

Seminar In Economics Held At State College

PETERSBURG—The Economics Seminar Committee, a group of business and civic leaders from the tri-cities area, held its annual meeting recently in Petersburg to evaluate the economics seminars held at Virginia State College during the past academic year.

Under the direction of Dr. Huey J. Battle, head of the committee and professor of economics at VSC, the group discussed the three sessions held during the year to investigate the problems of marginal-skilled workers.

ATTENDANCE at the three sessions totaled 519.

During the meeting the 14 leaders gave frank opinions about the three sessions and the continuance of the seminars, and the group decided to give more energy to publicizing the seminars to increase participation by business leaders in the area.

NEXT YEAR'S three sessions will be held after the first of the year, eliminating the fall session date. Thus the seminars are to be held once in February and twice in March to preserve continuity.

Among those present at the recent meeting to evaluate the seminars were:

Otto Parker, vice-president, First and Merchants, Petersburg.
Dr. Davide N. Bader, veterinarian, Colonial Heights.
Mrs. Arline Phillips, Virginia Employment Commission, Petersburg.
Dr. Edward W. Whitlow, director, School of Commerce, Virginia State College, Petersburg.
Wesley C. Garr, Jr., public relations officer, Virginia State College, Petersburg.
Bernardin F. Dabney, development officer, Virginia State College.
John G. Savers, Bank of Virginia, Petersburg.
J. Wilson Monroe, vice-president, Rucker Rose stock, Petersburg.
Willard Peet, deputy director, Support Services, Fort Lee.
Walter Johnson, president, Johnson Cleaners, Colonial Heights.
E. B. McDonal, plant manager, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company, Petersburg.
Richard T. Wilson, III, vice-president, State-Planters Bank, Petersburg.
Dr. H. H. Battle, chairman, Economics Seminar Committee, Virginia State College, and Mrs. M. G. Wilson, Secretary, Economics Seminar Committee, Virginia State College, Petersburg.

News Briefs

Africans Riot at Funeral

NAIROBI, Kenya — Thousands of rival tribesmen rioted Tuesday outside the cathedral where funeral services were being held for slain government leader Tom Mboya. Scores were injured. Tear gas seeped into the church and choked mourners.
Jeering Luo tribesmen, the followers of Mboya who believe he was shot by a Kikuyu, sparked the rampage by pelting stones, sticks and shoes at President Jomo Kenyatta as he entered the cathedral. Kenyatta is a Kikuyu and a political idol of black Africans.
Kikuyus waded in for revenge and police charged the melee swinging nightsticks and firing tear gas at 30 second intervals. The crowd of about 100,000 persons smashed shop windows and windshields as it retreated, kicked over trashcans, trampled flower beds and stoned cars. Fistfights flared everywhere.

Occupy Hilltops

VIENTIANE, Laos — Laotian government troops have occupied most hilltops surrounding strategic Muong Soui and enemy forces who took the outpost 11 days ago have burrowed in at the foot of the hills, the acting defense minister said Tuesday.
The official, Tiao Sisoumang Sisaleumsak, said Muong Soui itself was empty of forces of either side.

Air Surveillance

NORFOLK, Va. — A spokesman for the Navy's Commander in Chief Atlantic Fleet (Cinclant) said Tuesday the Navy is conducting regular air surveillance of seven Russian warships which are steaming to Cuba for what the Kremlin said is a "friendly visit."
Navy Cmdr. F. R. Ellis, Cinclant deputy public information officer, said the Russian ships are more than 200 miles off the U. S. coast. "There's nothing sinister about them," Ellis said.

Title Change

MOSCOW — Dang Quang Minh presented his credentials Tuesday to President Nikolai V. Podgorny as ambassador of what is called the Provisional Government of South Vietnam.
The ceremony represented only a change in title. Minh has been serving here as permanent representative of Viet Cong's National Liberation Front.
The Viet Cong's provisional government had announced earlier that its representatives in Communist capitals had been redesignated ambassadors. m138ped July 8

Red Warships Are Reminder

LONDON — The Kremlin's dispatch of seven warships to Cuba is a reminder to President Nixon that Soviet influence extends close to American shores, Communist diplomats said Tuesday.
The Soviet leadership was annoyed by Nixon's decision to visit Romania next month and consider it a veiled intrusion into Russian political sphere.
The U. S. must expect a corresponding Soviet reaction, the diplomats said.
Communist diplomats here said Nixon's trip to Romania disturbs the Kremlin hierarchy because it is coming at a time when Soviet influence in Bucharest is being contested.
The U. S. R. is hitting back "in its own way" by sending the rocket-equipped flotilla to Cuba, the diplomats said.
Showing the flag has become a big factor in the Kremlin's global policy. This has been underscored by the growing presence of the Soviet fleet in the Mediterranean and a recent task force visit to Africa and the Indian subcontinent. The choice of Cuba, however, has added motives.

New York Nets Acquire Hunter

NEW YORK — Les Hunter, a 6-foot-7, 235-pound forward who played for the Loyola of Chicago national championship team in 1963, has been purchased by the New York Nets from the Miami Floridians of the American Basketball Association for an undisclosed sum. Hunter averaged 16.7 points last season.

Noble Example

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Oduwegwu Ojukwu, leader of secessionist Biafra, sent President Nixon a message quoting from the American Declaration of Independence and saying the same principles apply to his people. Biafra radio in a broadcast monitored here said the quote was "We hold these truths... pursuit of happiness" and that Ojukwu told Nixon, "This noble example has been a source of inspiration to my people."



RECENT GRADUATE

MISS JUDITH DENISE BROWN, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter M. Brown of Silver Spring, Maryland, former residents of Durham, and granddaughter of Mrs. Mary T. Horton of this city, was recently graduated from the Montgomery Blair High School of Silver Spring. In addition to her varied school activities, one of which being a member of the orchestra, Miss Brown was President of the Youth Fellowship Council of the Woodside United Methodist Church of Silver Spring and Co-chairman of the Christian Citizenship Committee of the Baltimore Conference Council on Youth Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

For the summers of 1966 and 1967, she was a scholarship participant at the Hull House Music and Art Camp in East Troy, Wisconsin. At the camp, her area of special concentration was the Viola. She is also the immediate past president of the Senior Teen Group of the Montgomery County, Maryland Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Miss Brown will enroll at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, in September to pursue a degree in Speech Education.

Nixon Aid Seen As ABM Key

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Stennis said Tuesday the key issue in the Senate vote on the antiballistic missile is the need to uphold President Nixon as he prepares to start arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union.
"I think it comes down to that in the final analysis," Stennis told newsmen as the Senate prepared to launch formal debate on the ABM controversy as part of a military procurement authorization bill.
The administration has been talking of a possible start late this month on the long-considered disarmament talks, but no firm arrangements have been disclosed.
Some ABM opponents have contended that a decision to deploy the missiles now would adversely affect the talks, but Stennis said he sees no way to explain to an adversary a Senate denial at this time of a program Nixon has asked.
"If he thinks he needs it," the Mississippi Democrat said "why that's a big factor."

Methodists Set Church Visits

ENFIELD — Delegates from the Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Association of the United Methodist Church will include a visit to three historic churches in Halifax County during their meeting at Louisburg College this week.
Members attending the sessions this week will come from about a dozen Southern states. The meeting is held every four years.
On Wednesday, the Methodist historians will visit Bethesda Church at Brinkleville, Eden Church, six miles northeast of Enfield and Whitakers' Chapel, six miles east of Enfield.
Bethesda Church, built in 1853, was the site of the annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1862. Eden Church and Whitakers' Chapel were both Anglican chapels that joined the Methodist "reform" movement during the 1770's.

Resort Votes 'Yes' on Beer

WHISPERING PINES — Voters in the resort village of Whispering Pines have recorded a resounding "yes" on the question of selling beer and wine.
In a Monday election, the vote was 114 in favor and only five against. There are 171 registered voters in the village.
Officials of the Whispering Pines County Club, the only commercial establishment in the village, said they would apply as soon as legally possible for the licenses to permit the on-premise and off-premise sale of beer and wine.
Whispering Pines, with a population of 322, was incorporated as a village last March.
The community now is trying to work out a budget and tax rate.

Tale of Intrigue Book Says HHH Didn't Use Issue

WASHINGTON

Theodore H. White's new book reports a Chinese-born supporter of Richard M. Nixon gave Hubert H. Humphrey opportunity for a last-minute campaign issue when what White calls an attempt to "sabotage" a Vietnam negotiation was intercepted by the Johnson administration.

But, says White in "The Making of a President 1968," Humphrey refused to air the story of intrigue despite urgings from his campaign staff. The book, although not officially released, appeared Tuesday in a Washington bookstore.

When Nixon aides learned of the activities of the supporter, Anna Chan Chennault, there was "fury and dismay" and the feeling was that "if they lost the election, Mrs. Chennault might have lost it for them," White writes.

When asked for comment, Mrs. Chennault's Washington office said she is in Asia. Humphrey is in Europe, but aide William Connell said the story is correct as he knows it.

Raised Money

Mrs. Chennault, widow of the wartime hero Gen. Claire Chennault and now an American citizen, had raised money for the Nixon campaign chairman of several Nixon

and was chairman or co-citizens committees.

White, in his third book on presidential campaigns, reports the incident this way:

Mrs. Chennault learned by gossip, rumor and speculation of the October negotiations preceding the U.S. bombing halt and the Paris talks and, White says, "had undertaken most energetically to sabotage them."

"In contact with the Formosan, the South Korean and the South Vietnamese governments," White writes, "she had begun early, by cable and telephone, to mobilize their resistance to the agreement—apparently implying, as she went, that she spoke for the Nixon campaign."

Mrs. Chennault, the author

NEW YORK — Former Defense Secretary Clark Clifford, writing about the refusal of American Allies in Asia to contribute more to the Vietnam War effort: "Was it possible that those nations which were neighbors of Vietnam had a clearer perception of the tides of world events in 1967 than we?"

continues, "neglected to take the most elementary precautions of an intriguer" and her communications with Asia were tapped by the U.S. government "and brought directly to the perusal of President Johnson."

Johnson, the book adds, had been aware of Mrs. Chennault's messages before he announced Thursday Oct. 3 the halt of U.S. bombing and the anticipation of peace talks but had not taken her communications seriously.

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