

WORDS OF WISDOM

No mistake or failure is as bad as to stop and not try again.
—John Wanamaker

Most promotions are won outside the 8-hour work day.
—Anonymous

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VEP Urges Heavy Black Voter Registration

ATLANTA, Ga. — During a recent three-day whirlwind tour of North Carolina, representatives of the Atlanta-based Voter Education Project, Inc. (VEP) urged thousands of blacks — student and non-student, urban and rural — to view voter registration as an extension of the civil rights movement of the 1960's.

VEP Executive Director John Lewis and Georgia State Rep. Julian Bond told capacity crowds at black colleges and universities, trade schools, high schools, city halls, and churches throughout the state drive to "organize the unorganized and register the unregistered."

The tour, coordinated by John Edwards, director of the North Carolina VEP in Durham, included stops in Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Windsor, Roper, Rocky Mount, Durham, and Danville, Va., with side trips through Washington, Chowan, Perquimans and Martin counties.

Citing the fact that North Carolina, with only 55.4 percent of its black voting age population registered, has the lowest percentage of black registration of any of the eleven southern states, Lewis repeatedly told audiences "there is much need for improvement in this state."

The tour kicked off on September 10 with a rally on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte. Lewis told the students that he has often been called an "outside agitator" because of his civil rights activities.

"But," he said, "there is nothing wrong with agitating if you are agitating for the right reasons."

The former national chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) said the "agitator" label was placed on him and other members of

SNCC as they traveled about the South in the 1960's trying to break down the barriers of racial discrimination.

He said that blacks must now use the ballot to "turn this country around in 1972 or we will be forced to turn it upside down in 1973."

Lewis and Bond were presented with keys to the city by Charlotte Mayor Pro Tem Fred Alexander.

Lewis, who was jailed 40 times between 1960 and 1966 during the height of the civil rights movement, told students at North Carolina Central University in Durham to "use the vote to create a new kind of politics."

"We need an army of courageous young people to register 350,000 black voters," Lewis said.

He described rural areas where "black people are living in a sea of poverty. This country can spend billions of dollars to place men on the moon, but it can't spend a few dollars to place the children of God on their feet at home."

"And while 'millions' are allocated to the University of North Carolina, 'peanuts' are offered to NCCU," Lewis added.

Bond called on students throughout the state to reject "negative definitions" of politics such as "the art of the possible and the art of compromise."

He suggested that they adopt a new definition of politics — "the art of seeing who gets how much of what from whom. We are the who, who haven't gotten much of anything from you-know-who," the Georgia legislator said.

Bond gave the students dramatic accounts of the civil rights movement in the South, which began in North Caro-

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Distinguished Morgan Scholar Gets Locke Chair

BALTIMORE, Md. — Dr. Nick Aaron Ford, the noted Black Studies and English professor, has been appointed as the Alain Locke Professor of Black Studies for the 1972-73 academic year at Morgan State College.

His appointment to the distinguished professorship, named in honor of the late Howard University professor, a pioneer of Negro literature and art, was announced by the College's Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Roger K. Williams. In making the announcement of Dr. Ford, a faculty member at Morgan State for twenty six years, as the Locke Professor of Black Studies, Dr. Williams praised Ford for his continuing role in the development of the humanities at Morgan State.

Dr. Ford, who was chairman of the Morgan State department of English for twenty-three years before his retirement from that post a year ago, has been on leave for the past two years completing an evaluative study of Black Studies programs in American col-

leges and universities. His research studies were funded under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

According to Dr. Ford, Locke, as no other Black scholar, exemplified the true ideas of humanistic teaching and learning. In his forthcoming book, BLACK STUDIES: THREAT OR CHALLENGE?, Dr. Ford says of Locke: "... His efforts stimulated the Harlem Renaissance and opened new opportunities for young black creative writers, artists and performers."

The new professorial chair is named for the late Dr. Locke, recognized as a landmark scholar in Black literature and culture. He was a professor of philosophy at Howard University from 1912-53.

His treatise on Black Studies will provide opportunity for colleges and universities to compare and contrast their programs in this area with other programs. Institutions in the process of formulating plans for such programs will be offered a wide variety of models for consideration.

Dr. Ford, who is the current president of the Middle Atlantic Region of the College English Association, said, "To be appointed by Morgan State to a new professorship created to honor such an illustrious name as Alain Locke is indeed an important event in my career."

The author and/or editor of eight books, Dr. Ford is a graduate of Benedict (S.C.) College, holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the State University of Iowa. He is married to Mrs. Ola Mae Ford, an assistant professor on the Morgan State English faculty.



DR. FORD



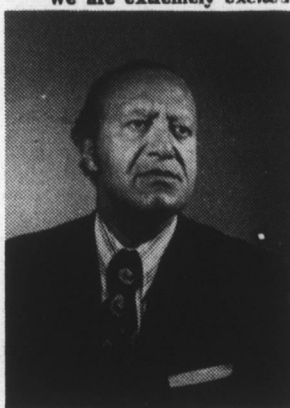
COPENHAGEN: RECENTLY released U. S. POW trio meets press on arrival at Kastrup Airport here Sept. 28 en route to New York. Navy Lt. (J.G.) Norris Charles (left) of San Diego, Calif., told newsmen, "My belief is if the war is ended, the other prisoners of war will be released too. I will do all in my power to bring them home. I call upon the American people to help me." Other POWs are Navy Lt. (J.G.) Mark Gartley (right) of Dunedin, Fla., and Air Force Maj. Edward Elias of Valdosta, Ga. (UPI)

A&T Gets Diplomat

GREENSBORO — A&T State University has been selected by the Agency for International Development (AID) to participate in a unique Diplomat-in-Residence program, designed to give returning Foreign Service officers interaction with faculty and students.

The first diplomat to be assigned to A&T is Dr. William E. Reed, former dean of the university's School of Agriculture. He recently returned to the United States after spending 11 years in AID programs in Africa.

"We are extremely excited



DR. REED

about our involvement in this new cooperative venture with the Agency for International Development," said Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor of A&T. "Putting our students and faculty members in direct con-

tact with seasoned foreign service officers will add immeasurably to their total educational development."

The Diplomat-in-Residence Program, administered by the Foreign Service Institute, was first initiated in 1964 at the University of California, the University of Iowa and the University of Washington.

Reed will spend a full year at A&T and develop his own program, including some teaching and seminars with faculty and students.

"We are supposed to serve as resource persons, providing information and expertise in foreign assistance programs and the training of foreign 'national in the United States,'" said Reed. "We shall also assist in upgrading of A&T's programs in these areas."

Reed served as regional director for AID in Nigeria, deputy mission director for Ethiopia and mission director in Togo.

A native of Columbia, La., he holds the Ph.D. degree in soil chemistry from Cornell University. He is the first scientist to make a soil survey of Liberia.

Reed came to A&T from the State Department in 1949 and served as dean of the School of Agriculture until his departure for Africa in 1961.

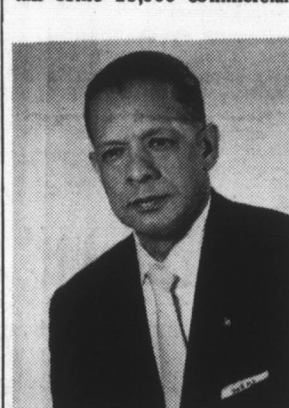
He is married to the former Mattie Scott of Baton Rouge, La. The Reeds have three children.

Wheeler Appointed To ABA National Post

WASHINGTON—John H. Wheeler, President of Mechanics and Farmers in Durham, has been appointed to a position of national leadership in the banking industry.

Wheeler was appointed to the Urban and Community Affairs Committee of the American Bankers Association by ABA President-elect Eugene H. Adams.

The ABA is the national association of the banking industry. Its membership totals some 13,000 commercial



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banks—nearly 97 per cent of the nation's total.

The committee is concerned with improving the economic condition of our nation's urban areas. While the committee acts as a "clearing

house" to disseminate information, it also has initiated such programs as Minpact, an industry-supported investment company to provide capital to minority-owned banks; a five-year \$1 billion minority lending goal; black campus recruiting; and "key city" visits to assist communications between black and white business sectors.

Women's Peace League Urges Action Programs

Sixty-one delegates from nine states and Washington, D.C. gathered for the first Biennial Southeastern Regional Conference of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at Chapel Hill and Durham on September 29 to October 1. Hosted by the Durham-Chapel Hill branch of the WILPF, the delegates participated in two workshops analyzing the economic issues underlying the struggle to achieve peace and freedom, both nationally and internationally. Two resolutions calling for action programs were passed by the southeast regional conference.

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Gloster B. Current To Deliver Keynote Address

The 29th Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will convene in this city beginning Thursday, October 12th, with a Pre-Convention Ministers & Church Work Committee Meeting under the direction of Rev. J. T. McMillan, Chairman, N. C. NAACP Church Work Committee and President of the Winston-Salem, N. C. NAACP Branch. Special events of the Thursday meeting will be an address delivered by Rev. Matthew D. McCollom, President of the South Carolina State Conference NAACP Branches and Pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Charleston, S. C., at the Ministers and Church Work Committee Luncheon. The Thursday activities will end on Thursday evening with an address by Rev. William C. Ardrey, President of the Detroit NAACP Branch and Pastor of the St. Paul AME Zion Church in Detroit, Mich.

The Theme of the Convention is "Facing the Challenge of a New Political Era." The Convention Headquarters will be in the Durham Hotel & Motel. All Business Sessions will be held at Convention Headquarters. The Thursday evening meeting will be held at the Saint Mark AME Zion Church on So. Roxboro St., the Rev. L. A. Miller is the pastor.

The President, Kelly M. Alexander, Sr., of Charlotte, N. C. will deliver his annual address to the Convention at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning. Gloster B. Current, Director, Branches & Field Administration of New York City will deliver the Keynote Address of the Convention at the Durham Hotel and Motel, Friday evening, 8:00 p.m., Oct. 13th.

The afternoon session on Friday focus attention on Internal Affairs of the organization featuring National NAACP Staff members. Mrs. Ruby Hurley, director, Southeast Region, NAACP, Atlanta, Ga., will discuss the Relationship of the Regional Office to Branches and State Conferences; Miss Althea T. L. Simmons, director, NAACP Training Programs, of New York City, will direct a Leadership Development & Branch Problem Clinic; Julius E. Williams, director, NAACP Veterans Programs, will project an in depth analysis as to the returning veteran problems and how to solve them; Charles McLean, N. C. Field Director NAACP, will discuss Membership Techniques and

Fund Raising. Additional features on Friday afternoon will be a discussion of Food and Nutrition — U. S. Department Agriculture.

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MRS. ELKINS

N.C. Democratic Women To Hold Convention

The twelfth Annual Convention of N.C. Democratic women will be held Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7th at the Durham Hotel-Motel.

Many exciting and interesting activities have been planned around the theme "Together: Old and New in '72". Each part of the program is designed to bring Democrats together in a united front to deal effectively with the campaign tasks ahead in order to assure victory in November for all Democratic candidates.

Mrs. Arthur J. Goldberg will be the Luncheon Speaker on Friday. She is the wife of former Secretary of Labor, Arthur J. Goldberg and also

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James Rogers Appointed Durham Housing Authority

Durham's outstanding and national teacher of the year, James "Jay" Rogers has been named to the Durham Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners. He will replace E.W. Midgett, Burton School principal, whose term expired September 30.

Rogers, a history teacher at Durham High School, has been accorded many honors since his election as National Teacher of the year 1972. In addition, he has travelled extensively, representing North Carolina, speaking to many groups in all sections of the country, as well as serving as a judge in many national, sectional and area events.

A Durham native, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Rogers and attended Pearson Elementary, Whitted Junior High and was graduated from Hillside High School in 1958. His B.A. degree in History was earned at North Carolina Central University. After a two year stint in the Air Force, Rogers underwent a program with the Community Action

Technicians Training Area. Rogers then served 3½ years as Deputy Director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps for Wat- auge, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties. Such work increased his interest in helping the youth of the community.

The continued interest in the growth and development of young people led him to further pursue these interests by enrolling in the graduate school at Appalachian State University at Boone, N. C.

The M.A. degree in History was awarded to Rogers in 1970. September, 1970 found him at Durham High School where he began teaching U.S. History and developing a Black Studies Course. His continued efforts at working to better relations between all students won for him the honor for being selected as Durham's North Carolina's and nationally the youths both black and white.

Rogers' name was the only one submitted by A.C. Pledger, who served as chairman of the nominating committee.

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CHARLESTON: W. VA.: The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, president of the Southern

Christian Leadership Conference, fifth from left, first row, led a protest march Monday

night by striking city garbage collectors against the city

administration for failure to recognize their union. (UPI)

OCTOBER 7 - YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER TO VOTE