

# GOP Blamed For Blocking Negro Cabinet Post

## NAACP Warns Republicans of Policy Move

NEW YORK—Despite NAACP protests, five Republican members of the powerful House Rules Committee joined four southern Democrats in bottling up the Administration's bill to create a new Department of Urban Affairs headed by a Secretary with Cabinet rank. The committee voted, 9 to 6, to pigeonhole the bill.

Prior to the vote, on Jan. 24, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sent a telegram of protest to Representative William E. Miller, chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The NAACP, Wilkins told the GOP leader, "has noted report that Republican members of the House Rules Committee will vote against a rule to permit the Department of Urban Affairs bill to reach the floor. If true, this must be party policy decision. We believe the projected action will be interpreted as racially motivated, and that your influence as party chairman should be exercised to prevent Republican party acquiring this stigma."

Although Wilkins' telegram made no mention of Robert C. Weaver, Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, opposition to creation of the proposed department has been attributed to southerners who fear that Mr. Weaver, a Negro, would be named Secretary of Urban Affairs.

Later in the day, at his press conference, President Kennedy, for the first time, announced publicly that he intended to appoint Mr. Weaver to the post. He also said that he would submit to the Congress a reorganization plan for the establishment of the proposed department.

In identical telegrams to the five Republican members of the committee, the NAACP leader said that "opposition to the Department of Urban Affairs cannot escape being interpreted as racially motivated."

Clarence Mitchell, director of the Association's Washington Bureau, also sent telegrams to the GOP committee members: Representatives Clarence J. Brown, Ohio; Katherine St. George, New York; H. Allen Smith, California; Elmer J. Hoffman, Illinois; and William A. Avery, Kansas.

"We strongly urge," Mitchell said, "that you do not permit the Republican party to be used in the sorry demonstration of race prejudice by blocking consideration of the proposed legislation. Respectfully urge that you vote to report it to the floor and let the House work its will."

### HEALTH CLUB BANS BIAT FOLLOWING NAACP SUIT

MINEOLA, N. Y.—The Vic Tanney's Gym and Health Club pledged this week to pursue a policy of open admissions "without regard to race, color or creed."

The pledge was made as a result of a suit filed in the State



DURHAMITE WELCOMES HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER—Robert McNeill, of Durham, N. C., president of Iota Epsilon Chapter, Kappa De-

lta Pi Honor Society in Education, congratulates honorary member after induction ceremonies at Virginia State College. William Clayborne, principal of J. E. J. Moore High School, Disputants, chats with McNeill. McNeill is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Robert McNeill, of Durham.

principal of J. E. J. Moore High School, Disputants, chats with McNeill. McNeill is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Robert McNeill, of Durham.



PROCTORS VIEW NEW HOME—The Samuel Proctor family is pictured here with Peace Corps director Sergeant Shriver taking a look at a

map of Nigeria, which will be home for the Proctors for the next 18 months. Dr. Samuel Proctor has accepted an assignment to direct the Peace

Corps operations in that African country. His family will accompany him on the mission. Pictured above, left to right, are Dr. and Mrs.

Proctor and son Herbert, Shriver, and Timothy Proctor, the Proctor's youngest son. Photo, courtesy the Peace Corps.

## Proctor Vows Return As President Of A&T

GREENSBORO—A. and T. College alumni were last week assured by Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, president of the college, that he will return to continue his duties.

Currently on leave to head the U. S. Peace Corps program in Nigeria, Dr. Proctor gave the assurances at the winter meeting of the Executive Committee of the A. and T. College General Alumni Association held Saturday, January 20, on the college campus. He is scheduled to complete his assignment in Africa 18-months from now.

He told the group that the splendid cooperation he had received from the alumni of the college, the excellent support given him and the college by top state officials and members of the trustee board, the friendly atmosphere of the Greensboro community and the support of an able faculty, are factors which dictate that decision.

In his talk to the group, Dr. Proctor assured the alumni that the same progressive program will continue at the college under the direction of Acting President, L. C. Dowdy.

Another speaker at the meet-

L. J. Carter, Jr., employee relations specialist, The Philco Corporation, Philadelphia, told the alumni that American big business is engaged in a gigantic search for talent "wherever it can be found, regardless of race, creed or color." He said, A. and T. men and women will be asked to contribute their share to scientific and technological developments in the nation.

The Executive Committee approved plans for competitive examinations to be conducted in 34-centers in three states. To name winners of alumni scholarships to be awarded to two ranking high school seniors this spring. The alumni association testing program is to be handled under the supervision of J. Niel Armstrong, professor of education at the college.

Dr. B. W. Barnes, Greensboro dentist and chairman of the Alumni Scholarship Committee, reported that the fund had a net surplus in excess of \$10,000 after current commitments had been met for the year.

Howard C. Barnhill, Charlotte health educator and president of the organization, announced that the annual meeting of the Association has been set for

Saturday, June 2, the date of the A. and T. commencement.



PROMOTED—William A. Allen, Jr., son of Mrs. Julia Evans Allen, of 507 Dupree Street, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U. S. Army. Young Allen is stationed at Wildflecken, Germany. He is a graduate of Hillside High School and entered the army in 1959 and went overseas in 1960.

## 'Sickened,' Says King Over House Vote on Housing

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., last week expressed in strong terms his displeasures with the members of the House Rules Committee who voted against the bill which President John F. Kennedy signed to create a new cabinet Department of Urban Affairs and Housing.

"I am appalled and sickened," said Dr. King, "by the destructive viciousness of the insidious coalition which stands determinedly flatfooted in the path of the progress of the American people as a whole."

"This negative vote is a clear vote against civil rights and an example of the stubborn unwillingness of this coalition to come to grips with the problems that now exist and those that will rise within the next few years."

"I am filled with disgust over the hypocrisy of the Republican Party. This exhibition of entrenched insularity is another expression of its superb failure to stand up to the outmoded coalition and support its own avowed concern with national progress."

### BENNETT VESPERS SPEAKER

GREENSBORO — Reverend Howard Bailey, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Delaware Conference of the Methodist Church will be the Bennett College vespers speaker Sunday, February 4, at 4 p.m. in Pfeiffer Chapel.

SPONSORED BY NCC ALUMNI

## Della Reese Coming To NCC Gym Feb. 22

Della Reese, popular jazz singer, is slated for an appearance at North Carolina College, Thursday, February 22, in McDougald gymnasium. This will be her first Durham appearance. The St. Louis Blues Orchestra, under the direction of John Cotter, a long with the Meditation Singers, will appear with Miss Reese.

Miss Reese's appearance was announced today by George Nixon, president of the General Alumni Association, North Carolina College. The alumni is sponsoring the attraction.

According to Nixon, all proceeds from the show will be used for the NCC Alumni Scholarship program.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Miss Reese gained nationwide acclaim on the hit tune "Don't You Know" recorded by her in 1959. Other hits waxed by her include "Someday," "Won't You Come

Home Bill Bailey," and "In the Still of the Night."

Like many singers in the popular field, Miss Reese got her singing career started in a non-traveling church choir. Later she went on the road with the famous Mahalia Jackson and the Clara

## Talent Program Being Held For Girl Scout

CHAPEL HILL — The Ministerial Alliance of Chapel Hill will sponsor a Talent program Friday February 16, 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. A variety of talents will be heard on that night. The Youth Choir of the First Baptist

Church and Choir No. 1 of the Second Baptist Church will sing.

The finances from the program will go toward the expenses of sending a girl scout, Charlese Pearl Cotton, to the senior Girl Scout round up to be held in Button Bay, Vermont July 19-29.

The lodges and various business enterprises in the community including other organizations are asked to contribute to this cause. The goal is \$152.00. Contributions are to be reported on the night of the program.



1962 OMEGA OFFICERS Pictured above are the newly elected officers slated to steer the activities of the Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., of Durham, during the current year.

Seated from left are Dr. Joseph H. Taylor, Keeper of Finance; Dr. Charles A. Ray, Basileus; and C. C. Spaulding, Jr., Keeper of Records and Seals. Standing, same order, Lindsey

A. Merrit, Editor; F. V. Allison, Jr., Assistant Keeper of Records and Seals; Gerald L. Underwood, Vice-basileus; and C. C. Burtney, Keeper of Peace.

## JFK Blames GOP For Failure of Urban Affairs

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President John F. Kennedy will be the first President in U. S. history to name a Negro to the Cabinet if Congress does not veto his plan to set up a Department of Urban Affairs.

The President blasted the solid Republican opposition in the House Rules Committee to the new department at his press conference Wednesday and announced that he would act immediately under his own power to set up the Department.

Under the law Congress may veto the President's plan within sixty days.

The solid line up of all five Republicans on the House Rules Committee against the President's measure was a policy decision ordered by the Republican leadership. The Committee voted 9 to 6 against the plan and the 6 votes for it were all Democrats.

The fact that it was widely assumed that the President would appoint Dr. Weaver to head the Department was believed by some to be the reason the Republicans voted against the plan. According to this view, the Republican high command did not want to help President Kennedy appoint the first Negro in history to a Cabinet post.

Supreme Court here by Dr. Eugene T. Reed, president of the New York State NAACP Conference, who charged that on Jan. 23, 1961, he had been denied membership in the health club solely because of his race.

## Public Relations Institute at JCS; Negro Students Must Grasp New Opportunities, Urban Leaguer Says

CHARLOTTE—"Youngsters must concentrate on getting more out of college than a fraternity pin or sorority pin if they are to meet the new challenges and demands for skilled personnel in government, business and industry," said Dr. Julius A. Thomas, Industrial Relations Consultant for the National Urban League.

Dr. Thomas spoke to 35 public relations and placement officers from 18 colleges at the Fifth Annual College Public Relations Institute held at Johnson C. Smith University January 19-20.

"Negro people are going to be the most important people in America for the next five years," said Dr. Thomas. This, he continued, is because of the commitment of the present Administration to an "affirmative effort to integrate Negroes into a wide range of occupations." Government action in this area has proved as a stimulant to business and industry, he feels.

Increased opportunities for Negroes poses another problem, Dr. Thomas continued. That is the problem of finding people to fill these highly skilled, highly technical positions or positions in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 brackets. He sees this as the result of the lack of educational outlook of Negroes in the past. Too many, he feels, saw their only chance or gainful employment in the teaching field. Too few raised their sights beyond that of a classroom teacher.

Corporations all over the country today are seeking mathematicians, chemists, physicists, engineers, cited Dr. Thomas; and too few Negroes are available for these positions. Too many college graduates he added, are failing to measure up on examinations.

Dr. Thomas concluded with the warning that colleges must get across to Negro youngsters that there is much to be done in this country, and there is room for every set of hands that are prepared to do a job.

Mrs. Marlon V. Coombs, Director of Student Employment and Graduate Placement at Howard University, discussed the "College Graduate on the Open Market."

Mrs. Coombs pointed out that the 20 million young people entering the labor market between 1961 and 1980 need to be guided in the right direction in preparing to meet the future. Colleges need most of all to "teach people the fundamentals of an educated person and make it possible for them to have the tools to continue training themselves."

Dr. Horace G. Dawson, Director of the News Bureau at North Carolina College, Durham, spoke on "Communications in the College Program."

A panel of government representatives on the Saturday morning program included Dr. Rose Clinchy, Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the U. S. Civil Service Commission; Mrs. Mary R. Hunt, Placement Officer for the Agency for International Development. See INSTITUTE, 6-B



McALLISTER

## McAllister is Named Prexy Of Postal Group

Raymond McAllister, 206 W. Weaver St., was elected president of the Durham Chapter of the National Postal Alliance at the first monthly meeting of the chapter here recently.

A native of Durham, McAllister has been employed at the Durham post office for three years. He is a regular postal clerk at the main office. He previously served as secretary in the local chapter. McAllister is a graduate of Hillside High School and West Virginia State College.

Other officers elected were G. B. Smith, vice president; Julius Davis, Jr., financial secretary; A. O. Grady, chaplain; Paul W. Pugh, treasurer; and Garland Burton, recording and corresponding secretary.

The 16-member chapter of the Alliance holds as its objectives to keep its members informed as to what transpires in the postal service; to improve its efficiency for the good of the service; and to prove that every citizen forms an integral part of American civilization and none need any particular arrangements set aside for them to hold any certain positions within the Government service, but all are entitled to the same equality of opportunity to play their part in the function of our national government.