

Starts Suit To Unseat 21 Southern Congressmen

Vote Denial Question to Be Raised by Attys.

WASHINGTON — An estimated 21 southern Congressmen will lose their jobs if Section 2 of the 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution is enforced, NAACP Legal Defense Fund attorneys told the U. S. District Court here last week.

Secretary of Commerce, Luther Hodges and Director of the Bureau of Census, Richard M. Scammon are defendants in this case which seeks to protect voting rights.

Legal Defense Fund attorneys last week asked the District Court to deny the defendants' motion to dismiss.

Dr. Abram J. Jaffe, director of the Manpower and Population Program at Columbia University's Bureau of Applied Social Research, told the Court that it is possible to enforce Section 2.

Since the Bureau of Census has never tried to enforce Section 2 under modern conditions, Dr. Jaffe stated in an affidavit, it would be "premature and unrealistic" to conclude that the Bureau could not accurately measure denial and abridgment of the right to vote.

Section 2 of the 14th Amendment provides that:

"When the right to vote . . . is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such state, being 21 years of age . . . the basis for representation (in Congress) therein shall be reduced in proportion to the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens 21 years of age in such state."

Current interpretation includes women citizens. The 14th Amendment was ratified in 1869 and an 1872 act of Congress calls for its implementation. The Bureau of Census attempted to comply by collecting statistics of denial and abridgment of the right to vote during the Census of 1870.

But, the Constitutional clause has been ignored ever since.

The Legal Defense Fund ultimately seeks a declaration of the defendants' duty to comply with Section 2 when they compile, compute, prepare and transmit the decennial apportionment of Representatives in Congress.

Wrirtz Names Director of Anti-Poverty Program

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz last week announced the appointment of Jack Howard as director of the newly formed Neighborhood Youth Corps. The Corps is a major part of the Nation's war-on-poverty.

In his new post, Howard will direct arrangements for Federal contracts with local NYC sponsors — public and private nonprofit agencies — who will provide young men and women between ages 16 and 22 with jobs, supervision, counseling and training.

Howard, 40, a former newspaperman, brings a broad background of government experience to his new war-on-poverty position. As special assistant to the Under Secretary of Labor, he was active in the planning and operation of the Labor Department's Manpower Administration in its first year.

He also played a major role in the establishment in 1963 of the Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Information Centers which are designed to increase youth employment opportunities.

Howard first came to Washington in 1947 on a one-year Congressional Fellowship awarded by the American Political Science Association. While on this fellowship, he studied the organization and functioning of the Congress and served briefly on the staff of Senator H. M. Jackson (D-Wash.).

In 1960, the NYC director began a two-year tenure as chief investigator for the House Government Information Subcommittee.

Before entering government work, Howard was labor editor of the San Francisco Chronicle (1957-59) and a reporter for the Springfield (Ohio) Daily News (1948-50). He has contributed articles to many publications, including The See ANTI-POVERTY, page 2A.

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NAACP Desegregates McComb As Townspeople Look On

Racial Barriers Lifted at Several Establishments

McCOMB, Miss. — Twenty Negroes, led by state and local leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, quietly desegregated two hotels, a movie theater, restaurants and drug store lunch counters here, Wednesday, Nov. 18.

This was the second successful NAACP venture in desegregating public accommodations in Mississippi. Last July, immediately after passage of the Civil Rights Act, a special committee of the NAACP Board of Directors broke long-standing racial barriers in restaurants and hotels in Jackson, Biloxi, Laurel, Meridian and Gulfport. Other tests are planned for additional Mississippi cities.

In McComb, white townspeople watched silently as the group entered the establishments in a test of law. All were served without incident. A force of 30 state patrolmen and 20 FBI agents joined local police in watching over the group.

Desegregation of the facilities followed publication of a statement signed by 650 leading McComb residents calling for re-establishment of order and respect for law.

Charles Evers, NAACP Mississippi field director, who headed the group, noted that Negro leaders had had several meetings with leaders of the white community regarding desegregation prior to formulation and release of the statement.

Business places desegregated included the lunch counter in Woolworth's and dining and rooming facilities in the Continental Hotel and Holiday Inn Motel.

Testing of this town of 14,000 residents, which has been the scene of frequent bombings and burnings in Negro neighborhoods. See McCOMB, page 2A.



BISHOP

Freshman is A 'One Man Band' At A&T College

GREENSBORO — A freshman student who this fall joined the famed A. and T. College Marching Band is just about a "one-man band," himself.

One of the most versatile musicians to affiliate with the band in recent years, George Bishop, Jr., performs well on at least six instruments. He plays the tenor saxophone or the baritone in the marching band; the bassoon in the symphony band; will concentrate on the organ and piano as a music major, and picks the electric bass guitar for fun.

He is a native of Asheville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop, Sr., of that city and brought with him to A. and T. a raft of clippings about his exploits in the music world.

Last summer he won first place in a county-wide talent contest (for Buncombe County), sponsored by the Rotary Club. He beat out a big list of competitors which covered. See BAND, page 2A.

CO-OP FINANCING RAISES STANDARD OF EDUCATION

NEW YORK — America's privately-financed southern Negro colleges are contributing an increasing number of outstanding men and women to society, reports a December Reader's Digest article "Negro Colleges: Their Product and Promise."

Author James Daniel notes that some 70 of these colleges today have an enrollment of about 40,000 students. Among their graduates have been distinguished Negroes as educator Booker T. Washington, scholar W. E. B. DuBois, author James Weldon Johnson, singer Roland Hayes, Judge Thurgood Marshall and the Rev. Martin Luther King, 1964 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

For the past twenty years fundraising for 32 of the Negro schools has been carried on cooperatively by the United Negro College Fund, founded by Dr. Fred Patterson, then President of Alabama's famed Tuskegee Institute. To date the Fund has collected 46 million dollars for its member colleges, contributing to each a maximum ten percent of expenses.

Using an incentive method which the more an individual college raises internally the larger the share it gets from gifts raised by the UNCF, the Fund has stimulated substantial increases in financial support by Negroes for Negro colleges. Last year Negro individuals and institutions contributed \$1,500,000 to the colleges. A number of other U. S. college groups have copied the Fund's innovation of joint financing, the Digest notes.

Academic standards among Negro colleges are rising rapidly, the article states; graduates find ready admission to top graduate schools and are welcomed by many large national corporations.

The colleges began just after the Civil War when New England. See STANDARDS, page 2A.

A. & T. and NCC In Traditional Turkey Day Tilt

Durham County Stadium will be the site for the annual Carolina Classic between the North Carolina College Eagles and the North Carolina A. and T. College Aggies Thursday afternoon. A capacity crowd of about 10,000 spectators is expected for the 1:30 kickoff.

This will be the final regular season game for both clubs for 1964. A. and T. can assure itself of the CIAA visitation championship with a win Thursday, but Coach Herman Riddick's charges would like nothing better than a victory over the Gate City boys.

The Aggies are leading the league with a 5-0-1 worksheet in the loop and a 5-3-1 overall mark. A. and T. with a Dickinson rating of 25.42, must defeat the Eagles in the Turkey Bowl to remain on top. The nearest challenger to the Aggies for the crown is Morgan State College.

NCC will carry a 4-4 overall mark into the game. In the conference the Durhams stand 2-4. A win for NCC would give Riddick another winning season. Riddick, the "Dean of CIAA Coaches," has experienced only one losing year in the 19 years he has been piecing boss at NCC. The Eagles finished with a 2-7 record in 1947, however, in 1949 and 1959. NCC compiled identical 4-4-1 records.

Coach Bert Piggott's Gate City charge will be ruled a slight favorite in the Turkey Bowl contest. But when these two teams meet, anything can happen. Predictions, records, or statistics cannot be used as a yardstick to measure the outcome of the game.

Last Thanksgiving in Greensboro, with the conference championship at stake, NCC walked off with a 6-0 win and the CIAA title, thanks to a 29-yard scoring aerial from Aaron Martin, now a defensive back for the Los Angeles Rams, to Robert Evans.

Awards Given to Heads of Retired Persons Ass'n

WASHINGTON — The American Association of Homes for the Aged (AAHA) on Nov. 11 presented annual Awards of Honor to Dr. Ethel P. Andrus of Ojai, Calif., 70-year-old founder and president of the American Association of Retired Persons; Hobart C. Jackson, administrator of the Stephen Smith Home for the Aged, Philadelphia, and Dr. Julius Weil, executive director of the Motefiore Home, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

The awards were presented at the AAHA's Third Annual Meeting and Conference at the Statler-Hilton Hotel by Mrs. Jean Wallace Carey, chairman of the association's Award of honor committee, and staff associate for aging, Bureau of Social Services of the Community Service Society, New York City.

Dr. Andrus, a pioneer in developing low-cost accident and health insurance for retired persons, organized the National Retired Teachers Association in 1947 following a career as teacher and high school principal.

Jackson is president of the Pennsylvania Association of Homes for the Aged, chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee, Office for the Aged, and of the Committee on Aging of the National Urban League. A cum laude graduate of Morehouse College. See RETIRED, page 2A.



MRS. LEMARQUIS DEJARMON, home, involving pine cones and needles, leaves, styrofoam, tooth picks, paraffin, etc., will be demonstrated. Y-Teen Advisers look on as Program Director discuss Research Material. Left to right are: Miss D. Brinkley, Mrs. A. E. Spears, Mrs. A. Bennett, Miss A. Fairley, Miss W. Joyer, Miss Viola High, Miss N. Jones and Miss Easter James, Teen-age Program Director. Anyone desiring information may call 684-0191.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

Joins Attack On Vote Discrimination In Miss.

NEW YORK — The American Civil Liberties Union will join the governments' attack on discriminatory Mississippi voting laws.

Raising a broad range of constitutional issues, the ACLU will file a friend-of-the-court brief in the U.S. Supreme Court supporting arguments made by the Department of Justice in a suit against the State of Mississippi, the members of the State Board of Election Commissioners, and six county voter registrars. At stake, the ACLU contends, are Mississippi statutes which "intentionally discriminate on the grounds of race and implement Mississippi's long standing legislative policy of disenfranchising Negroes." The group of ACLU lawyers who prepared the brief was headed by former U. S. Attorney General Francis Biddle.

The ACLU must first receive court permission to have its brief accepted in the case, however, since the State of Mississippi has objected to ACLU participation. In its attack on the voting laws, the civil liberties organization said that while "in other circumstances" the state laws might be defended as "valid measures to

protect the electorate," to describe the present laws as such is "obviously a sham."

A 130 page appendix to the ACLU brief offered a historical survey of voting laws in Mississippi since the Reconstruction era, in which it pointed to the openly discriminatory intentions served by their enactment. The survey

was written by Kenneth D. Kemper, a student at Columbia Law School.

The brief leveled specific charges against three sections of the Mississippi Constitution: the literacy and constitutional interpretation requirement, the "good moral character" qualification, and the poll tax.

Two Greensboro Men Are Honored By National Greek Letter Fraternity

GREENSBORO — Two Greensboro men were last week honored by a national Greek letter fraternity.

Dr. George C. Simkins, Jr., a local dentist, was cited as "Citizen of the Year," and Ellis F. Corbett, director, public information services at A. and T. College, received the "Omega Man of Year" Award. The awards were presented at the Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Greensboro Mu Psi and Tau Omega Chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The affair was held last Saturday evening at the O'Henry Hotel.

Dr. Simkins was honored for his work, during the past year in the field of human rights, with special reference to the litigation to remove segregation from local hospitals. He has served as president in the local chapter of the NAACP since 1959, and a member of the Greensboro Commission on Human Relations.

Corbett, who had served as editor of the ORACLE, official publication of the Fraternity for the past 15 years and who in August was elevated to first vice grand basileus, the second position in command, of the 21,000 member organization, was cited for his service to the organization over a long period of years.

Both were presented plaques by Dr. George C. Royal, dean of the Graduate School at A. and T. College, and basileus of the local Tau Omega chapter.

On hand for the event was Geo. E. Meares, Brooklyn, N. Y., probation officer and grand basileus of the Fraternity. He spoke at the closing session of the two-day observance of National Achievement, a national project of the organization, on Sunday morning, at the St. James Presbyterian Church. Meares, a former Greensboro. See AWARDS, page 2A.



MISS RITA ALSTON, freshman at Winston-Salem State College, is shown with President K. R. Wilham. She attended Allen High School in Asheville.

Chain Letter Warning About Gov't Issues

WASHINGTON — Chain letter schemes involving U. S. Savings Bonds are in violation of Federal regulations and persons participating in them are subject to possible criminal prosecution. This warning came this week from W. P. Johnson, Savings Bonds Director for North Carolina, in the face of a reappearance of Savings Bonds chain letters in North Carolina.

The first such scheme was reported as early as 1941, the year Series E Bonds were born. Subsequent revivals of the idea have resulted in the Treasury instructing all banks and other issuing agents to refuse to sell Savings Bonds in cases where they know, or have reason to believe, that the Bonds will be used in any type of chain letter scheme. This applies whether or not the See CHAIN LETTER, page 2A.

Local Girl Crowned "Miss SNEA"

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EFFORTS BEING MADE TO NAME

Congressman Conyers, Jr. To House Judiciary

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Snow F. Grigsby, Editor, The Postal Alliance, official publication of the National Alliance of Postal Employees, disclosed this week in a press conference in Detroit, that there is movement to have the nation's sixth Negro Congressman, Attorney John Conyers, Jr., of Detroit and Michigan's First Congressional District, appointed to the very important House Judiciary Committee as his committee assignment in the 89th session of Congress.

Grigsby stated, "I have met and discussed this matter with the leaders of the Democratic Party, the Congressman-Elect, the labor movement and the ministry in Detroit regarding the possibilities. We think that the nation and the Congress would benefit by this kind of assignment.

"There has never been a Negro Congressman on the Judiciary Committee in the history of the Congress and Conyers is particularly well qualified in that he has not only been a practicing attorney, but that he has also served in a judicial capacity as a Referee in the Workmen's Compensation Department.

"Conyers was appointed Referee by former Michigan Governor John B. Swainson, where he served in a full-time capacity prior to submitting his resignation to become a candidate for Congress."

Grigsby continued, "We are all hopeful that Conyers receives a Judiciary Committee assignment, and I know personally, that he is eager to serve on this committee."

Grigsby concluded, "At the commencement of the 89th Congress, there will be no Michigan members on the Judiciary Committee. Conyers election to the Congress marks the first time that any state has elected two Negro Congressmen since Reconstruction.

A. & T. College Continues Drive For CIAA Crown

HAMPTON, Virginia — The A. and T. College Aggies (5-0-1) took a firmer grip on first place in the CIAA standings by crushing the first division Virginia State College Trojans 34-6 in Greensboro last Saturday. The North Carolina Eagles remain the only stumbling block to a championship. Morgan State College (7-1-0) remaining in the thick of the battle by beating Shaw 40-7. See AGGIES, page 2A.

Hawley Teachers Attend Foreign Language Meet

OXFORD — Mrs. V. F. Brooks and Mrs. R. W. Hedgepeth, French teachers of the G. C. Hawley High School, recently attended the N. C. State Foreign Language Conference held at the Jack Tar Hotel in Winston-Salem.

The teachers expressed the fact that they were intrigued by the very rich program they experienced. The highlights included an opening address by Dr. Nelson Brooks, Professor of French, Master of Arts in Teaching Program, Yale University, who used as his theme: "Language Learning: A New Concept and a New Approach."

The conference closed with demonstrations from French classes from high schools in High Point and Greensboro respectively. Each of the schools used the theme, "Learning French the Modern Way."

Many very helpful hints for the teaching of French were given throughout the conference, and it was magnificently enjoyed by all.