

Johnson Makes Poverty "Equalizer" In Union Message

President's Initial Address Said 'Moral Masterpiece'

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Poverty and racial discrimination—twin evils which have harassed the Negro since he first set foot on American soil—were verbally attacked by the President of the United States in a manner so convincing, last week, that Negroes could feel that "help" was finally on its way.

It was Lyndon Baines Johnson's first State of the Union message and it was a masterpiece — both politically and morally.

In a gigantic 41 minutes, the President knocked the props out from under the Capitol Hill GOP (which spends most of its time clamoring for reduced spending) by promising to spend less in '64 than was spent in '63:

And he gave to the nation's poor, sick, aged, illiterate, dropouts, unemployed, ill-housed and no-housed, ill-skilled and unskilled, and finally the brutally segregated Jim-crowed Negro the hope of a panacea that could literally change the face of America.

The President practically "promised the moon," but there was one, basic underlying reason — mentioned briefly in his address — which suggested that if he did not get all of his "moon" out of this woolf and pitiful 94th Congress, he was certainly assured of part of it.

That reason was and is that white America is beginning to face squarely the fact that there are as many or more white Americans as Negroes who are poor, poverty-stricken, sick, homeless, illiterate, jobless and out of the mainstream of American life.

The message indicated Negroes would be indirect beneficiaries of poverty-eliminating programs, rather than direct.

The only differentiation between poverty-stricken whites and Negroes is that whites are not black and not brutally segregated and discriminated against because of race.

These whites who were formerly content with damning unions, being and supporting bigots of the "closed society" and making little or nothing as long as the Negroes was "kept in his place" have joined the 20th Century and are now a powerful voice.

And the simple reason is they are, now, hungry, too.

The basic needs of these rural and urban whites is all categories of the enumerated afflictions which plague America must now be joined with the ancient and perennial wallings of the Negro—and together they make a cacophony which no sane President would be foolish enough to ignore.

Last week, Lyndon Baines Johnson proved he was nobody's fool. Championing the legacy of the late John F. Kennedy, Johnson declared in the first minute of his address:

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IN JABBERWOCK — Shown in top photo is a group of young ladies, taking tests for the 1964 Jabberwock, to be sponsored by the Raleigh Alumnae chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Picture at bottom shows the talent finalists. See story above.



DEAD MAN FREES KILLER
NORFOLK, Va. (ANP)—An unusual twist of fate resulted in a municipal court judge freeing a woman charged with the murder of a 34-year-old Korean war veteran here recently. The deceased, Richard C. Wyatt, was fatally stabbed with a butcher knife by Mrs. Belle Gordon 24, after he forcibly entered her home in violation of a court order enjoining him from molesting the woman.

Jabberwock To Be Held Feb. 22:

Saturday Was A Red-Letter Day For Participants In Delta Show

Saturday, January 11, 1964, proved to be a red-letter day for Jabberwock participants, as the machinery began to move into high gear for the production of the 1964 Jabberwock, sponsored by the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Forty young ladies, contestants in the Jabberwock, took the standardized test administered at Shaw University under the supervision of Soror Alice Solomon. This test must be taken by all girls who wish to compete for the titles of Miss Academic, Miss Scholastic and Miss Intellectual. These titles will be awarded at the Jabberwock on February 22, 1964. The number of girls taking the test this year represents a growth of one hundred per cent over last year's participation. Saturday evening proved to be just as exciting or even more so than the testing session. Fifty girls were present to participate in or to witness the Jabberwock Talent Contest held in Greenleaf Auditorium at Shaw University. Sixteen young ladies presented a varied program, which included musical selections, modern dance numbers, and dramatic readings.

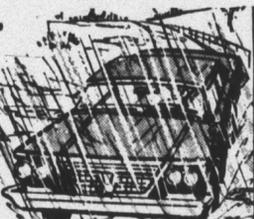
The winners of the talent contest were: Misses Gwendolyn Cutchins of Franklinton, who played a piano selection, Prelude Dramatique by Ketel-

by Faye Eaton of Raleigh, who played a violin solo, Caro Mio Ben by Giuliani, Duanna Freeman of Raleigh, who performed a Chinese dance, Hong Kong; Cathel Scott of Apex, who presented a dramatic

reading; and Patricia Thomas of Raleigh, who performed a modern jazz dance, Sofia Section.

The climax of the evening came when each participant in the Jabberwock introduced herself and expressed her life aims, ambitions and delight in her Jabberwock participation.

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