

Two Tarheel Cities Removed From Labor Dept.'s Depressed Areas List

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg announced the number of major industrial areas having relatively substantial unemployment dropped to 48 in July, the lowest level since July 1960. There were 51 such areas in June.

The Secretary also said that remaining 102 of the country's 100 major employment centers are now designated as having low or moderate unemployment. This compares with 99 at the beginning of this year and 62 in July 1960. The July classification ratings indicated that the employment situation in most of the various major job centers showed a further slight improvement in recent months but that the pace of the advance was somewhat more moderate than earlier in the year. However, overall employment increases, generally of modest proportions, were reported by more than one-tenth of the 150 major labor market areas regularly surveyed by the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security and affiliated State employment security agencies.

Reports from employers of the 150 areas suggested a continuation

of the moderate overall employment improvement to mid-September. About four-fifths of the areas expected to share in the upturn.

As a result of the July survey, four major areas were shifted to improved classification categories. These included Muskegon—Muskegon Heights, Mich., Utica—Rome, N. Y., and Spokane, Wash., which moved from the "substantial unemployment" group D (6.0 to 8.9 percent unemployment) to the "moderate unemployment" group C (3.0 to 5.9), and Norfolk—Portsmouth, Va., which shifted from group C to the low unemployment group B (1.5 to 2.9 percent).

In addition to the revisions in major area classifications, five smaller areas—Dover, Del., Ottawa—La. Salle, Ill., Newton, N. J., Hendersonville and Rocky Mount, N. C.—were removed from the "substantial unemployment" list in July as local employment conditions improved. These changes, plus a number of revisions in local area boundaries, reduced the number of "smaller areas of substantial unemployment" from 198 in June to 190. In July of last year, 230 areas were in this category.

NAACP Opens Boycott In Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The NAACP selective buying campaign has been extended to this far north outpost. Prosecuting discriminatory hiring practices, the Anchorage branch has instituted a picket line in front of one of the city's largest supermarkets — the first such action by the branch.

The picketing was launched on July 31 after months of fruitless negotiations with the management of the supermarket. Finally the owners refused to meet with NAACP representatives at all and the branch voted to picket in protest against the unjust hiring policies. Over 30 per cent of the supermarket's customers are Negro.

Among the demonstrators were two children who carried signs stating that they would work when they grow up. Clarence V. Coleman, president of the branch, said that it was only after the owners refused to meet with delegations that the NAACP voted to picket in protest against what it considered

to be an unfair and un-American employment policy.

The branch has received the support of various churches, social and civic clubs in the Negro community in their protest demonstrations.

CATHOLIC TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

LAFAYETTE, La. — As a member and guest speaker at the 52nd annual convention of the Catholic order, the Knights of Saint Peter Claver NAACP-Southwest Regional Secretary Clarence Laws called upon his fellow Catholics to take a more active role in the fight for freedom.

Addressing a session of the convention here, Aug. 6, Laws praised the contributions to the civil rights struggle made by A. P. Tureaud, New Orleans NAACP attorney, and his associates, Ernest N. Morial and A. M. Trudeau. However, he pointed out, there are not enough such Negro Catholics in the movement.



CONFERENCE PRINCIPALS — Among those that attended the 13th annual Principals-Supervisors Conference at North Carolina College were, left to right, Dr. George W. Denmark, dean of the school of education, University of Wisconsin; Harold Webb, supervisor of science education, North Carolina Department of

Public Instruction; Dr. Joseph H. Taylor, director of NCC summer school and host, and Dr. Lafayette Parker, president-elect of the North Carolina Teachers Association. Dr. Denmark as consultant of the two-day meet, with "The Curriculum Challenge of Our Times" as the theme. (NCC photo by Lasser)

AME Zion Education Conference Protests Arrest of Durham Four

SALISBURY — The A. M. E. Zion Church joined CORE and the NAACP in the protest of the arrest of four members of the "Freedom Highway" team, by Durham officers, at the "Freedom Rally" held at St. Joseph's AME Church, Sunday.

Bishop R. L. Jones, who presides over the 2nd Episcopal District and other members of the district sent Mayor E. J. Evans a telegram taking the city officials to task for arresting and sentencing the quartet to prison terms.

"Whereas it has been called to our attention that at least four young people who participated in the picketing demonstrations in the city of Durham have been arrested and are now being held in prison; Whereas these young people possess no evil intention, but were prompted by the desire to see justice and fair play prevail; Whereas the latest decisions of the Supreme Court and several lower courts have upheld similar practices in the past, and whereas the retaining of these young people does incalculable harm to the prestige of this nation both at home and abroad, and whereas the action by the police force of Durham constitutes a miscarriage of justice; be it therefore resolved that these persons be released forthwith; that methods of nego-

tion and reconciliation be employed in finding a solution to this problem. Be it further resolved that we, the members of the Second Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, meeting as a part of the General Convention on Christian Education and Christian Youth Council, Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina, do hereby protest the action of the police department of the City of Durham.

It is our sincere hope that the office of Mayor will do all in its power to see that justice and good will prevail.

The telegram was signed by Bishop Jones and the Reverends R. L. Speaks and George Tharrington, pastors of AME Zion churches in Durham.

The message was read to the rally by Alexander Barnes, director, Public Relations, for the AME Zion Church.

Methodists Name Date For Town, Country Confab

SALISBURY, Md. — The Town and Country Commission of the Delaware Conference of the Methodist Church has scheduled the first convocation to be held at the Wicomico County Civic Center here, Friday and Saturday, November 30th and December 1st.

The convocation is designed to acquaint the local church membership of the conference with the available services of various Federal, State, and general church agencies in providing a better way of life for people in town and country areas, and to help in coordinating church and community programs.

The two-day convocation will be climaxed by an hour with "great hymns of the Christian Church," featuring the hymns of John and Charles Wesley, the Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Ridout of Baltimore conducting.

The Rev. Augustus Chancy is chairman of the commission. He is pastor of Mt. Joy Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del. The Rev. Edward A. Hughes of Oxford, Maryland, is secretary-treasurer.

Equal Education Given Emphasis By AMEZ Meet

SALISBURY — Among the many problems gone over by the General Convention on Christian Education and General Assembly and National Christian Youth Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was the equality of educational opportunities.

It was pointed out to the delegation that it is important to fight for economic justice. The panel chaired by Dr. L. J. Batisle and recorded by Alexander Barnes featured the freedom of economic opportunities and in employment.

John B. Duncan, a member of the Board of Commissioners, Washington, D. C. belabored the fact that Negroes had been denied proper training for many of the jobs available in the District Government and admonished the young people to become prepared to meet the requirements necessary to obtain high paying jobs.

W. Mance Gilliam, Administrative Assistant to the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, told of the many opportunities offered by life insurance companies and urged the youth to carefully consider this field.

Dr. J. C. Hoggard, Secretary of Foreign Missions fully outlined the opportunities offered by not only the A. M. E. Zion Church, but many church boards for, over seas duty. He implored the audience to acquire depth in preparing for such jobs. He emphasized the fact that a missionary must not only be equipped with ability to pray and preach, but should be able to teach recreation, home economics, farming, and even political science.

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nesday morning and closes Friday afternoon, following the annual business meeting of the teacher professional group. B. H.

Federal Judge Orders Richmond White School to Admit 10 Negroes

RICHMOND, Va. — Pupil Placement Act of Virginia sustained another setback when United States District Judge John D. Butzner ordered the transfer of 10 previously rejected Negro pupils to white schools in Richmond. Judge Butzner's decree restrained the Richmond school board and the Virginia State pupil placement board from denying nine colored children admission to the Chandler Junior High School and one teenager to the John Marshall High School.

The decree was issued in response to a suit filed on behalf of the Negro students by S. W. Tucker, Virginia State NAACP counsel. The complaint further asked that the school board be "enjoined from operating racially segregated schools and . . . be required to submit to the Court a plan of desegregation."

Judge Butzner found that the Pupil Placement Act had been administered in a way discriminating against Negroes.

Thornton and W. M. Grandy, both of Durham, N. C., are president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the organization.

tory to the plaintiffs in that they were required to meet criteria for transfers not required of white students. Part of this, he said, stemmed from the system of "feeder schools" which automatically assigned students from elementary to junior high schools and to high schools on a racial basis.

However, the judge refused to declare the act unconstitutional or to require the submission of a desegregation plan. Pointing to the enrollment of 127 Negro pupils in white schools for the 1961-62 school term, he concluded that the school board "should be allowed discretion to fashion within a reasonable time the changes necessary to eliminate the remaining objectionable features of the system of 'feeder schools'."

The decree was entered on July 25. The original complaint was filed on Sept. 5, 1961, in behalf of Negro pupils and their parents. Assisting Tucker in preparing the argument in the case were L. Marsh, III, and Roland E. Eick, both of Richmond.

Judge Butzner retained the case on the docket "for such further relief as may be necessary."

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Responsibility of Teachers Stressed By Weaver In Convention Speech

CHICAGO — "Today's students and graduates face awe some and perplexing questions that are frightening in their impact questions not about the future of the individual or even of a generation, but question that concern that future of our country and the future of all mankind; questions that are global, even planetary in scope.

"In order to assist them in meeting this challenge, you have a responsibility to understand clearly the problems that are agitating the minds and hearts of men and women throughout the world" stated, George L. P. Weaver, Assistant Secretary of Labor for International Affairs at the 28th Annual Convention of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, a national collegiate sorority with more than 6,000 members meeting at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel.

"I wish to commend this organization on its national programs, and to recommend to other organizations your theme "Training Youth for Community Leadership." Your success in providing organized recreation for children through the instrument of the Teen-Towns you have established in many parts of the country, especially in the South, has attracted nationwide attention.

"Your guidance clinic program, which has also been a great success, gives high school students a view of available job opportunities and widens their occupational horizons. This is a most exciting challenge. In helping these young people to answer the question of what work they should prepare themselves to do, which opportunities to seek, and what kind of ambitions to satisfy, it is heartening to note that barriers

based on race are crumbling.

"Today and more so tomorrow the most important limitation on the Negro's ability to realize his ambitions, are the limitations of imagination the limitations he circumscribes for himself. This, in my opinion, is the challenge to the generation of Negro students in high school, colleges, and universities, today," declared Weaver.

More than 400 delegates representing chapters in some 36 states attended the 40th Anniversary Boule.

A highlight of the convention was a message of greeting from Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, who stated that "the theme for your summer boule exemplifies appropriately the activities of Sigma Gamma Rho in encouraging the promoting scholarship and in developing talent for leadership."

Dr. Lorraine A. Williams, national president, Sigma Gamma Rho, expressed the view that this was the most successful and best attended boule in the entire 40 year history of the sorority founded at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Annie Lee Neville, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presided over several important meetings of that body during the convention.

Delegates attended fashion shows, beauty clinics, and tours of the Johnson Publishing Company, Bankers Life and Casualty Insurance Company and of the City of Chicago.

Delegates to the convention from the Rocky Mount, N. C. Beta Zeta Sigma chapter of the sorority are Mrs. Mary L. Backus, Mrs. Louise Lassiter, Mrs. Annie L. Neville, Mrs. Lula Reeves, Mrs. Vivian Tillman and Miss Ruth Whitworth.

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