

Skilled Blacks Needed, He Says,

Racial Issue Economic Not Moral — McKissick

NORFOLK — The former director of the Congress of Racial Equality, Floyd B. McKissick, told the audience at the Tidewater Area Business League banquet Dec. 3, at the Lake Wright Motor Inn, "If you think the black-white issue in this country is a moral issue, you are entirely wrong. It is not. It is an economic issue."

McKissick said he was going to "really talk about things as they are." "People don't like to hear what I am about to say at banquets, they rather hear that we all love each other. And that you're happy and that they're happy," the speaker said.

"I'M GOING to talk about black folks and I'm going to talk about white folks. It's an easy subject to talk about, but it's not an easy subject to be honest about," said McKissick.

McKissick, president of Floyd B. McKissick Enterprises, developer of Soul City, said in order to understand the plight of the Negro, white people have to understand that "all black people don't want to be white — that all black people have come to realize that being white ain't no virtue," he added.

"I FOR ONE don't want to be white. Never tried to be white — and I don't believe God ought to change white folks to be black folks. We have to accept the circumstances as they are," he added.

He said that Negro college students need to major in skill subjects rather than sticking to traditional subjects like



FLOYD MCKISSICK White Not Exciting social work and teaching.

"WHAT THE hell can social work do?" he asked. "It can't make you fly no plane. It can't teach you to split no atom. It can't teach you what the system is all about."

"Better tell your kids to get some science, mathematics, some business administration to learn what this system is all about," he asserted.

"IF YOU AREN'T participating economically, then you ain't in the system. Because the system is a system of economics," he said, because, "You ain't no capitalist without no capital."

On the subject of non-violence McKissick said, "It's a false doctrine, and it's a racist doctrine. They don't ask white people to be non-violent toward black people."

HE SAID HE is a Christian and believes in turning the other cheek. But after you've done that, he added, "you pick up a two-by-four."

In his reply to persons who are always asking him what he thinks of the Black Panther movement, he said, "I did not make the Panthers. They were raised upon the deceit and the racism of American Society," he added.

"EVERY TIME the Panthers fuss and raise hell, every black person in this room profits."

McKissick said that his organization and North Carolina officials with a \$300,000 grant from the federal government can make Soul City, his proposed multiracial community slated for Warren county, move out of the preliminary planning stage into the intensive planning stage.

"We're on our way," he said.

For Hawaiians, 300 Languages

CHICAGO — Dr. Robert W. Cannaday Jr., foreign language program specialist for Hawaiian schools, says more than 300 languages and native dialects are spoken in the islands. "We may be the 50th state in the Union," he said, "but we're number one in language instruction because no other state has equipped its entire

Laird To Decorate Viet Camp Raiders In N.C. Ceremony

FT. BRAGG The Army announced Monday

high school system with the sophisticated language laboratories."

He said a system known as Versa-lab has been installed in 37 schools on six of Hawaii's seven islands.

Cannaday said the system enables instruction in modern languages such as French, German and Spanish, as well as the infinite variety of Asian languages and dialects spoken.

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird will visit Ft. Bragg Wednesday to decorate the servicemen who raided a North Vietnamese prison camp.

A Ft. Bragg spokesman, Maj. James Wilson, said Laird is to arrive about 10 a.m. for a ceremony on the main post parade ground.

The base in eastern North Carolina is the home of the Special Forces, whose Green Beret troops formed most of the force that penetrated into the camp.

Wilson said both the Green Beret troops and Air Force volunteers who participated in the daring helicopter assault would be honored by the secretary. President Nixon already has decorated several of the commandos, including two who were slightly injured.



THE TWO LEAD PLAYERS in the C. W. Post College production of Shakespeare's "Othello" —listen intently to director of Eleanor Hirschberg of Port Washington. Mary Dierson of Roslyn, New York, (center) as "Desdemona" —listen intently to director of in the college's Little Theatre at 8 p.m. Dec. 3-5 and 8-12.

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Centuries old, these "painted churches" were once the center of the community, helping to educate the people. Too small to admit everyone, depictions of biblical, historical and epic happenings were painted in fresco on their exterior walls—from ground to roof—allowing those outside the benefit of a continuing religious and secular education.

No one has actually been able to determine the exact combination of materials, colors and methods used by the painters of these churches, though the theory is that a plaster base containing sand and lime was applied to the walls of the buildings, onto which the paintings were done. Their resilience to weather, however, is astonishing and the fine quality of the colors seems everlasting.

Of the 14 extant churches with exterior frescoes, five are perhaps the most interesting and best reflect the architecture of the period: Humor (1535), Moldovita (1537), Arbore (1541), Voronet (1547) and Sucevita (1600). All are easily accessible to the tourist by car, or via special tours arranged from Bucharest, the Black Sea resorts or other parts of the country.

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