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AID Official Speaks On African Foreign Policy

Peter Straus, director of all United States foreign aid programs for the continent of Africa, described problems of the continent and the United States policy on those problems to students at North Carolina College Thursday morning, February 1.

The official of the Agency for International Development said Africa has one of the highest population growth rates of any area in the world, but that its agricultural growth is not keeping pace.

"That's one of the most deadly equations known," Straus said. He said the United States makes no specific demands on the nations aided in terms of their own foreign policy, and

reminded the students that Congress, which appropriates the funds for foreign aid, does not see the program as a give-away activity.

"We don't demand that these nations support us at the UN, but when a nation does as the Sudan did recently and severs diplomatic relations, Congress says, 'We're not going to give them aid if they won't recognize us diplomatically?'"

"There are two theories about the best way to get U.S. aid," Straus said. "One theory is that the more trouble a nation gives us, the more aid they get. An example is India. It seems to many observers that every time Mrs. Gandhi gives us a going over, we increase aid. Of course, India needs more aid than most countries, because of her immense population."

He said the United States is not the only nation giving aid to African countries. In fact, he said, the percentage of our gross national products going into foreign aid is less than that given by a number of free-world countries.

Straus, who accompanied Vice-President Humphrey on his tour of Africa recently, said that one of the concerns most remote to African heads of state is the United States' involvement in Viet Nam. He said that when the issue was raised, it was on Humphrey's initiative because he felt responsible to the heads of state to explain the position of the nation.

"When American reporters asked what the presidents of these nations said about Viet Nam, Humphrey replied, 'They didn't mention it. We talked about the problems of their country.'"

Straus also said that Africans are very much interested in the revolutionary history of the United States. While they may not agree with us on current issues, they feel a bond because of the United States' having defeated a colonial power to become a nation.

He said the ambitious youth of the African nations, whose populations are made up of 75 per cent of the people under 26 years, are their greatest resources.

African Study Program Slated

The first American Summer Study Program to be held in Africa has been by Dr. Melvin Drimmer, Associate Professor of history at Spelman College, Atlanta University Center, and Executive Director of the American Forum for African Study.

The University of Ghana and the University of London will serve as the sites for a six-week intensified program in African studies.

The group of seventy accompanied by six faculty will leave New York June 29 for a week in London where they will receive an introduction to African studies from some of the foremost British scholars, including Basil Davidson, Roland Oliver, and Thomas Hodgkin.

They will then fly to Ghana for five weeks of courses and field work, under the direction of Professor J. H. Nketia and his staff at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana.

The party will return home on August 12, after stops in West African countries and Paris.

The program is open to College and secondary school faculty, upper level college students, and others seriously interested in Africa. The entire cost of the forty-four day trip is \$1,820. Scholarships are available to students. Places for the program are still available.

The entire program has been arranged by the American Forum for African Study, a non-profit educational body established to promote cultural contacts between America and Africa.

Further information about the program can be obtained from Dr. Melvin Drimmer at 404-874-1457 or 404-522-6491.

Interviews Set

A recruiting officer will be on the North Carolina College campus Wednesday, March 20, 1968 to interview students interested in full-time career positions in Washington, D. C., the U.S. Office of Education announced today.

Students who expect to receive a bachelor's, master's, or doctor's degree by July 1968 are invited to sign up for an interview appointment at the Placement Bureau.

The following positions are open in the U. S. Office of Education:

- * Educational Assistant (Trainee) to work in educational research programs, computer programming, public administration, education of the handicapped or disadvantaged, student financial aid, and many other fields determined by student preference. Requirements: Writing and editing ability; liberal arts majors with B.A., M.Ed., or M.A. degrees.

- * Grants Management Trainee to assist in the establishment and administration of student financial aid loans. Requirement: Accounting or Business majors with B.A. or M.B.A. degree.

- * Education or Program Specialist to do highly specialized work in State school law, curriculum studies, adult education, and other fields determined by individual skills and interests. Student must have demonstrated innovative ability. Requirement: Ph.D. in liberal arts subject field, or Ed.D. in educational administration or educational research.

Applicants for GS-5 or GS-7 jobs must pass the Federal Service Entrance Examination; a passing score for positions in the U. S. Office of Education is approximately 85.0. U.S. citizenship is required. All positions are located in Washington, D. C.

The U. S. Office of Education offers students professional careers in a field which President Johnson has called "the first work of these times." To strengthen education at all levels, the Office carries out timely programs to meet today's educational needs. Such programs include education for disadvantaged children, financial aid for college students, adult basic education, teacher training, support for research in educational technology, and vocational education.



EXCHANGE STUDENT REGISTERS — Welcoming James Pridgen, a sophomore from North Carolina College at Durham, are from left, Raymond O. Grosnick, dean of the University of Wisconsin, Manitowoc County Center, and Ronald Dhuey, director of student affairs at the Center. Pridgen will be carrying an 18-credit load and is taking courses in economics, English literature, business, art survey, elementary logic, and math.

NCC Engages In Exchange Program

James Pridgen, 19-year-old sophomore from North Carolina College at Durham, is the first North-South exchange student to enroll at the University of Wisconsin, Manitowoc County Center.

Pridgen, a Pre-Business major, is taking part in the sectional exchange program designed to provide an interracial and intercultural experience for college students.

The North Carolina exchangee, whose home town is Snow Hill, will find a former classmate here to introduce him to university life at the Manitowoc Center. Miss Sharon Haese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Haese, Route 2, Reedsville, will return to the Center as a second semester sophomore after spending the fall term in Durham.

North Carolina College at Durham is a coeducational, liberal arts college with a predominantly Negro student population. Miss Haese was one of the four Wisconsin exchangees attending the school last semester.

"An exchange student pays his registration fee to his home college," Ronald A. Dhuey, Manitowoc Center director of student affairs, explained. "But he finances his transportation, room, board, and books."

While attending the Manitowoc Center, Pridgen will live with Rev. and Mrs. James Ludowise, 1129 N. 16th Street, Manitowoc.

The primary purpose of the program, according to Dhuey, is to promote better cultural relations and to offer opportunities for personal development through new experiences. Dhuey made all the arrange-

ments for the student exchange with Dr. Cecil Patterson, coordinator of the North-South program at North Carolina College. Earlier in the year several southern students had indicated an interest in attending the Manitowoc Center.

Other southern schools participating in the North-South exchange are the Agricultural and Technical College at North Carolina at Greensboro, and Texas Southern University at Houston. UW-Racine Center will have two students at each of these institutions for the second semester.

This is the second exchange that North Carolina College has had with schools in northeastern Wisconsin. Last spring three sophomore women from Durham were enrolled in classes at the UW-Marquette. These exchangees visited the Manitowoc Center in May and took part in a panel discussion.

Foreign Study Grants Available

Five scholarships of \$1,000 each are available to qualified students applying to the Institute for American Universities for an academic year at Aix-en-Provence, in Southern France. In addition, an \$800 French Government Scholarship, reserved for French majors, and 25 tuition grants are awarded each year.

The \$1,000 scholarships are divided among majors in French, Literature, Fine Arts, History, Social Science and Mediterranean Area Studies. (They are not available to students enrolled in the I. A. U. Summer Program or the I. A. U. Semes- See Foreign Study, page 5



HOW ARE THINGS BACK HOME?—Mutia Muthembwa, right, a student at North Carolina College, gets the word on current events in his native Kenya from R. Peter Straus, an official of the Agency for International Development. Straus was one of the State Department officials who accompanied Vice-President Humphrey on his recent tour of African states. Muthembwa has not returned to his homeland for several years, since coming to the United States for study. (NCC Photo).