chairman of the Program Committee.

Maceo A. Sloan, (left) Vice President, Home Office Operations, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, is scheduled to deliver the morning address. Dennis McCaskill, (right) Principal of Merrick Moore School, will be speaker for the evening program. Both speakers are active in the civic and religious life of the Durham community.

The Sunday program will keynote the opening. Bishop S. Darne Lartey, the first native-born African ever to preside in Africa, will deliver the sermon. He has charge of the work in Ghana. The prelate of West Africa, Bishop A. G. Dunston, Jr., will address the assembly at 3 p.m., Sunday. The first day services will close with a sermon by Bishop W. A. Hilliard, immediate past prelate of West Africa and chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The business sessions will be held on Sunday, June 25.

Ruling Pleases Att'ys Carter, Weinberger

NEW YORK — Commenting on the Supreme Court's unanimous ruling, June 12, invalidating Virginia's anti-miscegenation laws, NAACP General Counsel Robert L. Carter and Andrew D. Weinberger, New York lawyer and a member of the Association's Board of Directors, said in a joint statement: "We are pleased that the Supreme Court has handed down this long overdue decision. In a free, democratic society, people should be free to marry whomever they choose without any restrictions based on race or color."



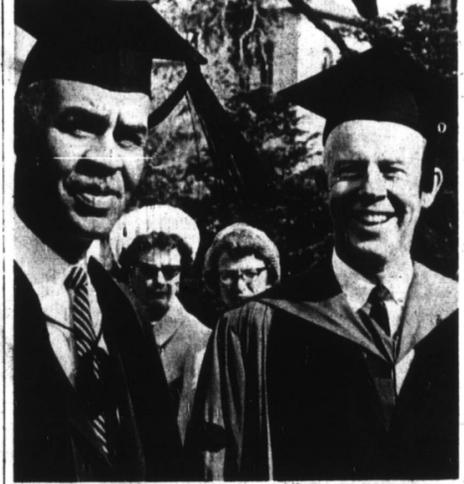
NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS of the Old North State Medical Association elected at the 80th convention in Winston-Salem last week are left to right: Dr. R. C. Roane, Wilmington, Dr. Willard, Winston-Salem, board of directors; Dr. Frank Sullivan, Wilson, recording secretary; Dr. J. P. Green, Henderson, president; Dr. Flotilla Watkins, Greensboro, first vice president; Dr. R. W. McDowell, Raleigh, second vice president; Dr. J. S. Cochran, Weldon, president-elect and Dr. W. T. Armstrong, Rocky Mount, secretary-treasurer.

Seized in the plot were an assistant elementary school principal, a teacher, a Navy management analyst, an anti-poverty worker, a welfare department clerk and members of a secret, violent-advocate organization known as the Revolution Action Movement or RAM, police reported.

Also involved were members of several other pro-violence organizations of pro-Castro, pro-Chinese and Black Liberation Front.

N.Y. Mother of Eight Awarded B.S. Degree

NEW YORK—Mrs. Felicia R. Wright, who received a Bachelor of Science degree from New York University's School of Education on June 13, brought her own personal cheering section to Commencement exercises—six of her eight children. Mrs. Wright, a high school dropout, is 38 years old. She entered NYU in 1962, after graduating from the two-year New York City Community College. Earlier, she earned her high school diploma in evening classes which she attended beginning in 1956.



ACADEMIC PROCESSION—NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins and Oberlin College President Robert K. Carr in academic procession at the opening of the 134th anniversary commencement exercises on Tappan Square. In presenting the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws to Wilkins, the civil rights leader was cited as a "wise, compassionate, determined, effective leader, who came early and stayed late in the ever-demanding business of securing freedom and equality for all." Wilkins delivered the commencement address after the previously scheduled speaker, UN Secretary-General U. Thant, had to cancel because of the Middle East crisis.

According to Mr. Weinberger, there are 50,000 known Negro-white marriages in the United States. He estimates that there is a much larger number of such marriages between white persons and persons of some African ancestry who have passed over into the white community.

Plot To Assassinate NAACP Head Uncovered By Police

NEW YORK — An abortive plot to assassinate top Negro leaders, take over the government of the United States and other leading nations of the world was uncovered by police this week. With lightning like thrusts, police in large numbers swarmed into residential sections Wednesday morning following which they arrested 17 persons, 16 of whom were Negroes.

In addition to the persons arrested, police also seized a machine gun, 30 other weapons, helmets, radio transmitting equipment, telescopes, several hundred rounds of ammunition and an amount of explosives.

Stated for assassination were Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, Whitney M. Young, Jr., Urban League official and other prominent leaders of the non-violent approach in the civil rights struggle.

NCC Summer School Enrollment 250 Higher Than Last Year

North Carolina College's summer enrollment is some 250 persons more than at a comparable time last year, a report Friday by Dr. C. L. Patterson, acting director, revealed. The college held registration June 12 and completed a week of classes Friday.

Patterson indicated that by noon Friday 1277 students had registered, as compared with some 900 at the end of the first week in 1966. He also noted an increase in undergraduate over graduate enrollment this year and predicted daily enrollments until the close of registration on June 21.

The college's new six-week intersession, which begins June 26 and can accommodate 400 graduate students, may bring an additional 200 to 250 students.

Virginia State Professor Earns Ph.D. Degree

PETERSBURG—Aubrey S. Escoffery, a native of New Haven, Conn., and associate professor of psychology at Virginia State College, has received the degree of doctor of philosophy in psychology from the University of Connecticut.

Mr. Escoffery joined the staff of Virginia State College in 1952 and from 1957-59 was a teaching fellow at the University of Connecticut where he was pursuing course work for his doctorate.

Poor Reading Score Shocks Ass'n Officials

DETROIT, Mich. — Stressing the need for cooperation among parents, students and teachers, Miss June Shagaloff, NAACP director for education, expressed shock and dismay at the reading scores of students at a local high school. The results of tests administered at Northwestern High School showed that a significant number of children entering the 10th grade were reading at fifth-grade level or below.

In a hard-hitting address before the High School Study Commission, Miss Shagaloff insisted that inner city schools may have to abandon traditional subjects in the lower grades and begin to "give kids the most basic skills first."