

Over 500 Attend Human Relations Institute At White Rock



HUMAN RELATIONS INSTITUTE BANQUET — Shown here is a partial view of the Human Relations Institute Banquet sponsored by White Rock Baptist Church here Friday

Feb. 10. Nearly two hundred persons attended the banquet which was addressed by Dr. George D. Kelsey, professor of Christian Ethics at Drew Uni-

versity, Madison, N. J. N. B. White, chairman of the institute's planning committee, presided at the session. Now in its second year, the institute

which opened on the day after some six inches of snowfall in Durham attracted what officials called an appreciable number of people.

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DUKE U. DIVINITY SCHOOL CHOIR — Director John Hanks and members of the Duke University Divinity School Choir assisted in the worship service at the special ministers' session held at the Human Re-

lations Institute at White Rock Baptist Church Friday, February 10. Dr. George D. Kelsey, left, professor of Christian Ethics at Drew University, Madison, N. J., delivered the keynote address at the meet-

Other program participants shown are: the Rev. F. Belton Joyner, Pastor of Mt. Bethel Methodist Church, Bahama; E. M. Rosenzweig, Judea Reform Congregation Durham and Chapel Hill; the Reverend

Harry Roberson, Vice President, Durham Ministers Association and Pastor St. Paul Lutheran Church; Bishop A. W. Lawson, Pastor of Fisher Memorial Holiness Church.

(Photo by Purefoy)



DELEGATION — The largest collegiate delegation attending the second annual Human Relations Institute at White Rock Baptist Church Feb. 10-12 came from Appalachian College in Boone. Pictured here with Mrs. Lorenzo A. Lynch, wife of the pastor of the sponsoring

church, and her three children, Lorenzo Jr., Leonzo and Loretta are eight of the thirteen members of the Appalachian delegation. Left to right are Gail Austin, Peggy Cunningham, Sharon Desch, Hank Greer, Melvin Denton, John McAllister, and Daniel White.

The group represented the college's Baptist Student Association. For the second year the Appalachian students attended the institute and were domiciled in the homes of members of the host church.

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Rev. Lorenzo Lynch Announces Plans for 1968 H. R. Institute

I. R. HOLMES TO HEAD STEERING COMMITTEE

Plans for White Rock Baptist Church's third annual Human Relations Institute to be held in 1968 are already under way according to the Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor.

Noting that 552 persons attended four sessions of the meeting that closed last Sunday, Mr. Lynch announced the appointment of I. R. Holmes as chairman of the 1968 program.

Holmes succeeds N. B. White who helped Mr. Lynch and a planning committee start the first institute in 1966.

Dr. George D. Kelsey of Drew University, Dr. Harmon Smith of Duke University and Olcott H. Deming, former U.S. Ambassador to Uganda were the principals in the 1967 meeting.

Included among the institute's participants were 13 students from the six Baptists Students Association of Appalachian College at Boone.

Dr. Smith's closing address to the institute hit a note that seemed almost to be the theme of the other two speakers, "The civil rights movement is a way station along the road to full human dignity."

White, in assessing the preliminary summaries of the seven panels, said, "Consensus seemed to be that notwith-

standing temporary setbacks, the movement toward full human rights in this country appears headed for full realization."

Dr. Kelsey, in an interview, said, "The time is not far in the future when the Negro will enjoy the rights and the respect of all other Americans." Dr. Kelsey seemed convinced that in human rights for the future, "There is no turning back of the clock."

Ambassador Deming censured South Africa for its policy of "apartheid" (segregation) and said since Lincoln's time the United States "is committed to the extension of full democracy to every citizen."

Representative of the work that Americans are doing to extend democracy abroad is a project started in Uganda by Dr. Horace G. Dawson, former director of the North Carolina College News Bureau.

Dawson launched a trimonthly newsletter, "Uganda Calling" that opened the lines of communication between Ugandians at home and abroad.

One outgrowth of the institute was referral to the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and the Durham Business and Professional Chain a project from the panel on business.



INTERRACIAL, INTERFAITH CHOIR — An interracial, interfaith choir composed of visiting students from Appalachian and other colleges as well as participants representing several denominations and ethnic

groups provided the music at the Saturday session of White Rock Baptist Church's Human Relations Institute. Mrs. Ruth Spaulding Boyd, center, presided at the session which was

addressed by Dr. George D. Kelsey, far right. Other participants shown on rostrum are Rev. William Gravley, left, and Rev. H. William Green.

(Photo by Burthey)



Principal Speaker-Consultant

Dr. George D. Kelsey, the institute's principal speaker-consultant, is shown as he addressed the afternoon assembly on February 11. He discussed the relationship between religious faith and political decisions.

"If Christians are to relate themselves to political processes, they must do so by lifting every issue to the sanctity of love," Dr. Kelsey said. "It is love which is the impelling motivation in Christian life."

Observing that traditional views of church and state alternately see government as "a reflection of divine authority" or "rulers and judges of the earth oppressing the poor," Dr.

Kelsey said Christians must take a realistic stand.

"There is no place where we can serve that is not dubious," he said. "Christians must never become doctrinaire party men. Their responsibility is to make an analysis of attitudes or motivations of the human spirit, using existing apparatus."

Emphasizing his belief that Christians must work within existing institutions such as political parties, labor unions and other organizations, Dr. Kelsey said, "The Christian church has a right to speak on every issue of moral concern."

Individual Christians, he continued, should examine political strategies and make a moral decision on each specific issue.



PRINCIPALS AND PLANNERS

—Dr. George D. Kelsey, principal speaker-consultant at White Rock Baptist Church's second annual Human Relations Institute, second from left, is shown here with the Rev. Jack Crum,

Director, Christian Social Action, National Council of Churches, extreme left; the Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor of White Rock Church, third from left, and N. B. White, president of Service Printing

Co., extreme right. Rev. Mr. Crum extended greetings to the group at the Saturday afternoon session. Dr. Kelsey is professor of Christian Ethics, Drew University, Madison, N. J.

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CLOSING SPEAKER — Duke University's Dr. Harmon Smith, assistant professor of Christian Ethics, Duke University Divinity School, was closing speaker

at White Rock Baptist Church's Human Relations Institute Sunday, Feb. 12. Asserting that mere achievement of "middle class white values" were not

enough, Dr. Smith urged listeners to seek for the "full humanization possible in Jesus Christ."

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FORMER UGANDA ENVOY — Former U. S. Uganda Ambassador Olcott H. Deming, second, from left, is shown here at White Rock Baptist Church Sun., Feb. 12 after addressing Goodwill Day observance audience. Shown with Ambassador

Deming are left, Mrs. Effie Cotton, banquet chr. of the church's Human Relations Institute that closed Sunday; Maeco A. Sloan, Sr., who presided at Sunday services and introduced the envoy; and Henry W. Gillis, District Scout Ex-

ecutive. In special part of Sunday service, Gillis presented charters to Cub Pack 55, Boy Scout Troop 55, and Explorer Post 55. White Rock sponsors the three units.

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