

## Gambian President Wins 72% Of Vote To Begin His 20th Year Of Rule

**GAMBIA**  
[AN] Pulling in 72% of the vote to win the May 4-5 presidential and Parliamentary elections, Gambian President Dawda Jawara has begun his twentieth year of rule.

Jawara's only opponent, opposition leader Sheriff Dikka of the National Convention Party, has been detained in prison since last fall, one of 1,000 Gambians either tried or awaiting trial for complicity in the aborted putsch of July 30.

Dikka's party strongly opposes the agreement made by the Gambian and Senegalese parliaments for a "Senegambian Confederacy", plans which were rekindled when the Senegalese military intervened on behalf of Jawara during the July coup. Dikka's supporters insist that the confederation should be presented to Gambians as a referendum issue.

Some 800 Senegalese soldiers still reside in Gambia. During the election both Senegalese and Gambian security forces were used to preside at the polling stations.

The election is Gambia's first direct ballot for the office of president. Formerly, Jawara automatically assumed the office as majority leader. His ruling People's Progressive Party (PPP) won 30 of the 35 Parliamentary seats in the last election, held in 1977. The PPP retained its more than two-third's majority during this election by winning 27 of the 35 seats.

The National Convention Party fared poorly losing two of its five seats and thereby falling behind the five independent candidates who won the other seats. In the next few weeks, thirteen more seats will be added to the Parliament.

**SIERRA LEONE**  
"We could have done

better," President Siaka Stevens remarked to the press following the May 1 general election. But despite the reports of violence, the aging west African statesman defended the voting as a valid democratic exercise and declared that all results were final.

For the fifth time since independence in 1961, Sierra Leone voters chose their legislative representatives early this month. The latest balloting, however, was the first since Sierra Leone became a one-party state in 1978.

The election has been criticized by many citizens because of widespread violence aimed at intimidation prior to the voting. Results for the races in some 13 constituencies have been nullified by the electoral commission because of irregularities. These will be held over in June, according to government sources.

Candidates in a number of other constituencies have also protested the outcome, but electoral officials insist that such petitions must go through the courts.

A record 600 persons vied for office in primaries for the 105 Sierra Leone legislative seats. A maximum of three candidates stood in each constituency in the final race.

Results so far show 48 newcomers to Parliament, with only two former ministers suffering defeat.

The elections took place against a backdrop of considerable domestic unrest over economic decline and allegations of corruption in the west African coastal nation. An unprecedented general strike shook the capital of Freetown last August.

President Stevens has spoken of resigning from office. But at a press conference after the an-

nouncement of electoral results, he declined specific comment on his plans, saying, "You'll have to leave that to myself and the people."

**GUINEA**  
Results of the May 9 presidential election in which President Ahmed Sekou Toure received another seven-year mandate to rule Guinea (Conakry) were officially announced May 14. As head of state since Guinea obtained independence from France in 1958, Toure has maintained a tough one-party government marked by frequent Cabinet dismissals and the detentions of his political opponents.

In May, 1980, Toure

escaped an assassination attempt staged by two Guinean military officials who opposed his decision to end dependence upon socialist countries and to seek Western economic aid.

Election results show that Toure, the only candidate in the election, received overwhelming support. For the first time, the more than one million Guinean nationals living in Senegal and Ivory Coast were eligible to vote.

Toure is expected to continue his efforts to attract economic investment in Guinea, particularly from the West and from Arab countries.

## People And Politicians Meet At Market Day

The people — an estimated 2,500 of them — came to buy fruits and vegetables, but some politicians came to see the people.

At least two office-seekers showed up at Ag Team's Market Day last Saturday, mingling with the crowd and otherwise politicking. Judge Karen Galloway, who seeks to retain one of the state's 14th judicial seats; and Ken Spaulding, who seeks a second term in the state assembly, personally took advantage of the day. Others, including Second Congressional District candidate

Mickey Michaux, sent campaign workers to distribute leaflets, buttons and bumper stickers.

Election registrars also came, set up a table and, according to an official, had registered over 150 persons by 2 p.m.

It was Ag Teams first Market Day with Operation Breakthrough officials. By 2 p.m., 35,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables of almost every kind had been sold.

Another market day is scheduled for June 12, about two weeks before the state's primaries.

## Local High Schoolers Get Career Information From Durham Businessmen

More than 200 Durham high school students will spend two hours Wednesday listening to local professionals and businessmen talk about the real world of business as the feature part of a "Business Encouragement Week" Program.

Business Encouragement Week runs from May 16 through 22, and is sponsored by the Durham Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

According to a spokesman for the local chapter, "Business Encouragement Week is a nationally based, program conducted by all chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha in several major cities and a number of foreign countries.

Some of the key objectives are: to encourage more minority interest and participation in business; to cooperate with educational institutions in sponsoring business seminars and forums relative to focusing on the need for a solid business, academic background, and to provide to the minority population a pool of successful entrepreneurs and business professionals who can share successful strategies for making it in the business world. These men and women also serve as role models."

Wednesday's program will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. in Durham High School auditorium. Participants will include students from both Durham High and Hillside High schools.

The program will open with a formal session that will include a speaker. Following the formal session, the program will break into workshops, featuring about twenty local business people and professionals.

The list includes: The Honorable Charles B. Markham, mayor of Durham; Chester L. Jenkins, Durham city councilman and GTE business executive; Mrs. Josephine D. Clement, chairman, Durham City Schools Board of Education; Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, superintendent, Durham City Schools; Dr. Phail Wynn, president, Durham Technical Institute; Dr. Tyrone R.

Richmond, dean of the School of Business, North Carolina Central University; F.V. Allison, president, Mutual Savings and Loan; Dr. W. LaDell Douglas, pediatrician; Dr. John C. Wardsworth, dentist; Nathan T. Garrett, CPA, Garrett, Sullivan & Co. CPA, PA; William McLaughlin, Jr., owner, McLaughlin Pharmacy; Herbert E. Weaver, owner,

Weaver's Cleaners; Robert Bell, owner, Bell's Garage; Mrs. Vivian A. Edmonds, publisher, The Carolina Times; Connie Watson, Jr., director, Manpower Development, N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Moses Caffey, attorney; Robert Griffin, attorney; and Mack Jarmon, IBM business executive.

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first black college frat-

ernity, was founded December 4, 1906, at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, by a group of seven black college men who had the courage to dream and the foresight and vision to see the need for a close knit organization to serve the particular needs of minority students.

Over 75,000 men have been initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (Continued on Page 16)



Thelma L. Denson Award Winners

Eight of the ten eighth graders who recently received special recognition from the Durham section of the National Council of Negro Women posed with their plaques recently. (Back row L-R):

Sharlet Ambrister, Beverly Jones, Ingrid Wicker, Adrian Howard; (front row) Alicia Bowser, Yolanda Hall, Doretta Walker and Pamela Parker.

## NCNW Presents Ten Thelma L. Denson Awards

Awards for "not the least" were given to ten Durham City and County eighth graders last Sunday in ceremonies at White Rock Baptist Church.

The annual awards day, sponsored by the Durham section of the National Council of Negro Women, honors students who may not be the "best" or "first".

"Our awards are intended not for the best athlete or the student with the highest grade point average," said Ms.

Dorothy Brower, who works with the council, "but instead to students who often go beyond the call of duty such as giving technical assistance backstage during plays and the like. They, too, deserve attention."

The awards are given in honor of the late Mrs. Thelma L. Denson, former president of the local group, who gave a life a care and concern for the youth, after first joining the National Council's youth commit-

tee, then headed by its founder, the late Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune. Judge Karen B. Galloway gave the keynote address.

The 1982 award recipients are: Adrian Howard, Shepard Junior High; Miss Sharlet Ambrister, Holton Junior High; Miss Alicia D. Bowser, Carrington Junior High; Miss Yolanda R. Hall, Githens Junior High; Miss Beverly C. Jones, Brogden Junior High; Miss Marjean Joyner, Neal Junior High; Miss

Pamela D. Parker, Lowes Grove Junior High; Miss Doretta L. Walker, Chewning Junior High; Miss Vicki Weeks, Rogers-Herr Junior High; and Miss Ingrid L. Wicker, Lowes Grove Junior High.

Members of the Council's youth committee that planned the occasion are Mrs. Viola Pindle, chairman, and the two co-chairmen, Mrs. Andolia Eaton and Ms. Caroline Lattimore. The Council's president, Mrs. Elna B. Spaulding, served as coordinator.



**By the way...**  
By Joe Black

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in an effort to uplift the morale of America's citizens during World War II, said: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." But nothing stays the same and today those words have little meaning for many who are approaching the age for retirement.

Senior Citizens have many things to fear: insufficient funds, robbery, loneliness, poor housing, inadequate nutrition, and plain ol' indifference from society. But we should not let it be like that in these United States of America. Because through the years the older citizens have worked hard on many jobs; weathered the storm of bias and hatred; paid taxes to support this nation; fought in wars to preserve democracy; and endured the slams of bias as they struggled to open doors so that Blacks coming behind them could work at new and better jobs.

And yet many of us stand by silently and watch them struggle to live their remaining years with some dignity and pride. We can help by writing our political representatives and telling them that the Social Security laws must be amended so as to be relevant to today's economic requirements. We can alert the police about hoodlum elements that steal Social Security checks, snatch their purses, or break into their homes because they are old and defenseless. And we can take the time to extend the hand of friendship and a friendly hello, or an offer to run an errand.

The suggestions are simple, economical, and real, and my friends, don't ever forget that the hands of time continue to move, and soon they will be you.

Joe Black

Vice President  
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