

# Durham Labor Union Marks Anniversary



**UNION OFFICERS** (past and present)—Retired and present officers of local 204 are pictured here at the union's barbecue held recently. Left to right, standing, are Fred Sutton, Mack Stroud, James Mitchell, Henry Oldham, C. C. Cobb, Sr., Mack Williams, sergeant-at-arms, William McBroom, trustee, Aaron Smith, recording secretary. Seated in the same order, are Mrs. Glennie Scott, the union's first recording secretary, Fred Crawford, Charlie Hodgepeth, Lawrence Rigel, Ernest Henry, Jake Smith, the Rev. J. T. Newsome, first president of the union, E. R. Perry, R. G. Trice, Sr., vice-president of the international union, A. J. Stanley, Sr., president of local 204, Dr. B. T. Smith, guest speaker for the event, and Cicero Reaves, past president of the union.



**LISTENING TO SPEAKER**—This group of members of local 204 assume various poses as the union members listen to the main speech delivered by Dr. Smith.



**FACE THE CAMERA**—These tobacco workers give the cameraman the "once over" as they faced shutter for this picture. Little girl up front came with her daddy.

## Group Told of Responsibility

Members of Durham local 204 of the Tobacco Workers International Union paused to take note of their 23rd anniversary recently with an outdoor barbecue and entertainment.

The affair was held at the Union Hall on Proctor Street.

A major address was delivered for the event by Dr. Benjamin T. Smith, of North Carolina College.

Each retired worker of the union was invited to make remarks. Among those who were heard were E. R. Perry, the Rev. J. T. Newsome, and Roy Trice, Sr., vice-president of the international union.

Union members were urged to strive for self understanding and concern for their fellow workers by Dr. Smith in his address.

Smith, who has spent considerable time working with labor in adult education, challenged the union members to approach life positively and to strive to understand themselves to further their effectiveness as leaders of Negro labor.

"Our forefathers paved the way with blood, sweat and tears; it is now our duty to improve upon these areas by improving human relationships," the North Carolina College librarian declared.

"Fear of work is no way to earn a better life, he continued.

"We need guidance," he asserted, "to arrive at a stage of concern for our fellow worker, be he black or white."

Preston Edwards, vice president of the union, presided over the affair.



**MAIN SPEAKER** — Dr. Benjamin T. Smith, North Carolina College librarian, delivers feature address of local 204's 23rd anniversary celebration, held recently at the union hall in Durham.

## Wave of Interracial Rape Cases Stretches to N. Y.; 6 are Charged

CORONA, L. I., N. Y.—While she recognized two of her assailants, told how one boy, 14, acted as lookout while four others stood over her. The fifth, the leader, attacked her after the others dared him. A student at P. S. 16, her family is bringing charges.

## Howard President's Warning to West on Africa Stirs NATO Leaders To Urge Agency For Colonial Areas

LONDON—Some 650 distinguished citizens representing 14 of the 15 North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations (Iceland did not participate) last week (June 10) called for the creation of a centralized international economic aid program, designed to raise living standards in the world's underdeveloped countries and bring individual freedom to those countries where it does not exist.

The action followed an appeal by Howard University President Mordecai M. Johnson, who described present economic aid as a "puny afterthought tacked on to military programs."

Dr. Johnson spoke at the second Plenary Session of the Atlantic Congress which convened in

London June 5-10. He was a member of the 110-man United States delegation to the meeting, sponsored by the NATO Parliamentarians' Conference for the purpose of affording leading citizens from NATO nations an opportunity to discuss and recommend ways of developing greater unity in the Atlantic community.

The resolution, adopted unanimously, came as the Congress concluded. The action is not binding on NATO; however, it has been transmitted to the government and legislature of each member nation for consideration.

The plea for a central program of economic aid urged a "partnership in freedom with the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America

for the great task of development of those continents." Declaring that such development is essential to the well being and defense of the Atlantic community, the resolution stated that the ultimate aim of the program would be "to help the peoples of the less-developed countries to achieve a rising standard of living together with individual freedom, human dignity and democratic institutions.

The Howard President said that the Soviet Union now controls one-third of the world's population and could increase this figure to a majority unless the West reappraises its policies toward underdeveloped areas. He declared that the Western powers, through the colonial system, have exploited the peoples of Africa and Asia for 500 years.

"They remember these things," Dr. Johnson averred, "and in this hour when they are called upon to choose between us and the Soviet Union, there is in their hearts a fear of us which they cannot easily eradicate."

President Johnson, who was a member of the Sub-committee on Economic Policies of the West, told the Congress that the colonial system has brought about a division among Westerners regarding their attitudes toward underdeveloped peoples.

"Nobody can look at Africa without knowing that we are divided in our minds and that we have not yet been able to summon either the political power or the moral power to overcome that division," he said.

"It is magnificent to see that some 70 million of these people have been freed under these circumstances by members of this organization, Dr. Johnson declared. "But there are 110 millions of Africans who are neither free nor under mandate, still dominated politically, still having their natural resources exploited, not for their good but for the good of those who exploit."

President Johnson suggested four courses of action which, he said, would bring about economic and political independence in Asia and Africa. They were:

1. Put the colonial system behind us in our minds and show our allegiance to the Christian world-view regarding the nature of human nature and the possibilities of human nature and of a free

human society based on these considerations;

2. Give our consent to the eternal veto of the colonial system and turn all the strength of the Atlantic powers to the liquidation of the remaining remnants of the colonial system on Africa;

3. Accept the moral responsibility towards the peoples of Asia that is indissolubly connected with the enormous scientific and technical knowledge, organizational resources and constructive powers that we have.

## Attends Meet

Miss Ruth Pope, home economics teacher at Lincoln High School, Chapel Hill, will attend the 50th anniversary meeting of the American Home Economics Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 22-26. Miss Pope will be one of the representatives of the Home Economics Association of North Carolina.

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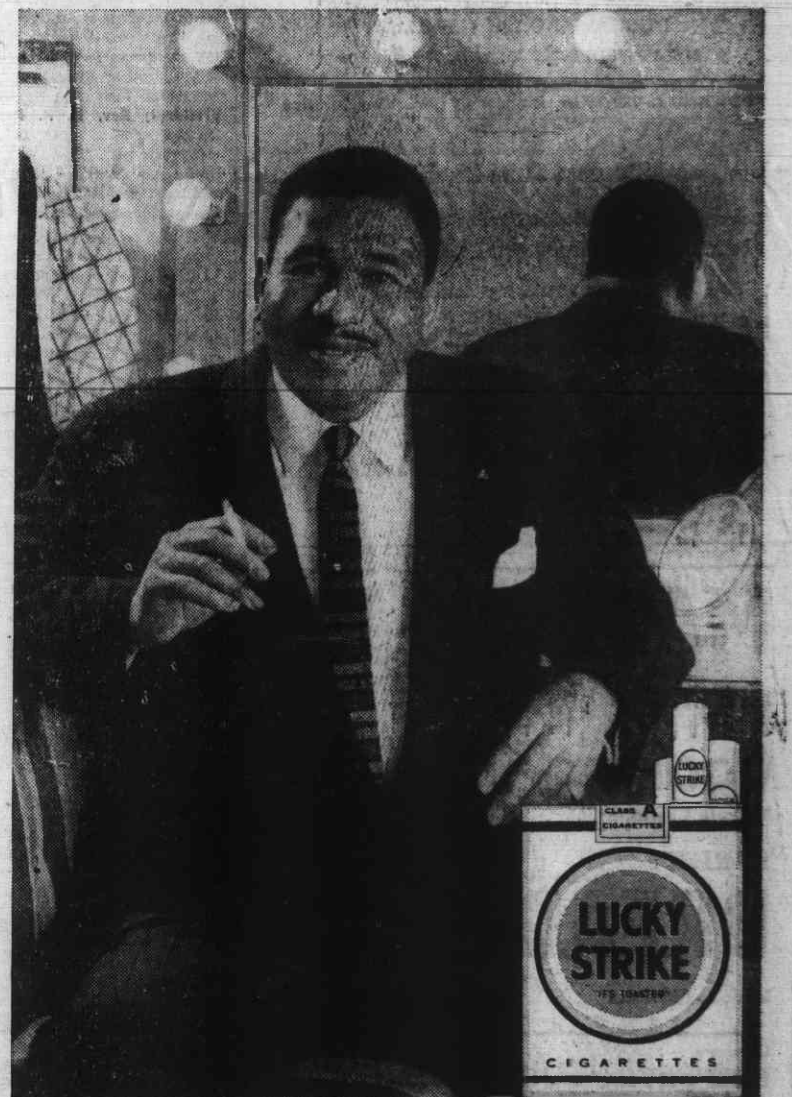
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