

Williams Inaugurated at WSTC

WINSTON-SALEM — Amid pagertry, praises and challenges, 2,000 friends guests and admirers in Whitaker Gymnasium and many, many thousands more on television saw Dr. Kenneth R. Williams installed November 11 as the third president of Winston-Salem Teachers College. The installation climaxed three days of inaugural activity at the college.

The activities got under way with a press luncheon at 1 p. m. on Friday. At 8 p. m. Dr. Howard R. Boozer, assistant director of the North Carolina State Board of Higher Education, addressed a pre-inaugural session. He listed the requisites of a great college as: adequate facilities and proper equipment; a broaden and enriched curriculum; a highly trained, dynamic faculty; and well prepared, highly motivated, interested students. He challenged the college to move into the main stream of higher education.

Saturday's activities were largely social and recreational. They were highlighted by a formal ball at 9 p. m. in the college gymnasium.

Activities began on Sunday with a pre-inaugural breakfast at 9 a. m. and the registration of delegates continuing until 12:30 p. m. The academic proceedings of delegates from over 120 institutions of higher education and learned societies and other representatives followed by the college faculty, the college trustees and the presidential party proceeded to the gymnasium from the administration building at 2:15 p. m.

At 2:30 the formal proceedings with Ralph M. Starktor, a member of the Board of Trustees presiding, got under way. Attorney Winfield Blackwell presided. Dr. Williams as a man of scholarship and personal achievement, dedicated to Christian principles, public service and education.

In his inaugural address, President Williams pledged his administration to developing scholarship among students. He said "Winston-Salem Teachers College gladly accepts its responsibility. We will serve efficiently and effectively."

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A STRONG RESOLUTION

Calling for expulsion of state and local dental societies that refuse to admit Negroes to membership was passed by the American Dental Association at its recent convention in Miami following this historic conference between officers of the ADA and of the all-Negro National Dental Association. The resolution was directed at societies in 12 southern states that have refused to conform to ADA policy which does not ban Negro membership. Pictured from left to right are: seated, Dr.

Richard C. Layne, St. Louis, NDA president; Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, Philadelphia, ADA president; Dr. Russell A. Dixon, NDA past president and dean of the College of Dentistry, Howard University, Washington; and Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, Chicago, ADA secretary; (standing, left to right), Dr. Matthew Mitchell, Washington; Dr. James Wallace, Jr., Chicago, secretary of the NDA executive board; Dr. John R. Abel, retiring ADA president; Dr. Clifton Dummett, Tuskegee, Ala., editor of the NDA Quarterly and Dr. G. W. Hawkins, Miami, member of the NDA executive board.

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Leaders to Discuss Role of U. S. Negroes In Forming African Policy

NEW YORK — The nation's 100 top Negro leaders will convene at a three-day summit meeting the weekend of November 23rd at Columbia University's Arden House Campus in Harriman, New York. Led by such leaders as Martin Luther King, Jr., Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, A. Philip Randolph and others the Conference will examine critically the role of the American Negro community in U. S. policy in Africa.

Specifically, it will be the opening effort on the part of Negro leaders to create a program that will involve a stepped-up interest of America's 19 million Negroes in their own political influence on their government's policy in sub-Saharan Africa.

The specific areas of Africa with which the Conference will be concerned are: the Congo, South Africa, Southwest Africa, Angola, Mozambique, Central Africa Federation, Kenya, and the High Commission Territories. In addition to the specific areas of Africa, one of the principal topics of the Conference will be: "American Negro Participation in Government

and Private Overseas African Programs: Racial Frustrations and Exclusions."

In preparation for the Conference the following distinguished scholars, since September 1st have been preparing background papers on the areas above:

They are: Adelaide Cromwell Hill (Boston University) and St. Clair Drake (Roosevelt College) - Central African Federation, Allard Lowenstein (North Carolina State College) - Southwest Africa, John Marcum (Lincoln University—Pa.) Angola, Eduardo Mondlane (Syracuse University) - Mozambique, George Houser (American Committee on Africa) - Union of South Africa, John A. Davis (College of the City of New York) and others - American Negro Participation in Government and Private Overseas African Programs: Racial Frustrations and Exclusions.

The Negro leaders will represent a broad spectrum of organizational heads from religious, civil rights, fraternal, sorority, business, professional, educational, labor and social groups. The decisions of the Conference will be expressed in resolutions and the Conference Statement at the concluding plenary session Sunday morning, November 25th. Negro leaders have been concerned increasingly about the U. S. policy in sub-Saharan Africa.

They have been expressing the increased feeling of Negro communities on the problems of the many emerging independent African states and also those areas still lacking independence. Conference leaders stated that the response has been overwhelming.

Theodore E. Brown, Director of the Conference, said: "The American Negro community has a special responsibility to urge a dynamic policy on our own country. If the United States can't take vigorous action to help win freedom in Africa's troubled zones, how can we expect to maintain the trust, the friendship of the newly independent and soon to be independent peoples of Africa and Asia?"

"Since the turn of the century Negro leaders and scholars have expressed the concern of Negro Americans for the elimination of colonialism and all its evils. Mr. Brown continued: "While our Conference will not initiate a new interest on the part of American Negroes, it will launch a more aggressive determination to make our influence felt on the policies of our Government in the critical areas of that vast continent, especially south of the Sahara."

This will be the largest gathering of top Negro leadership ever concentrated to examine U. S. foreign policy in terms of American Negro interest. Although not as large, the last similar meeting was convened

Integrationists Delighted at Vote in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Integration leaders were delighted at the recent vote which will mean a new form of city government here.

The vote was 18,968 to 16,415 to substitute a mayor council system for the present three man commission. One of the commissioners is Eugene "Bull" Connor, who is in charge of police and is known for his harsh treatment of Negroes and their white friends.

"The Negro vote was most critical and crucial," said the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, president of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, which has sparked the integration drive here for several years.

"I think the vote represents the beginning of a major change in Birmingham. At least some white people have expressed themselves openly for progress and this is far different than it has been."

as the first Pan-African Conference, organized by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois in 1919

"The vote does not mean, however, that the total white community is ready to bring its thinking up to date. But then somebody has to be out in front."

"The attitude and deportment of the city commissioners themselves gave concrete evidence that Birmingham city government has for too long been run on a personal basis, given to quarrels, bickering and turmoil."

"I hope this will also be the beginning of the end of Mr. Bull Connor's long reign of terror abuse, and misuse of power."

Two days after the election, Negroes held a mass meeting at which they voted to renew a having withdrawal affecting the downtown area. This has been one of the means of protest against segregation and discrimination here.

The Rev. Shuttlesworth said that an intensified drive for integration here will be carried on first by local people and friends will be called in from other organizations as needed.

Full support for the new campaign has been pledged by both

the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, headed by Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. and the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), New Orleans, headed by Bishop Edgar A. Love. The Rev. Shuttlesworth is secretary for SCLC and a director of SCEF.

There may still be hurdles to putting the new form of government into effect in Birmingham. Connor and other commissioners may fight in the courts to stay in office until their terms expire three years from now.

Even after the council-mayor system is put into effect, there will still be barriers to full use of the growing strength of the Negro voters. One of these is a rule against voting for one or two candidates. This method is known as "single-shotting" and has resulted in election of Negroes to office in other cities.

Under the mayor-council system, every voter will be required to vote for nine persons for the nine man council. Otherwise his ballot will not be counted.



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