

Dr. Speigner Speaks At Texas University

Dr. Theodore R. Speigner, Chairman of the Durham City Board of Education and Professor Emeritus of Geography at North Carolina Central University, Prairie View, Texas, March 28. The subject of his lecture was "The Impact of the Commission of Geography and Afro-America Upon Minority Geographers."

Dr. Speigner was introduced to the convocation by one of his former majors of NCCU Department of Geography, Dr. Phillip E. Kitchart is serving as Chairman of the Department of Geography and Economics at Prairie View A&M University. Dr. Kitchart earned his Ph.D. degree in Geography from the University of Cincinnati. He succeeded another man who majored in Geography at NCCU, Dr. Walter C. Farrell, Jr., who is currently serving as Associate Profes-

sor, Department of Urban Studies, Cheyney State College, Cheyney, Pa.

The closing session was presided over by Dr. Kenneth A. Jordan, Associate Professor of Geographical Research, Department of Geography and Economics at Prairie View A&M. After receiving his bachelor's degree in Geography at NCCU, Dr. Jordan earned his Ph.D. degree in Geography from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Speigner reported a happy reunion with his former students.

While in Houston, Dr. Speigner served as Chairperson for NSBA Clinic on "Accountability: The School Role", Tuesday, March 29. Over 1000 board members were present - the occasion being the 37th annual convention of the National School Boards Association which met at the Rice Wittenhouse Hotel.

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CALEDONIA

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from a guard tower. It is completely enclosed by a fifteen foot fence topped with barbed wire that is hooked up to large electrical generators. Visitors enter through two different locked gates, but at present they must be locked and unlocked by hand. Under both old and new visiting rules inmates are made to strip and submit to a thorough body search both before and after visit.

"Another consideration" Sanders said, "is of course the numbers of people coming in and the additional searching that bringing food in presents." The prison population is 144 persons greater than last spring he stated. "Checking the boxes and the like for contraband taxes an already stretched pattern of operation."

Assistant Director of Prisons Kip Kautsky echoed Sanders' remarks. He said the food privilege at Caledonia was "the by product of exceptional physical area" but that "We are not going to be able to do it with the present facility." Kautsky emphasized that checking food "required additional staff which we can not provide on a continuing basis." Kautsky declined to say how many new staff would be required in order to do a proper search of the food brought in. Kautsky and Sanders said they did not think the revoca-

tion of the privilege would cause much concern. But one inmate at Caledonia reported, "Nearly every man in my cell block has filed a grievance with the Inmates Grievance Commission." There are approximately 25 men in the cell block. The inmate went on to say, "We will have to wait two weeks for our forms to even reach the Commission, and then they can only make recommendations."

Another inmate said, "I think the reaction of the men here will be very negative because one of the main reasons people like the visits, is for the food purposes." "People have been looking forward all winter to eating food on the outside with their families," said another prisoner, "and now that has been taken away from us."

Families of inmates also expressed some displeasure over the new rules. "These men have so little to do and to look forward to on the inside. This really hurts," said the mother of one inmate. "I cannot believe with what happened at Odum only a few weeks ago that they have adopted a policy here that is bound to raise tensions and cause anger," said another visitor.

Kautsky said that allowing food into the prison was a "real inconvenience to those that do not bring it in". He explained that they would be delayed standing in line while the food was searched. Asked whether there was not enough

personnel to have two lines, one for those bringing food and one for those who do not, he said, "I am afraid you don't understand. It will be impossible to bring food into the prison." (CCNS).

CHAVIS

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nothing to indicate the civil rights of the Wilmington 10 had been violated. That same day wire reports stated Edmisten would not oppose new trials for the Wilmington 10. When he got back to North Carolina, the staff attorney was muffled and a claim that he was misquoted earlier was given. Now Edmisten says if evidence from the FBI and SBI investigations warrant new trials he will not be in opposition.

Dr. Charles Cobb, Executive Director of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ called on Edmisten in a Raleigh press conference to not oppose the bail for Rev. Chavis and the other defendants saying, "This is the only just and moral direction for the state to take. We also call upon the Attorney General to 'confess error' before the court and pave the way for an immediate new trial."

Whatever position Edmisten takes he will surely be walking a tightrope with the conservatives and radicals on one hand and blacks and liberals and revolutionaries on the other. If his role is to gain some type of face saving solution (which he denies) almost any decision is certain to affect his candidacy for the U. S. Senate.

THE POWER & THE GLORY

By Dr. G.E.A. Toots

A BLACK PROBLEM

Life has become so burdensome to black youth, that daily death is flirted with in the use of drugs and involvement in crime.

Poverty, and unemployment are the principle causing factors for black crime. A look at a major city like New York, reveals how tragic and pervasive the problem can be.

NOT ENOUGH POLICE

As a result of New York City's fiscal crises, 2,600 policemen were laid off. Two thousand four hundred vacancies created by retirement were not filled.

Major crime in the city increased at the fastest rate of the decade. During the first six months of last year, there were 50,000 more felony crimes.

RACIST ARGUMENT

Black involvement in crime in New York City is so oppressive that racist arguments were used at the end of last year to defend whites who criminally assaulted or intimidated blacks. Example: A gang of white youths used bats, axes and knives to ransack the home of a black art dealer, who lived in a white community;

Thirty five young whites, screaming racial slurs, attacked blacks and hispanics in the park. Welding chains and nailed bats, 12 minority youths

were injured, and one was killed;

Three white teenagers were arrested for a weeklong campaign of terror against a racially mixed family. "Die Nigger" was scrawled on the driveway; a black doll hung in effigy; pellet guns were fired; windows smashed; and sugar placed in the family car's gas tank.

WHY

These reports are shocking and senseless. The reason why is even more incredulous. One out of every eight Americans; 12 per cent of the population, fall within the poverty category, with incomes of \$5,500 or less.

The largest proportional poverty increase has occurred among white families with a male head of household; and the white elderly.

Black Americans still do-

minate the poverty level, and constitute 31 per cent of the poor.

INCREASED STRESS
Black crime even though frequently practiced upon blacks reinforces racial fears and myths.

Involvement in crime does not improve the family economy. In fact the cost of legal counsel has bankrupt many a family. It does confirm that socio-economic limitations produce minority psychological stress.

Twenty eight per cent of white Americans still object to having a black at their home for dinner. God knows how many resent blacks holding jobs while whites are unemployed.

INFECTS INTERRELATIONSHIPS

Black crime is a black problem. In many cities, 50 to 80 per cent of crime is drug related. The black community has the responsibility to combat this dilemma that infects and infests our youths, and social economic relationships.

SUPERFLY made the life of crime glamorous. Black America must label such conduct unacceptable, and beyond the limits of tolerance. We must rid our streets of the vendors, couriers, and buyers of crime. This is our obligation.

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MEN IN THE SERVICE



JAMES RILEY, JR.

Navy Seaman Apprentice James C. Riley, Jr. son of Mrs. Jewel G. Riley of 2221 Fitzgerald Ave., Durham has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

During the eight week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupations fields.

Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

A graduate of Hillside High School, he joined the Navy in September 1976.



ROYCE R. OSBORN

Navy Seaman Recruit Royce R. Osborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce L. Osborn, Jr. of 200 Seven Oaks Rd., Durham has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

During the eight week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupation fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid.

A 1976 graduate of Northern High School, he attended Akron University, Ohio, and joined the Navy in January, 1977.

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