



The five "summa cum laude" French and library science graduates of North Carolina College at Durham are shown here during an academic gown fitting session during last week's Commencement exercises. Left to right are Phyllis Christine Gibson, Raleigh; Walter Navarro Davis, Norfolk, Va.; Emma Elizabeth Bullock, Tarboro; Eloise Frances Gould, Hamlet; and Wade Melvin Kornegay, Mt. Olive. Miss Bullock,

from an enemy nation was engaged in dissemination of the vilest slanders of these soldiers and the country they were defending." He has already ordered that a transcript of the hearing be turned over to the Justice Dept.

### Close-Ups

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Since, as the author states with admirable candor, "The white man has at no time or place remained white when in prolonged contact with colored races," he reaches the interesting conclusion that the solution (as opposed to what he considers impractical attempts at "adjustment") is to physically remove America's Negroes from further contact, voluntarily or by "draft," and repatriate them in Africa, complete with hoe and shovel, since "It must be remembered that Africans have lived for tens of thousands of years without plows or horses."

No "Takers" in Congress  
The late Senator Borah gave the writer his copy of the "Special Revised Edition" of this book (1937) which was first published in 1923. Before the volumes, including his, reached the Capitol, we contacted some 70-odd members of the Congress—most of them Southern—and asked for comment. (We'd had a friendly tip that the volumes were en route.) Among these solons we found no "takers" for the re-

## Federal Aid For Roads To Be Bonanza To N. C., Says Builder

CHARLOTTE

A high ranking spokesman for the construction industry said here today the mammoth highway program now before Congress will open up unprecedented job opportunities for the youth of North and South Carolina and step up the demand for highly skilled workmen.

The prediction came from

Robert Patten of Charlotte, Branch, Associated General Contractors of America, who presented diplomas to 35 graduates of the National School of Heavy Equipment Operation here.

He congratulated the students for "your foresight in preparing yourselves to take a leading role in the construction of the greatest highway building program ever conceived by man."

"For the next 13 years," Patten said, "the construction industry will retain its lead as the largest industry in the nation and at the same time it will furnish jobs and improve the technical know-how of our already highly skilled workmen."

He pointed out the proposed highway legislation will pour over \$1,070,000,000 into the economy of North and South Carolina during the next 13 years in the form of wages to construction workers and for materials and equipment needed to build the roads. "About 40 per cent of the over \$1 billion will be paid in wages," Patten said. "The rest will go into road building materials, new equipment and dozens of other items needed in the construction of highways."

Patten told the graduates, "This huge highway program offers the greatest advantages to

## New York Couple Visit Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon G. Johnson of Brooklyn, New York are spending a week's vacation in Durham. They are scheduled to return Friday.

While here, the Johnsons are visiting with Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Lula Mae Black of Fayetteville Street, and Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Mary Pettiford of Walltown. Mrs. Black intends to accompany the couple on their return trip to New York.

patriation idea.

A poll on Congressman Andrews Expatriate-Them-North Bill, HR-11021, is now in process.

## Rep. Walter Asks Justice Dept. To Press Treason Charges

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Louis Wheaton's refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities has caused the committee's chairman, Rep. Walter of Pennsylvania to desire to ask the Justice Dept. to consider prosecuting Wheaton on treason charges.

Wheaton, a Negro, refused to answer when he had broadcast from Peiping, China in October, 1952, speaking of the "ruthless and inhuman behavior of our forces in Korea," and saying that he had seen

"damning" evidence of bacteriological warfare waged by the United States. The Committee claimed that such broadcasts were made by a man named Louis Wheaton.

The witness invoked the First and Fifth Amendments of the Constitution and he refused to answer even when asked if he had gone to Peiping. Wheaton was so infuriated that he issued a statement following the testimony: While American soldiers were dying on the battlefields of Korea, this man in international broadcasts emanating



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separate action in behalf of named individuals. This is a prohibition against the institution of "class" suits. It apparently could make it necessary for legal action to be started in behalf of every Negro child who wanted to enter a white school. This could delay integration upon any sizable scale for many years in North Carolina.

boards can show that the law is not merely a device to do by indirection what they have been forbidden to do directly—that is, enforce complete racial segregation in the schools. —Winston-Salem Journal— May 28

## Comment

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the town of Old Fort. They contended that their children had to attend a Negro school at Marion, some 15 miles away. Judge Wilson Warlick denied the relief sought, and held that under the 1954 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, separate school facilities were unconstitutional, that local and state funds could no longer be expended primarily on separate Negro schools.

Hearing the case on appeal, the Fourth Circuit Court affirmed the Warlick ruling on this point. The higher court also held that the 1955 School Machinery Act of North Carolina established adequate procedures to be followed in appealing from pupil assignments, and that these procedures must be exhausted before action could be brought in the federal courts. As a result of this ruling, the Negro plaintiffs petitioned Mc Dowell school authorities for admission of their children to the white school at Old Fort. When this petition was denied, they brought action, as provided in the 1955 act, in the state courts.

The key provision of the 1955 school act is the requirement for

If the local school boards use the law to reject the appeals of all Negro children who may wish to go to a white school, it is quite possible that the U. S. Supreme Court will throw the law out as it did those requiring enforced segregation. The court's attitude will not be quite so predictable, however, if the school



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