

# LBJ Appoints First Negro Woman U. S. Judge



## Expect Mrs. Motley to Continue "Stormy" Role In New Post

NEW YORK — President Johnson's appointment of Mrs. Constance Baker Motley Tuesday to the federal judgeship for the southern New York district was the first time a Negro woman has been named to a federal judge position.

Mrs. Motley is the second ranking attorney in the legal defense fund of the NAACP—the agency which handles most of the national civil rights cases and is the president of the Borough of Manhattan. Named to this \$35,000 post in 1964, she was also the first woman to hold this position.

Mrs. Motley, 44, is married to Joel W. Motley, a real estate man and they have one son, Joel, Jr.

Having done graduate work at Columbia University Law School, she is northern born and southern educated.

When asked by her father why she had decided to become a lawyer, she replied:

"Law is difficult, and I want to do something that's difficult."

Most of Mrs. Motley's adult years have been spent in the thick of the legal storm and her selection by President Johnson to be a federal district court judge is not likely to cause any calm.

She represented James H. Meredith when he became the first known Negro to enroll at the University of Mississippi. She led a battery of five lawyers to get Harvey Gantt admitted to Clemson College in 1962. She was the NAACP's legal tactician in the struggle over Alabama school desegregation, and she was instrumental in getting Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes into the University of Georgia in 1961.



MRS. MOTLEY

Mrs. Motley has sometimes found the machinery of the law moving too slowly.

"You always feel that you wish they'd hurry up and rule... but when you finally win, then everything is wonderful."

## COURT REFUSES 4,000 WATTS RIOT CASES

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Supreme Court declined Monday to accept for consideration a protest that about 4,000 defendants arrested during the 1965 Watts riots in Los Angeles are not getting adequate legal help.

**AWARDED GRANT**—Dr. Mary M. Townes, associate professor of biology at North Carolina College, who has been conducting research since 1953 on glycerinated stalks of vorticella in hopes of understanding the causes of muscular dystrophy, was recently awarded a grant to continue her work by the NCC Faculty Research Committee. An NCC faculty member since 1950, she earned her doctorate at the University of Michigan in 1962.

## NCC Instructor Seeks Key to Muscular Dystrophy Disease

By GEORGE E. HARDIN

For every scientist who wins public acclaim for a new discovery, there are scores of others working in fields just as important, but without spectacular results, and therefore known only to their colleagues.

In this latter class is Dr. Mary McLean Townes, associate professor of biology at N. C. College, who has been conducting research since 1953 in a project which may lead to greater understanding of one of man's most puzzling diseases — muscular dystrophy. Her work involves the study of vorticella, "decidedly microscopic" animals which can contract and relax much as muscles do until affected by dystrophy which causes them to progressively waste away.

Speaking of the highly specialized project in the spotless office fronting the small laboratory in which her research is conducted, Dr. Townes indicated that her research is a part-time activity, spliced between teaching and family responsibilities. See DR. TOWNES 2A

## Intimidation of Negroes Rises In Mississippi

MAYERSVILLE, Miss.—Mrs. Unita Blackwell, a Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party leader said, "There has been an increase in intimidation of Negroes in Isequeua County." The intimidation has increased as Negroes register to vote and as they register their children in formerly all-white schools. "There is a pattern of evictions used as intimidation," Mrs. Blackwell said. "The problem is that there are 1,808 Negroes eligible to vote and only 640 whites are eligible.

Negroes have the potential to control the county. In 1964, there were no Negroes registered to vote. Today, after a federal suit was filed by the Justice Department against the Isequeua registrar, Mary T. Vandevender, there are over 500 Negroes registered. Now the registrar accepts all who come in the door of the courthouse, whether or not they can read or write.

Mrs. Blackwell said the people can't stand to be intimidated much longer. "Twenty five people ran out of their homes and into the streets on Dec. 23rd after a car-load of white men threw fire bombs onto the sidewalks." The Negroes had shot guns under their arms. When the sheriff was called, he stated there was nothing he could do to apprehend the bombers since no one got the license number of the car. The Negroes said if they caught the bombers, the sheriff would find them in the road.

## Julian Bond To Be Guest On NBC Meet The Press Jan. 30

Julian Bond, the 26-year-old Negro Representative-elect who was barred from sitting in the Georgia House of Representatives because of his criticism of the United States position in the war in Vietnam will be the guest on "Meet the Press" Sunday, Jan. 30.

Bond, one of the founders of SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) and now its communications director, has appealed the Georgia Legislature's action to Federal court.

The program will be colorcast live from Washington, D. C. on the NBC Television Network 1-1:30 p.m. EST, and will be broadcast on the NBC Radio Network 6:30-7 p.m. EST.

He will be interviewed by Robert Novak of the New York Herald Tribune Syndicate; Carl Rowan, former director of the U.S. Information Agency and now a columnist for the Chicago Daily News; NBC News Correspondent Herbert Kaplow



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and Lawrence E. Spivak, producer and permanent panel member of "Meet the Press." Moderator of the program will be NBC News Correspondent Robert Goralski.

## Improved Telephone Service For Durham To Begin In Feb.

Durham telephone subscribers beginning next month will experience further improvement in service as General Telephone Company of the Southeast completes a \$2-million project designed to substantially upgrade local facilities.

The company presently is putting the finishing touches to a months-long effort involving the installation of tons of intricate central office equipment on Holloway Street and miles on related wiring. Line crews completely reworked outside distribution and feeder routes between the main office and satellite (neighborhood switching) stations.

Customers will directly benefit from having the latest facilities at their disposal, while See TELEPHONE 2A

## Katzenbach to Address Queen City Confab

CHARLOTTE — North Carolina NAACP President, Kelly M. Alexander announced this week that the Annual NAACP Leadership Conference to be held in the Queen Charlotte Hotel, Charlotte, beginning Friday evening, February 4, will end Sunday, February 6 with an address by the Attorney General of the United States, Nicholas DeB Katzenbach. This will be Katzenbach's first appearance in the state, sponsored by a Civil Rights organization.

The leadership Conference will have as its major program focus, "Governmental Assisted Programs." Alexander stated that our community leadership is in need of a better understanding of the provisions and implementation of governmental assisted programs on the community level.

Representatives from various government departments who will participate are William M. Seabrom, Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Agriculture; Theodore M. Berry, Director, Community Action Program, Office of Economic Opportunity; B. T. McGraw, Assistant to the Administrator for Intergroup Relations, Housing and Home Finance Agency and John Hope, II, Area Director, Office of Equal Education. See KATZENBACH 2A



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## Alexander to Be Honored By Colleagues

CHARLOTTE — Kelly M. Alexander, president of the North Carolina State Conference, NAACP, will be honored by friends and NAACP co-workers at a "Testimonial Banquet" to be held in Charlotte, at the Queen Charlotte Hotel on Saturday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m. Clarence Mitchell, director of the NAACP's Washington, D. C. Bureau will be the principle banquet speaker.

The banquet will commemorate Alexander's service of 15 years as an NAACP National Board Member; 20 years as president of the North Carolina See ALEXANDER 2A

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## Organic Union and "Great Society" AMEZ Meet Topics

### Close Three Day Session at Salisbury, Md.

SALISBURY, Maryland — The 1966 winter meeting of the Board of Bishops, and the annual meeting of the Ministers and Laymen's Association, A. M. E. Zion Church, closed here Friday after a three day session at St. James A. M. E. Zion Church, on two notes—Organic Union and President Johnson's "Great Society."

Bishop H. C. Bunton, C. M. E. Church, Bishop John Wesley Lord, Methodist Church, and Governor J. Millard Tawes lighted the torch of unity at the Wednesday night session.

Bishop Bunton told an overflow audience that the leaders of the three Methodist bodies had held the funeral of its founders too long. He had the following to say, "We must not look to the past so long to become insensitive to the present. Don't let the dead hand of the past choke the life out of you," the prelate said. He chided the bishops about holding on to "little stuff" that does not appeal to the constituency. He warned them to get in the way of the unification of the three because of some selfish motive or personal desire. "I want a Methodist Church built on a non-racial basis that will practice the principles of the Christian religion in all its ramifications."

Bishop Lord warned that churches soon discover that ecumenicity stands for renewal and reform as well as for reunion. Governor Tawes, himself a Methodist, departed from his prepared speech to add his testimony, true Methodist style, when he declared for a heartwarming unity that would make all men brothers.

Bishop Felix S. Anderson, Louisville, Ky., was elected President of the Board and will serve for the next ensuing six months. Bishop William M. Smith, Mobile, Ala., was elected Secretary for the same period. Bishop H. B. Shaw, Wilmington, was re-elected treasurer. Bishop Anderson succeeds Bishop Joseph D. Caughen, Norfolk, Va.



METHODIST LEADERS—Shown in this picture are three Methodist leaders who took part in the meeting of the Board of Bishops, A.M.E. Zion Church, which met recently in Salisbury, Md. L-r, Bishop John W. Lord, Methodist Church, who welcomed the A.M.E. Zion confab; Governor J. Millard Tawes, who was also on hand and Bishop Felix S. Anderson who presided over the sessions. The three endorsed the union of

the three predominantly-Negro bodies, with an eye toward total unification of all Methodist bodies. The target date for the three bodies is 1972 and the tentative date for complete unification is 1980.

## NCC Professor To Teach At Ind. University Next Semester

Dr. Ernest M. Manasse, chairman of the Department of German, Latin, and Philosophy at North Carolina College, will be a visiting professor at Indiana University, Bloomington, during the second semester.

A member of the NCC faculty since 1939—a tenure equaled by only one other professor—Dr. Manasse was a student of the German philosopher Karl Jaspers at the University of Heidelberg where he earned his doctor of philosophy degree. Dr. Manasse will lecture on Jaspers and Martin Heidegger, and will hold a seminar on Plato who has been the subject of his major works. He is See PROFESSOR 2A



DR. MANASSE

OFF TO INDIANA—Dr. Ernest M. Manasse, chairman of the Department of German, Latin, and Philosophy at North Carolina College, will serve as a visiting professor at Indiana University for the second semester. A member of the NCC faculty for 27 years, he will lecture on Karl Jaspers, who was his teacher at the University of Heidelberg, Germany; Heidegger, and Plato.

## Negro Pulpmill Workers Shot To Death In Ala.

CAMDEN, Alabama — A 32-year old Negro pulp mill worker was shot to death last Sunday by a white farmer in the presence of his wife and three other relatives.

David Colston, a lifetime resident of Camden, was slain by a single gunshot above the right ear, fired at point blank range from a 32 caliber revolver. The admitted slayer was J. T. Reaves, a 47-year old white cattle farmer, who minutes earlier, had driven his car into the rear of Colston's auto. The slaying took place about 2 p.m. in front of the Antioch Baptist Church where a funeral had just ended and a civil rights meeting was about to begin.

Mrs. Colston a local school teacher at Camden Academy, gave this account of her husband's slaying.

"We were going to a funeral, my husband and I, two sisters, and a brother-in-law. My husband and I were in the front seat. We were about to park on the right side of Antioch Baptist Church. We felt a bump behind us, and I looked back and there was a man who bumped us."

"So naturally," Mrs. Colston added, "My husband got out and went back to see what was wrong. The man in the other car, the Reaves fellow said, 'you had better be interested in the front of my car and not be looking at the back of' See SHOT 2A



LAWYERS GATHER—The Jack Tar Hotel was the meeting place here Saturday, January 22, of the Executive Committee of the National Bar Association.

Host for the occasion was the George White Bar Association and C. C. Spaulding, Jr., a member of the Executive Committee. W. G. Pearson, II, is

president of the George White Bar Association. Officers of the NBA are R. O. Ortique, President; Judge Billy Jones, first Vice-president and Mrs. Leona P. Thurman, Secretary. The above photo is composed of members of the NBA Executive Committee and the hosts.

## Committee is Named to Recommend President for N. C. C.

Bascom Baynes, chairman of the North Carolina College board of trustees, Friday named a five-member committee to recommend a successor to Dr. Samuel P. Massie as president of the college.

Massie, who submitted his resignation to the board of

trustees Wednesday to become effective June 30, has been granted a leave of absence with full salary beginning Feb. 1.

Appointed to the selection committee were NCC trustees Clyde Shreve of Greensboro, chairman; Mrs. Eloise C. Beech

of Kinston; Mrs. R. S. Ferguson of Taylorsville; Clarence C. Watkins of Reidsville; and Robert Brown of High Point.

The committee's recommendation will be presented to the board of trustees for final approval.

CHICAGO — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, set to move this week into his slum apartment to direct his campaign against racial discrimination in the North.