

AME Annual Gathering Denounces "Black Power" And Launches Fifty-thousand Dollar Drive For Kittrell College

10 Thousand Hear Wilkins In Miss.

NAACP Sec'y In Triumphant 5-Day Tour

NATCHEZ, Miss.—More than 10,000 persons, including a number of white citizens, heard Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, during a triumphant five-day speaking tour of Mississippi which was concluded here on the night of Nov. 15.

Enthusiastic audiences greeted the NAACP leader in the 13 cities in which he appeared. In Canton, he was met by the Chief of Police and by Mayor Stanley Matthews who remained throughout the meeting and joined in singing the closing hymn, "We Shall Overcome."

More than 1,000 persons attended the meeting. In Greenville he was met by Negro police officers and given escort through the city. Following the mass meeting he was the guest of honor at a banquet held in the hall of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. An overflow audience awaited him in Philadelphia where two years ago three young civil rights workers were lynched.

The largest and most enthusiastic audiences heard Mr. Wilkins in the Southwest Mississippi cities of Fayette, Port Gibson and Natchez. It is in this area that Charles Evers NAACP state field director, has been most effective in membership and in such programs as voter registration, employment and desegregation of public facilities.

In his talks across the state, Mr. Wilkins stressed the urgent need to increase voter registration, set forth the NAACP position in the anti-poverty program in the state, urged cooperation with progressive white citizens where possible, reviewed Negro history (particularly in Mississippi), praised local NAACP branches for doubling membership in the state during the year, and urged them to exceed their present 10,000 membership.

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SUPREME COURT

Orders Union Process Grievances Of Negro



AT CONVOCATION—(Memphis, Tenn.)—Pictured here at the 59th Annual Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ at Mason Temple is Bishop W. Wells, Greensboro, member of the Executive Board and his son, Atty. O. T. Wells of New York who is one of the Church's attorneys.

NEW YORK—An order handed down by the U.S. Court of Appeals sitting in New Orleans requiring a local union to process racial discrimination grievances of Negro members has been hailed as "an historic advance in the struggle for economic equality," by Robert L. Carter, general counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Court's decision stems from a complaint filed in October, 1962, with the National Labor Relations Board by NAACP attorneys on behalf of eight Negro members of Local 12 of the United Rubber Workers at the Gadsden, Ala., plant of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The union, the Negro members charged, refused to process their grievances alleging racial discrimination in hiring, promotion and use of company facilities.

An NLRB ruling sustained the NAACP complaint. The union subsequently appealed the Board's ruling to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals which upheld the Board's ruling.

"This decision represents a giant step forward in the NAACP's struggle to obtain racial justice in the field of labor relations," Mr. Carter said following announcement of the Court's decision on Nov. 14. "By this decision," he asserted, "all union officers are bound under the National Labor Relations Act to treat Negro members fairly, or subject themselves to possible jail sentences."

"All cases of racial discrimination against employees in industrial plants will now be processed before the Board because the courts will no longer have jurisdiction over them. This means Negroes will have See UNION page 2



POST-ELECTION RELAXATION—(San Juan, Puerto Rico) New York's Governor Nelson Rockefeller (center) embraces newly-elected Massachusetts Senator Edward Brooke and Mrs. Brooke here. The Rockefeller and Brooke families are in San Juan for a well-deserved post-election rest.

74th Annual Western N. C. Conference Declared Best

RALEIGH—The 74th session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church came to a close here at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, following the reading of appointments by Bishop George W. Baber, presiding prelate of the Second Episcopal District. Prior to the reading of the appointments Bishop Baber preached the annual sermon at 11:00 a.m. which was declared by many as the most forceful in many years. Likewise it was generally acclaimed that the 1966 annual session of the Conference was the best in its history.

Of great interest to the ministers and laity in attendance at the session was the announcement by Bishop Baber of a financial campaign for Kittrell College with \$50,000 as the amount to be raised and reported for at the Allen-Lincoln-Douglas Banquet to be held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.

In urging support of the ministers and laymen of the entire Second Episcopal District, Bishop Baber launched the campaign with a donation of \$500. This was followed by another \$500 donation from Rev. D. Williamson, Presiding Elder of the Durham District. Both amounts were turned over See CONFERENCE page 2

A. M. E. Church Conference Resolutions Urges Racial Unity



TO GET CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL—(Washington)—Pres. Johnson has approved the awarding of the nation's highest military medal—the Congressional Medal of Honor—to four Army heroes of Viet Nam. One of the heroes is Spec 5 Lawrence Joel, Fayetteville, a medic who continued to aid the wounded for 24 hours even though he was wounded in the leg and hip.

RALEIGH—The 74th session of the Western N. C. Conference of the A. M. E. Church which met here Nov. 16-20, terminated with a resolution denouncing and condemning the term "Black Power" as a slogan symbolizing the civil rights struggle. The conference also resolved as an alternative, that all upstanding citizens join forces in all-out effort to "promote self help and the highest dignity and respect for all men."

The resolutions are as follows: The African Methodist Episcopal Church had its beginning See RESOLUTIONS page 2

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11,000 Attend 59th Session Church Of God In Memphis

Reverend Rudolph Matthews To Address Omega Sorority

Durham will be the host to the Southeastern Regional of Alpha Chi Pi Omega Sorority and Fraternity, beginning Sunday, November 27 through 28. One of the highlights of the Regional will be a banquet in the Jack Tar Hotel, Sunday evening, November 27, at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Rudolph G. Matthews is to be the guest speaker.

Rev. Matthews, Chaplain of Bethune-Cookman College and the pastor of Mount Bethel Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Florida, entered the ministry in 1955. This was the beginning of the end of a brilliant coaching career. He became head coach of the Bethune-Cookman College Wildcats in 1956 and through 1960 racked up 75 victories. An alumnus of Bethune-Cookman College, Rev. Matthews was named All-Southern tackle while there. Rev. Mat-



REVEREND MATTHEWS

thews is pinching for Dr. Richard V. Moore, President of Bethune-Cookman College, who will be unable to fill the engagement as originally scheduled.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The 59th Annual Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ carried the largest delegation ever recorded in its history. There were nearly 11,000 members present from the United States and 35 foreign countries.

It was mixed with joy and sadness. Bishop Wm. Morris of Los Angeles, who preached on Friday night, died of a heart attack Monday morning. Bishop Morris was under the care of a physician and was scheduled to be hospitalized upon return from the Convocation. He was a widely known Evangelist and was serving a church in Shreveport, La. The body was returned to Los Angeles for final arrangements. Memorial services were held at the Mother Church of God in Christ in Memphis.

On Thursday, November, 10, by a vote of 907 to 3, the General Assembly decided that that Bishops O. T. Jones and R. E. Ranger be removed from their respective offices and titles.

After one year, "if they repent of their wrongs" they may apply for reinstatement for sending a written application to the General Secretary.

All official action taken by either Bishop Jones or Bishop Ranger during this term will be called null and void by the governing body of the Church of God in Christ.

On Saturday during the Children's Program, the supporters of Bishop Jones staged a demonstration which aborted the service. They marched in, chanting and attempting to wrest control of the platform. Bishop J. S. Bailey of Detroit, who was the presiding officer of the day, along with other See CHURCH OF GOD page 2

Hung Jury in Monroe Rape Case

CHARLOTTE—A mistrial was declared Saturday in the case of two young Monroe men charged with raping a 16-year-old white girl after an all-white jury failed to agree on a verdict following five and half hours of deliberation.

Jesse Covington, 19, a brickmason, who was freed on Saturday afternoon to await a new trial, and his cousin, 20-year-old Jimmy Covington, will not be retired before the Janu-

ary term of Superior Court, it was indicated.

Judge Hugh B. Campbell was told by the foreman of the jury of eight men and four women that the 12 could not reach a decision.

It was learned that nine of the jurors stood for acquittal in their final vote. On Friday night three held that the two defendants were not guilty of any crime.



NEW MAYOR—(Flint, Mich.)—The industrial city of Flint, Mich., has a Negro Mayor for the first time in history. City Commissioner Floyd McCree, 43, a soft spoken moderate, was elected by the city commission by a vote of 5-to-4 as mayor of the nation's third largest auto-producing city. Flint has a population of 200 thousand, 50 thousand of whom are Negroes.

State of Virginia Against Review of Mix Marital Law

WASHINGTON — The State of Virginia asked the Supreme Court Friday not to examine the wisdom of its laws against marriages between Negroes and whites.

State Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Button urged the nine justices to uphold the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals decision declaring the state's anti-miscegenation law constitutional. Should the court undertake a judicial inquiry, Button said, the court "would find itself mired in a veritable bog of conflicting scientific opinion upon the effects of interracial marriages, and the desirability of preventing such alliances."



WORKSHOP PRINCIPALS — Key participants in the A. and T. College Alumni Workshop held last week in Washington, D. C., included from left to right: Edwin M. Crawford, director, Office of Instructional Research, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges; Jas. T. Speight, chairman, Northeast Region of the A. and T. College General Alumni Association and in charge of arrangements, and C. Sumner Stone, special assistant to Adam Clayton Powell, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, who delivered the keynote address.

Alumni, Friends Pledge \$62,215 to Smith U.

CHARLOTTE—Dr. Rufus P. Perry, President of Johnson C. Smith University, joined alumni and friends of the University last week in New York City. The group set an unprecedented activity in the history of the private Charlotte institution by pledging \$62,215 to the Centennial Campaign at a "Springboard Dinner" in the Hogarth Room of Lonchamps Restaurant. President Perry brought See SMITH page 2