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ARC Urges Public to Write Hanoi About U. S. Prisoners

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The American Red Cross last week urged a massive expression of indignation over the treatment of U. S. prisoners held by the North Vietnamese. It called on the American people to write direct to the president of the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam to express concern about Hanoi's failure to give captured U. S. military personnel the benefits of the Geneva Conventions.

According to latest Department of Defense figures, 413 Americans are known to be prisoners of war and 918 others are missing and believed captured.

Pointing out that the North Vietnamese are signatory to the Geneva Conventions, Red Cross national headquarters here said such a public outcry might do much to ensure that American prisoners will receive the humane treatment called for in the Conventions. It urged that appeals be addressed to:

Office of the President
Democratic Republic of
North Vietnam
Hanoi, North Vietnam
An airmail letter weighing less than one-half ounce takes 25 cents in postage, the Red Cross said.

Meanwhile, the American Red Cross is continuing to urge Red Cross societies in all parts of the world to intercede in behalf of the U. S. prisoners with the Red Cross Society of North Vietnam and to ask that their respective governments take similar action with the North Vietnamese government.

In an American Red Cross-sponsored resolution passed without a dissenting vote by 77 governments and 91 national Red Cross societies, the International Conference of the Red Cross in Istanbul last month urged that all prisoners-of-war be given the benefits and protection of the Geneva Conventions.

The Geneva Conventions call for all prisoners to be promptly identified; afforded an adequate diet and medical care; permitted to communicate with other prisoners and the "exterior;" promptly repatriated if seriously sick or wounded; and at all times be protected from abuse or reprisals. The Conventions also state that a neutral intermediary, such as the all-Swiss International Committee of the Red Cross, be given free access to prisoners and their places of detention.



LIFE MEMBER — Dr. John A. Morsell, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Assistant Executive Director, presenting Life Membership Plaque to Sidney Pottier recently.

NAPFE Head Hits Bias in W. Coast Hiring

LOS ANGELES — Ashby G. Smith, President of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, arriving in Los Angeles to attend a meeting of the unions of District Ten, this week reaffirmed his unions concern in and support for the efforts of every national or racial minority group on the West Coast to obtain justice in the appointments, assignments and promotions in the Federal service.

The Alliance has traditionally stood for the right of every person to have equal opportunity to obtain any job for which he is fitted and to be promoted as merit dictates.

Smith strongly condemned the practice of bigoted officials who set groups against one another by explaining to both that the other is the author of their misfortunes. This is the game that the greedy intolerants play.

It is deplorable, in the view of the union president, that too often many of the victims are taken in by the game, as Negroes blame Mexican Americans or orientals for their failure to achieve desired positions and are in turn blamed by the Spanish speaking and Oriental people. This way leads only to division hostility and frustration. Brainwashed, we hit out in all directions and injure everyone but the real enemy who cynically manipulated the game.

One has only to look at the hierarchy within the Federal Agencies to discover that while the white power structure plays the minority groups off against each other to the detriment of all, it is the white, English speaking majority that fill all the top seats in the plush, thickly-carpeted, mahogany-paneled Federal Offices.

Smith predicted that the walls of discrimination in the federal system would not fall, would hardly be breached until the oppressed see through the vicious game that victimizes them and launch a common assault against the common enemy which has been identified as "white racism."

"I am convinced," Smith added, "that the victims of discrimination can generate enough pressure to move this government toward an Equal Employment Opportunity stance, but it can do so only if the pressure is organized."

He proclaimed that his union is prepared and structured to spearhead, or to participate in, a united assault upon the arrogant bastions of bias and bigotry in the Federal Establishment.

DUKE POWER COMPANY TO BUILD NEW GARAGE - MARKETING BLDG.

Duke Power Company has announced it will build a new Garage and Marketing building on property recently acquired from the Urban Redevelopment Commission of Durham.

H. E. Shoaf, Manager of Duke Power's Durham District, said the new transit center will serve as the operations and maintenance point for Duke Power Company buses and electric operating vehicles in the Durham area; and, the marketing building will provide office space for the company's marketing personnel in the Durham District.

The transit center will contain approximately 4500 square feet of office space and 23,300 square feet of garage area. The marketing building will have about 6,000 square feet of floor space.

The transit building will be constructed of steel, concrete and masonry and will feature electric heating and cooling and the latest in lighting facilities. The most modern equipment for the maintenance of buses

will be installed in the garage area. This will include a completely automatic washing machine for the buses, and automatic vacuum, cleaner, plus the latest in alignment equipment, lifts, monorails, etc.

The new marketing building will be of similar construction; and, in addition to providing office space for marketing personnel, it will contain a modern, all-electric kitchen and an assembly room.

Shoaf said the property acquired by Duke Power for the buildings fronts on Vivian St., abuts South Mangum Street and extends through to Dillard St. Contracts have been awarded to N. C. Monroe Construction Company for the general contract, the Modern Electric Company for the electrical contract, and Lee Air Conditioning Corporation for heating and air conditioning.

Architects for the project are Carr, Harrison, Pruden and De Pasquale. Engineers are Walter G. Smith and Watson Engineers.

Project Three Meeting Held at Saint Mark AME Zion Church

Residents, homeowners, and business owners of the Project 3 area were brought up to date on the progress made by the Planning Committee in its discussions with the Redevelopment Commission at the meeting at St. Mark Church, Thursday night, October 16.

The Committee, which grew out of a concern by people living in the Project 3 area, has met with members of the Redevelopment Commission on three different occasions to iron out differences that have developed over the Commission's plans to completely clear the area of all substandard housing and buildings.

The original plan submitted to the Committee by the Commission was generally approved with the stipulation that certain changes would be considered. These changes include the restructuring of streets, specifically the rerouting of Dillard Street so that it will not cross the eastern corner of Ramsey and Pettigrew Streets. Other faults of the original plan that were pointed out was the isolation of Pettigrew Street businesses north of the Expressway, the decentralization of all services in the area, no effort to rehabilitate standards housing, and several others.

As a result of the initial discussion, RDC officials submitted a revised plan to the committee. Though this revised plan included most of the recommendations of the committee there was still lengthy discussion on the implementation of these new ideas.

The situation as it presently stands was put before those attending the Thursday night meeting for their deliberation. No concrete decisions were made because there are still several alternatives open to the group. One of these alternatives is to determine if the Project 3 area can qualify for rehabilitation assistance. This course is being pursued by the committee with the help of Commission inspectors who are re-inspecting every house in the area to this possible end.

The Planning Committee is scheduled to hold additional meetings with Commission officials to relay the feelings of those affected by the Project



MOORE

Moore Named Aetna Life Ins. Job Official

HARTFORD, Conn. — James M. Moore has been appointed administrator, equal employment opportunity, by Aetna Life & Casualty.

Moore will administer Aetna's practices in the employment and promotion of minority group members both in the company's home office and field locations.

A graduate of Central Connecticut State College, he joins the company after previous experience as a teacher in the Hartford Public School System and as a television news editor. Moore lives at 96 Oakwood Dr., Coventry.

Sixteen Black Students Study Dentistry Under AFDE Scholarship Program

CHICAGO — Some 16 Black students are now deeply involved in pursuing a dental education under a year-old scholarship program operated by the American Fund for Dental Education.

The \$12,500 five-year scholarships provide each student with up to \$2,500 for the final year of pre-dental education and for each of the four years at dental school.

"We are very proud that our first recipients successfully

completed their final year of undergraduate school and are now freshmen dental students," said David Sloane, special projects coordinator, William Wrigley, Jr., company, and chairman of AFDE's scholarship selection committee.

The W. K. Kellogg foundation is sponsoring the second-year scholarships awarded to A. M. Jones, Jr., Chillicothe, Ohio, at Case Western Reserve University; and Douglas M. Simmons, Dallas, at the University

18 Girls Enrolled in McIver Occupational Clothing Class

McIVER FHA—The eighteen girls enrolled in the Occupational Clothing Class at McIver are enjoying many new experiences in modern methods and techniques of constructing garments for themselves and others.

The past six weeks were a little agitating because we were not able to make the progress expected, due to the inadequate

equipment. With the many handicaps (only three usable machines) we were able to construct seven dresses for children, one pair of culottes, repair seven garments and each of us made an outfit (jacket, skirt and pants, stringbean vestset, or culottes and vest).

We started our Community Project for this semester. The project is "Decorating a Child's Bedroom." We chose Mrs. Clark's (our counselor) daughter's room. The class went to the Fabric Shops in Rocky Mt. to purchase materials and other accessories needed. We learned and prospered much from this project which will help us in the World of Work when we become homemakers.

The making of the Draperies and Dust Ruffles gave us several new experiences such as ang designs, accurate measuring, double hems, mitred corners, lining and pleating.

We will display a child's winter outfit in the Fabric Shop in Littleton, this week, that was constructed, "Shop Method."

The FHA officers were elected October 8. They are:

President, Laurann Brown; Vice President, Viola Burnette; Secretary, Doris Phipps; Assistant Secretary, Avis Phipps; Treasurer, Denise Weaver; Reporters, Mavrice Alston, Sheila Dawson, Belinda Powell and Teelzyne Brown.

The Future Homemakers of McIver are diligently striving to fulfill the promises of the FHA Creed, by sacrificing their time and talents to improve the world in which we live.

4 MEN NAMED TO NCCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RALEIGH — Governor Bob Scott announced last week the appointment of four men to the board of trustees of North Carolina Central University in Durham. Lewis T. Randolph, owner of Randolph Funeral Home in Washington, North Carolina, was appointed for a term to expire June 30, 1977. Randolph replaces Mrs. Everett I. Bugg, Jr. of Durham.

E. K. Powe, a Durham attorney, was appointed a term to expire June 30, 1977. Powe replaces Dr. J. M. Hubbard of Durham.

Dr. Wiley T. Armstrong, Rocky Mount physician, was appointed to serve the unexpired term of Robert J. Brown of High Point. His term will expire June 30, 1973.

Dr. John R. Larkins, Department of Social Services, Raleigh, was also reappointed. His term will expire June 30, 1977.

The board of trustees of N. C. Central University has 12 members.



PRINCIPALS AT THE 103RD ST. AUG. CONVOCATION — (Left to right) Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, President, Saint Augustine; Dr. Joseph Jones, Jr., Vice President for Academic Affairs; Peter Holden, National

Alumni President; William J. Walker, Jr., Vice President, Board of Trustees; Mayor Seby Jones, Mark G. Birchette, Vice President for Development and Raymond Gilmore, President,

Student Government. The occasion was the 103rd Formal Opening Convocation at Saint Augustine's College, Tuesday, October 14, in the Emery Health and Fine Arts Center.

Black Ministers To Participate in Black Families Conference

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Is there a "Black Bible?" A "Black Theology?" Dr. Henry H. Mitchell will bring new insights to those propositions during the forthcoming Black Families Conference. Mitchell, Martin Luther King Professor in Black Church Studies, Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall, will appear in Black American Families: Myth and Reality, October 21-23, 1969.

Mitchell and three (3) other black theologians will conduct a workshop entitled "Black Church: How Relevant; How Important Now?" The workshop will be chaired by Dr. John David Cato, Associate Professor of Urban Studies at the Divinity School. Other participants will be Reverend Andrew Gibson, pastor of Rochester's AME Zion Church and Reverend John Salmon, pastor of Tabor Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

Questions about the relatedness of the black church and the white church have surfaced in recent months. In February of this year, black seminarians had caused the closing of Colgate Rochester Divinity School by takeover of the administration building. This action increased the pace at which the seminary moved to hire black faculty and to elect black trustees.

Historically, but increasingly, since 1957, the Black Church has involved itself in civil rights activity. Lately, the impatience of dissident voices tear at the Church's tradition of leadership. The Black Families Conference proposes to examine the substance of such challenges and suggest positive means of meeting them.

Soviet Economic Statistics To Be The Subject of Duke University Meeting

A conference to assess the quality of Soviet economic statistics and the changing role of statistics in the Soviet economic system will be hosted Nov. 3-5 by Duke University.

The program will bring together leaders from education, government and research organizations. They will explore such problems as the availability, reliability and credibility of Soviet statistics, as well as discussing the changes in Soviet statistical methodology and collection and processing of data.

Papers will be delivered on such topics as national income, industry, agriculture, money and prices, and consumption.

Similar seminars were held in the late 40's and early '50s. According to Dr. Vladimir G. Tremi, associate professor of economics at Duke, those meetings provided valuable information on the credibility and reliability of Soviet statistics.

"The volume of published Soviet economic data has been

increasing steadily over the last 10 years, calling for a new effort at an overall evaluation of statistics," Tremi said.

As a member of the organizing committee, Dr. Tremi is in charge of local arrangements for the conference.

Sessions will be held at the Quail Roost Conference Center near Durham. Sponsors are the Duke Committee on International Studies and the Thomas Jefferson Center for Political Economy at the University of Virginia.

Alabama State University Receives W-D Scholarship

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama State University received recently, the annual Winn-Dixie Athletic Scholarship of \$1200 from Tine Davis, Executive of the Winn-Dixie store chain. Mr. Davis, a sports enthusiast himself, presents the check yearly to help supplement the Athletic Department of Alabama State with the rising cost of Athletic Programs in Higher Education.

Dr. Levi Watkins, President of Alabama State University, along with C. Johnson Dunn, Director of Athletics, accepted the check from Davis.

Spaulding: World Must Change To Prevent Post-Christian Era

By MILTON JORDAN
A meeting of minds was the underlying purpose of a discussion session held Sunday afternoon at Covenant Presbyterian Church. It was generally agreed by the more than 50 persons attending that such an unity of thought was achieved.

The meeting was the final activity of Men's Day at the church located on the corner of Lincoln and Massey Streets. Other activities included an address Sunday morning by N. B. White, well-known local churchman and civic leader.

Moderator of the afternoon program was C. E. Bouleware who in his opening remarks challenged the group to search themselves to find a problem that could not be solved by Christians acting together. He expressed the belief that no such problem existed.

The large group was then divided into six smaller groups under a pre-appointed leader to facilitate discussion. Leaders of groups 1 thru 6 respectively were: Ray Thompson, James McFarland, J. H. Phillips, Howard Fitts, Kenneth Readin, and Huey Hall. Each group was assigned a room and asked to discuss problems confronting today's society, and particularly the Durham community within the context of a Christian's relation to these problems.

Problems discussed were poverty, inadequate housing, racism, industry's tendency to exploit people lowest on the social totem pole, the generation gap, and militancy. Each of the groups felt the church as a whole is not working effectively to obliterate a vacuum existing between society and the church.

It was emphatically stressed that the major concern of all Christians is first of all self-examination. The individual is expected to know if he is fulfilling the requirements of a follower of Christ. In league with self-examination is concrete action, it was also said. Guidelines were given on

how to best achieve both goals. In evaluating themselves, Christians are admonished to give up vanity, change attitudes, and not be callous to the cry for christian service. Concrete action may be achieved by first determining if the person is a Christian, and by the cultivation of strong leaders in the church. It was noted that strong leaders can command respect.

The problem with today's youth was also a major concern of the groups. Juvenile delinquency is the exact opposite of juvenile decency, it was observed. Whether a child is delinquent or not depends mainly upon the example and teaching he received from parents, everyone agreed.

In his summation and closing remarks to the assembly, Asa T. Spaulding told them that the meeting should not be the get-together of just another group.

"When are we going to do something about these problems? This group can be useful because I do not feel we can have too many groups for the problems are many and varied, he said.

Spaulding noted that the problems today are not just local, or area-wide, but world problems, and expressed the belief that unless something happens to change the trends, the world is headed towards a post-Christian era.

"However," he cautioned, "we can defeat our own purpose in finding solutions by trying to stereotype everyone into a particular mode. People are not going to act the same, but everyone has his place in the overall scheme of things. Teamwork is absolutely essential," he concluded.

The meeting closed with unanimous approval of a suggestion to work for the continuation and enlargement of this discussion group to work with the existing problems. A second meeting is tentatively set for Westminster Presbyterian Church next month on a date to be announced.

Swann Raised to Vice-Chairman On Maryland Hospital Board

The Rev. Melvin C. Swann, formerly of Durham, has been appointed vice-chairman of the Baltimore City Hospitals Commission, so that Mr. Hofberger (chairman) can rely upon your experience and involvement in commission matters.

"And also to insure that in his absence, the commission will function in an efficient manner."

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