

## Author To Be Keynoter At Dedication Of New Humanities Center

DURHAM — A man who holds honorary doctorates from 56 colleges and universities and is a leading writer on the black experience in the United States will be one of the principal speakers when the \$2.5 million National Humanities Center building in the Research Triangle Park is dedicated in ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. April 7.

He is Dr. John Hope Franklin, a distinguished professor at the University of Chicago and president of the American Historical Association.

Dr. Charles Frankel, president of the center, will be the other main speaker.

North Carolina Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. will deliver greetings.

Dr. John T. Caldwell, president of the Triangle Universities Center for Advanced Studies, Inc., will preside. The Humanities Center is the first building to be constructed on the 120-acre campus of the Center for Advanced Studies.

The Center for Advanced Studies was formed in 1975 by three triangle universities—Duke, North Carolina State and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Franklin was the first

Nora and Edward Ryerson Lecturer at Chicago. In 1976 he was named the fifth Jefferson Lecturer in the Humanities for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Also in 1976 President Ford appointed him to the National Council on the Humanities, a post he resigned this year when President Carter appointed him to the Advisory Commission of the International Communications Agency.

He has been a visiting professor of Harvard University, the University of Wisconsin, Cornell University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Hawaii.

He has served twice as professor at the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies in Austria and has been visiting lecturer at the Seminar in American Studies at Cambridge University in England, where he was Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions.

In 1960 he was a Fulbright professor of several Australian universities.

The first of his books, "The Free Negro in North Carolina, 1790-1860" was published in 1943 while

he was teaching in North Carolina. He taught at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh from 1939-43 and at North Carolina College, now North Carolina Central University, from 1943-47. He also taught at Fisk University and Howard University.

Among his other books are "From Slavery to Freedom: A Test of Negro Americans," now in its fourth edition; "Reconstruction after the Civil War;" "Emancipation Proclamation," published in American and British editions; "Land of the Free," a collaborative effort widely used as a text in junior high courses in U.S. history; and his most recent "A Southern Odyssey: Travelers in the Antebellum North."

The latter book won the Jules Landry Award from the Louisiana State University Press for the best manuscript submitted in 1975 in history biography, or literature.

A native of Oklahoma who has been named to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Franklin is a graduate of

Historians claim that the game of cat's cradle goes back to the Stone Age.

Fisk University and received master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard. His honorary degrees have been awarded by universities as geographically separated as Arizona State and Yale.

Frankel took leave from his Old Dominion Professorship of Philosophy and Public Affairs at Columbia University to become president of the new center.

Other participants in the dedication ceremonies will be Dr. William C. Friday, president of UNC-CH; Morton Blumfield, chairman, the National Humanities Center; Hugh Holman, trustee of the National Humanities Center and the Center for Advanced Studies; and Martin E. Marty, a University of Chicago theologian.

Support for the Humanities Center and the building come from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the state, private foundations and corporate and private donors. The three universities involved also have pledged \$75,000 a year in supporting funds for five years.



JAMES O. TRICE, ATLANTA LIFE INS. CO., Nathaniel Payne, North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co., Anderson M. Schweich, Chicago Metropolitan Mutual Assurance Co., George E. Johnson, Johnson Products, John H. Johnson, Supreme Life Insurance Co., of America, Earl Joyce, Golden State, Mutual Life Ins., Co., and Charles A. Davis, National Insurance Association.

## Five Insurance Companies Insure Life of Geo. E. Johnson For \$1 Million

Black life insurance companies scored a historic first on Wednesday when five of them insured the life of George E. Johnson, president of Johnson Products Company, for \$1 million.

The life insurance policy which will be owned by Johnson's company, is the largest ever issued by a Black insurer, according to Anderson M. Schweich, president of Chicago Metropolitan Mutual Assurance

Company, the lead company in the group. It is also the largest known single policy issued on the life of a Black person, in the U.S., he said.

Other companies participating with Chicago Metropolitan Mutual in the coverage on Johnson's life, are Supreme Life Insurance Company of America which is located in Chicago, Atlanta Life Insurance Company of America which is located in Chicago, Atlanta Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles, and North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, North Carolina.

"Minority companies in combination have long had the capability of providing million-dollar coverage," Schweich said, "but the Black community has not developed a large number of wealthy businesses or individuals who require such levels of protection."

He said it is general practice for major corporations to insure the lives of key executives for large amounts. Sometimes, the company and the insured individual's family both have an interest in such policies, according to Schweich. Sometimes companies will use the accumulated cash value of the policy at the time the key executive reaches retirement age to fund his pension, he added.

The historic sale resulted from negotiations begun last summer after Johnson addressed the National Insurance Association Convention in Las Vegas. In a widely quoted statement, Johnson said that Black economic development

will accelerate as Black companies and individuals do more business with each other.

"George Johnson put his money where his mouth is," Schweich said.

All five companies participating in the coverage on Johnson's life are members of the National Insurance Association, along with 32 other Black life insurance companies.

Returning to the theme of Black insurance companies capability of providing high levels of coverage, Schweich said the five companies in the sale to Johnson

have almost half a billion dollars in assets and have insurance contracts to provide over \$9 billion in insurance benefits. The other Black companies have nearly \$200 million in assets and an additional \$4 billion in coverage, he said.

Participating in the delivery ceremony with Johnson and Schweich were John H. Johnson, president of Supreme Life Insurance Company of America; Nathaniel Payne of North Carolina Mutual; James O. Trice of Atlanta Life and Earl Joyce of Golden State Mutual.

## WSSU To Hold Parents /Honors Day Program

WINSTON SALEM, —Winston-Salem State University's Parents Day/Honors Day Program will be held on the campus of WSSU in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on April 1, 1979. The theme for this year's program is WSSU: Pride and Excellence. The speaker for the Parents Day Convocation will be Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, Chancellor Emeritus, WSSU.

For the Honors Day Program the address will be delivered by Mr. Marshall B. Bass, Corporate Director—Personnel Development/R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. The purpose of Parents Day is to bring parents, students, and teachers together so that they can meet and discuss the progress the student is making at WSSU. Dr. Haywood L. Wilson, Jr., Vice Chancellor for

Student Affairs, and Chairman of the Parents Day Steering Committee, said that "Parents Day is especially designed for freshmen parents because it gives them an opportunity to see where students eat, live, study and socialize."

The idea of setting aside time for parents to visit the University originated with Dr. Williams' reign during his tenure as Chancellor of WSSU. Since that time, Chancellor H. Douglas Covington, has added the academic thrust by superimposing an academic honors day program. The honor awards will be presented to full-time students with B or above grade point averages in a separate afternoon program. Special arrangements will be made to seat parents of the honored students directly behind their sons and daughters.

Last year's Parent's Day Program was highly successful attracting over 1100 parents and it is anticipated that this year's program will attract at least that many in attendance.

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amental change has taken place in Rhodesia, since power is being transferred to the black majority through the government which is to be installed under the new constitution," Father Hehir said.

But he quoted the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Rhodesia as saying the internal settlement "does not guarantee a genuine transfer of power to the African majority, nor does it provide any mechanism, such as a referendum to ascertain whether the African majority accepted it."

"The right of rejection was reserved, typically, to the whites," the commission said. "The agreement retains firmly in white hands effective military and economic power, as well as effective control over the civil service and the judiciary."

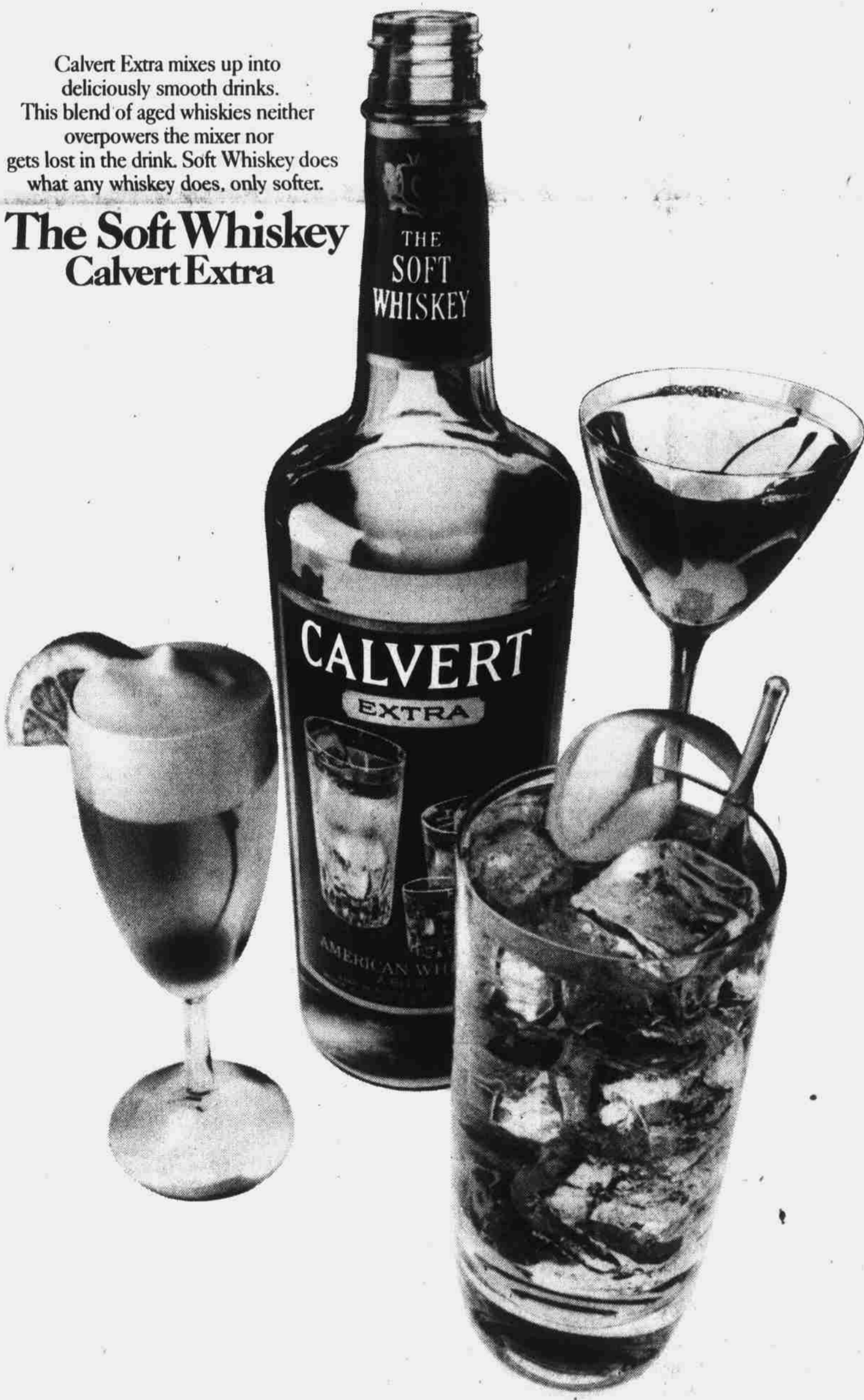
Father Hehir said: "The new constitution, approved by a parliament predominantly white and an electorate which excluded the entire black population, enshrines the objectionable elements described by the commission."

"It is 'majority rule' only in a cosmetic sense, and deserves to be treated as such by the United States and the rest of the international community," the USCC official asserted.

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