

Anti-Klan Network Supports New Curriculum

ATLANTA — The National Anti-Klan Network's chairman, Rev. C. T. Vivian, announced a major national drive to place a new curriculum on the Ku Klux Klan into public schools across the country. The Network simultaneously issued a harshly worded Open Letter to the Anti-Defamation League which recently aired its dissatisfaction with the curriculum in the *New York Times*.

"The recent Klan and Nazi resurgence is having an extremely damaging effect on our young people," said Vivian. "Klan violence is intended to intimidate the next generation of black adults. And Klan recruitment among young whites is a cynical move to more deeply imbed racism in our society."

"This is why the curriculum developed by the National Education Association, the Council on Interracial Books for Children and the Connecticut Education Association is so crucial." The 72-page instructional kit, entitled

Violence, The Ku Klux Klan and the Struggle For Equality, is geared toward secondary school students. It gives both an historical overview of Klan development and its modern day rejuvenation.

The organizations affiliated with the National Anti-Klan Network, which include branches of the Methodist and Baptist Church, the National Organization of Women, the United States Student Association and major civil rights organizations, have pledged themselves to work at the local level to introduce the curriculum into the public schools. At present, little information on the Klan and Nazis is included in American school textbooks and the Network contends that what is included usually minimizes their danger to society.

Commenting on the recent public criticism of the curriculum by the Anti-Defamation League, Rev. Vivian denounced their notion that the Klan is simply an aberrant group in



Alphas Present

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD — Bro. James Butts (standing left) accepts Alpha Phi Alpha's "Outstanding Service Award" on behalf of Bro. Henry Edwards who was unable to attend due to illness. The presentation was made on behalf of the fraternity by Bro. Mack Jarmon of Beta Theta Lambda Chapter. Attorney Maceo Sloan, Jr., (seated left) was the MC of the banquet commemorating 75 years of service by the fraternity.

Photo by Kevin A. Bell

American society. "Frankly, we are shocked that any intelligent person who has studied this society can even question the fact that this is a racist society," he said quoting from the Network Open Letter to

the ADL. "The Klan and Nazis could not exist for long — no less enjoy a resurgence — without official and public inaction and silence. Sadly, many white Americans have bought the myth — now perpetuated at the

highest levels of government — that whites are supposedly losing ground to blacks. Without a widespread belief in such myths, the KKK could not recruit much today." A number of national

civil rights organizations as well as prominent clergymen have endorsed the curriculum and publicly countered the ADL statements on racism and the Klan. fund-raising program in late 1979. Headed by

Announces Commitment From Duke Endowment

CHARLOTTE — Johnson C. Smith University announced a \$2 million commitment from The Duke Endowment to its major campaign.

Payable over a three-year period, the grant is designated for a new \$2.9 million residence hall to house 220 students.

It is the largest grant in the nine year presidency

of Dr. Wilbert Greenfield.

"There is no way," said President Greenfield, "that I can justly describe the magnitude of this gift, nor our gratitude."

"The Endowment has been more than a benefactor. Through its officers and trustees, it has been a friend, caring about our needs and concerns, sharing our ups

and downs, and inspiring our confidence and our achievements."

Dr. Greenfield has long acknowledged student housing as the university's most pressing need. Only fifty per cent of the 1379 students live on campus. With the additional dormitory, 65 per cent will be accommodated.

"Today," he observed, "our students want

to live on campus and share a sense of family and security."

It was this "positive effect" of additional housing on admissions and quality of campus life that persuaded the Endowment decision, said Charles Myers, chairman, committee on educational institutions.

"We are pleased," said Myers, on behalf of trustees, "that funds

were available to help meet this extraordinary need."

"We are impressed by the quality and vitality of leadership at Johnson C. Smith University. The trustees, administration, Board of Visitors and others are solidly committed to programs and activities that will enhance the quality of education offered at the university and increase

its capacity for service."

"There is also solid evidence," Myers said, "that the community, alumni and friends are supportive."

A special committee of Duke Trustees, chaired by Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, studied the University's needs last summer.

"We are especially indebted," said Dr. Greenfield, "to Bishop Goodson and his committee for the recommendations which led to the faith and generosity expressed today."

The new dormitory is the second major construction planned at Johnson C. Smith in the next two years. Architectural designing has been completed for a center for the humanities and the arts, the academic priority in a master plan approved by trustees in 1978.

The traditional liberal arts university announced a ten-year, \$20 million

Chairman John Belk, former Charlotte mayor, the first phase secured \$1.3 million from the local corporate community in five months.

The university has also received \$1.4 million in major foundation grants in less than two years.

Johnson C. Smith is one of the four educational beneficiaries of the perpetual trust established by North Carolina industrialist James Buchanan Duke in 1924.

More than \$20 million in Duke Endowment grants have been received over 58 years. Two existing buildings, Duke Hall, a dormitory, and the James B. Duke Memorial Library, honor the man and his

Founded in 1521, San Juan is the oldest city under the American flag.

not be made at the cost of needed social programs.

Labor, likewise, has renewed its commitment to a strong national defense but has asserted that defense increases should not be made at the cost of needed social programs.

Labor's program is prudent and workable. Yet such a program is virtually without value unless it can be communicated effectively to all Americans.

In this regard the 1981 AFL-CIO Convention also made important headway. A subtle and yet potentially momentous change is occurring within the labor movement. Increasingly, trade unions are

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making use of modern technology to maximize their influence on the political process. The labor movement is entering into the modern age with its reliance on television advertising, computerized direct-mail efforts, and public opinion polling to determine the needs and views of labor's constituency.

Indeed, the AFL-CIO Convention approved significant funds to be used for the creation of a Labor Institute for Public Affairs. The Institute will aid the AFL-CIO's constituent unions in improving their capacity to communicate labor's point of view to the broad public.

Significantly, labor recognizes that get-

ting its message across requires a substantial commitment of funds. Thus delegates voted a fifty per cent increase in financial support to the labor federation in the next two years.

Where all of this renewed energy and effort will lead is difficult to predict. Yet if Lane Kirkland and the AFL-CIO can succeed in channeling the hundreds of thousands of workers who took part in September's Solidarity Day demonstration and direct them toward increased activity in behalf of candidates who support labor's program, then our country will be well on the road toward a more humane and responsible society.

A View From Capitol Hill

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Flemming, a former secretary of health, education and welfare (under Dwight Eisenhower), who had chaired the U.S. Civil Rights Commission for Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter. However, Flemming, who perceived his job as that of an independent, was too serious about his position for the Reagan team.

The 76-year-old Flemming is white. He has supported affirmative action programs, has insisted that busing is a phony issue attacked by those who still favor school segregation, and he supports the extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Of course, Reagan wants to weaken the Voting Rights Act.

Picked to replace Flemming is Clarence Pendleton, director of the San Diego Urban League. Pendleton has been described as a black conservative who, like the President who appointed him, objects to affirmative action programs.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission also has felt the brunt of the Reagan hatchet men. The President nominated William M. Bell of Detroit, 55, to head EEOC. Bell, described as a black businessman, has no legal experience, no civil rights experience, and no noticeable track record as a businessman. He reportedly is the only employee of his current organization, Bold Concepts, Inc.

Bell's qualification for the EEOC job, oddly enough, was not his blackness. Instead, it was his support of Reagan in the presidential campaign. This was noted by fellow journalist Carl Rowan who said: "Give Bell six months as head of EEOC and every member of Congress would find reason to say, 'EEOC is a disaster! Goodbye, EEOC!'"

Reagan literally wiped out the Community Services Administration, a scaled down version of the old Office of Equal Opportunity.

We shouted our alarm over Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan's announcement in August of the Administration's plans to permit 150,000 of the 200,000 firms with government contracts to bypass formal affirmative action programs and guidelines.

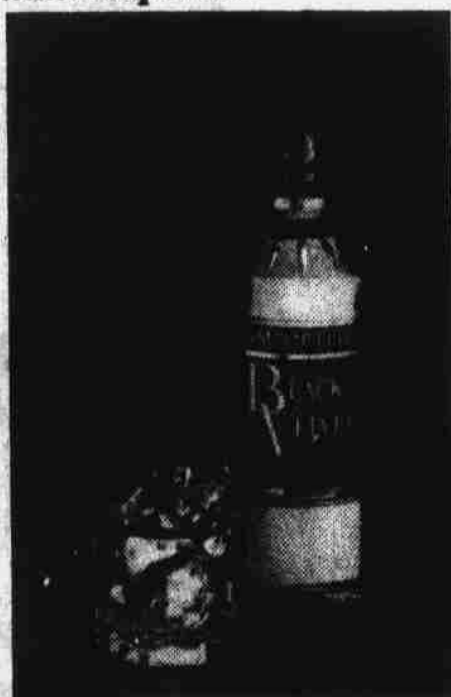
I repeat now what I said upon learning of the plan: "What President Reagan is planning will take us another step backward into the eighteenth century. This is without a doubt a retreat in social justice."

And the retreat goes on!

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