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ROCKY MT. BLACK GIRL WINS FAME AS SINGER IN PARIS



DEFIANT SLAVE—Blues singer-actress Mae Mercer shows contempt for her white masters in this scene from Universal Malpasos Civil War Drama.

"The Beguiled," in which she co-stars with Clint Eastwood, Geraldine Page and Elizabeth Hartman.

Mrs. Ruth Jones N. C. Teachers Ass'n President to be Honored

RALEIGH—A special luncheon has been arranged in honor of Mrs. Ruth B. Jones, President, North Carolina Teachers Association, 1968-70, for Saturday, June 13, promptly at 1:00 P.M., Peebles Hotel, East Hargett Street in Raleigh. Five presentations will be made during the first thirty minutes of the luncheon period. Included in the presentations will be a Crown, projecting Mrs. Jones as the First Lady of NCTA for 1970. As an expression of appreciation for

her outstanding work as a member of the NCTA Liaison Committee and her excellent service as NCTA President during the two years of Merger planning, a special plaque will be presented. A poem and a special book will also be presented. A final gesture of esteem will be the presentation of a NCTA Credit Union Share Saving Credit Account, initiating the \$30,000.00 share drive for the agency. The Sponsoring Committee (See HONORED 10A)

Minister In Fairmont to Run For House Rep.

FAIRMONT — Dr. Joy J. Johnson, a candidate for the N. C. House of Representatives from the 24th District, including Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties in the May 2 Democratic Primary, came in third in a field of ten for four seats. Only one candidate received a majority in the First Primary.

In the Second Primary, May 30, Dr. Johnson led the field of four candidates running for three seats. He becomes the second Negro elected to the N. C. House of Representatives since Reconstruction. He will have no opposition in November.

Johnson is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnson of Laurel Hill, N. C.; a graduate of Laurinburg Institute, Laurinburg, N. C. and Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. He received the Doctor of Divinity Degree from Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C. Presently he is pastoring the First Baptist Church and the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Fairmont, N. C.

He is married to Mrs. Omega Foster Johnson the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Foster, Laurinburg, N. C. She teaches Home Economics at Orrum High School, Orrum, N. C. They have one daughter, Deborah who is completing the sixth grade at Fairmont Elementary School.

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Government, Business Leaders Plan 70th NBL Meet In Detroit

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Leading representatives of government and private industry will be present and ready to do business at the 70th Annual Session of the National Business League, to be held at Detroit's Statler Hilton Hotel, September 30 - October 3, 1970.

The announcement was made today by Berkeley G. Burrell, president of the National Business League. Burrell urged all businessmen and the 10,000 members of the NBL to attend this timely convention. "If you want to expand your business or go into a new business, this convention is a must," said Burrell. "NBL will bring minority and majority entrepreneurs who want to make the idea of going into business or expanding business real," he added.

The theme of the convention will be "Black Business and the Corporate Entity". Corporate leaders, specialists and experts on forms and variety of corporate entities will share their experiences with minority businessmen. An examination of the history of the corporation in America will be made in order to define its relevance to minority enterprise in the 70's.

The Detroit chapter of NBL, The Booker T. Washington Businessmen Association has been working on a unique setting for black and other minority businessmen to meet government and private resources and negotiate business agreement on-the-spot.

The League will celebrate its 70th Anniversary at the convention. It was founded in 1900 by Booker T. Washington.

Seeks to Fill 285,000 Jobs In Next 2 Years

CHICAGO — (NPI) — The computer age is tripping over its own wires somewhat, in that there aren't enough computer programmers and analysts around to tend the machines. For this reason, people with these unique skills are finding their pay more and more lucrative. Computer manufacturers such as Honeywell Inc., along with specialized business schools and others — including Operation Breadbasket, which is conducting programming courses — have sprung into action.

All hope to help replenish the supply and ease the pressure of a market that expects an estimated 285,000 job openings in the computer industry by 1972 — about 30,000 of them in the Chicago area alone.

It's quite hard to believe that sophisticated machinery is slowly but surely gaining momentum toward creating more jobs than it kills, but the computer industry's experience will convince the skeptic. In this rapidly expanding industry, jobs are going begging. There aren't nearly

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CONCERN FOR JUSTICE has brought The Links, Inc. to the culmination of a 7-year \$100,000 drive in support of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF). Final check will be presented to LDF attorney Sylvia Drew at the group's 15th National

Assembly on June 26-27 in Cincinnati which will bring together over 2,000 members of the 23-year-old national women's philanthropic organization. Pictured here at recent LDF Institute, Link members (l. to r., back row) Thelma Doby,

Ella McLean, Allie Marshburn, Juanita B. Lane, Julia A. Delany, Marie T. Burrell, Elsie M. Collins; (l. to r., front row) Virginia B. Savoy, Bernice J. Munce, Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, Sarah S. Scott, Bessie N. Hill, Vera F. Powell. (NVI Photo)

Only 'Hi Yallas' Had a Chance In Home Town

HOLLYWOOD — Paris has long been a haven for disenfranchised Black Americans, but for blues singer-actress Mae Mercer it proved to be the shortest route between Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and Hollywood.

"I wasn't running away from anything," says Mae, currently co-starring with Clint Eastwood, Geraldine Page and Elizabeth Hartman as a defiant slave in Universal Malpasos Civil War drama, "The Beguiled." "The simple fact was that I knew just how far I could go at that time (eight years ago) as both a Black singer and a Black woman in this country.

"And that wasn't very damned far.

"We had a few Black singers here who were the only ones being used at that time. As a Black woman, and a self-taught one at that, I knew they weren't going to give me a chance. Besides, they were using the high yallas then anyway and they weren't ready for a dark, really black woman. So I had to go to Europe to become recognized."

Mae went to Paris and opened a jazz-oriented nightclub which became the proverbial overnight success, as was its talented owner — topliner. Mae's fame grew throughout (See SINGER 10A)

366th Tactical Fighter Wing Is Cited For Service In S. E. Asia

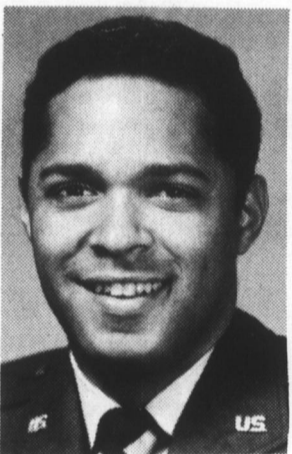
Capt. Michaux To Share Honor Won By Outfit

Captain Eric C. Michaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Michaux Sr. of 408 Formosa St., Durham, is a member of a unit that has earned the U. S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with combat "V" device.

The 366th Tactical Fighter Wing at Da Nang AB, Vietnam, was cited for exceptionally meritorious service from April 1, 1968 to July 31, 1969 during military operations against enemy forces in Southeast Asia. The wing maintained a superior combat record while pioneering operational techniques that produced beneficial changes to the tactical air structure.

Captain Michaux, a legal officer in the 366th, will wear a distinctive service ribbon to mark his affiliation with the unit.

The organization is a part of Pacific Air Forces, head-



CAPT. MICHAUX

quarters for air operations in Southeast Asia, the Far East and the Pacific area.

The captain, a 1959 graduate of Hillside High School, received a B. S. degree from Boston University and was commissioned there through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He earned his LL.B. degree from Duke University.

His wife, Della, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Dafford of 707 E. Edgerton St., Dunn.

Census Bureau to Conduct Area Survey of Employment June 14

The Bureau of the Census will conduct a survey of employment and unemployment in this area during the week of June 14, Joseph R. Norwood, Director of the Bureau's regional office in Charlotte announced today.

The households to be interviewed here are part of a scientifically designed sample that is representative of the entire U. S. population. The employment and unemployment statistics are collected monthly by the Bureau for the U. S. Department of Labor to provide a continuing measure of the economic health of the Nation as a whole and of its major regions. Questions on employment similar to those in the sample survey were asked of the entire population in the 1970 decennial census, now being completed. Bureau officials point out, however, that the monthly survey is essential as the source of current employment data.

Facts supplied by individuals participating in the survey

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"Pull Richard Nixon Down" Stresses Bond

ATLANTA, Ga. — "Black people must mobilize political action powerful enough to reach up and pull Richard Nixon down," Georgia State Representative Julian Bond told a crowd of 10,000 persons, mostly black, who gathered on the campus of Morehouse College here to climax a five-day, 110-mile "March Against Repression."

Bond echoed a theme set by Rev. Ralph Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; playwright LeRoi Jones; Sen. George McGovern (D-SD); Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary Indiana; Albany attorney C. B. King, the first black candidate for Governor in Georgia's history; SCLC's Hosea Williams, and other speakers who addressed the throng gathered at the spot where two years earlier Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had been funeralized.

"Today we are marching against repression and tomorrow we are going to be registering to vote against repression," Rev. Abernathy told the crowd. "The day after we will be casting our votes to sweep out of office the racist politicians and racist political hustlers who have created the present situation."

Bond said that black people have many enemies, but greatest among these presently were "Richard Nixon, the used car salesman from California, and Spiro Agnew, the gate mouthed Maryland Farmer."

Black people must organize "until we are able to politi-

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Southern Regional Council VEP To Operate Separately

Organizations Work in Behalf Of Minorities

ATLANTA, Ga. — Formation of the Voter Education Project, Inc., was announced today by its first Executive Director, John Lewis, effective June 1. For the first time in its eight-year history, VEP now will operate separately from its parent organization, the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Chartering of VEP as an organization separate from SRC was made necessary by provisions in the new Tax Reform Law which place restrictions upon foundation-supported voter registration work, Lewis explained. Virtually all of VEP's funds come from foundations, individuals, and interested groups such as church organizations. After a study of the new law, it was decided that the law's provision could best be met by establishing VEP, Inc., as a separate organization.

A charter for VEP, Inc., has been granted by Fulton County (Georgia) Superior Court. The U. S. Internal Revenue Service granted tax-exempt status to VEP, Inc., in mid-May, one month after filing for IRS certification.

Separation of VEP and SRC, and the IRS certification mean that VEP once again can provide financial support for local registration drives in the 11 southern states. All such support had been suspended since January 1 until VEP could be established as a separate organization in order to comply with the Tax Reform Law of 1969. Although VEP does no actual registration work itself, the organization does provide small grants to local groups for the purpose of conducting non-

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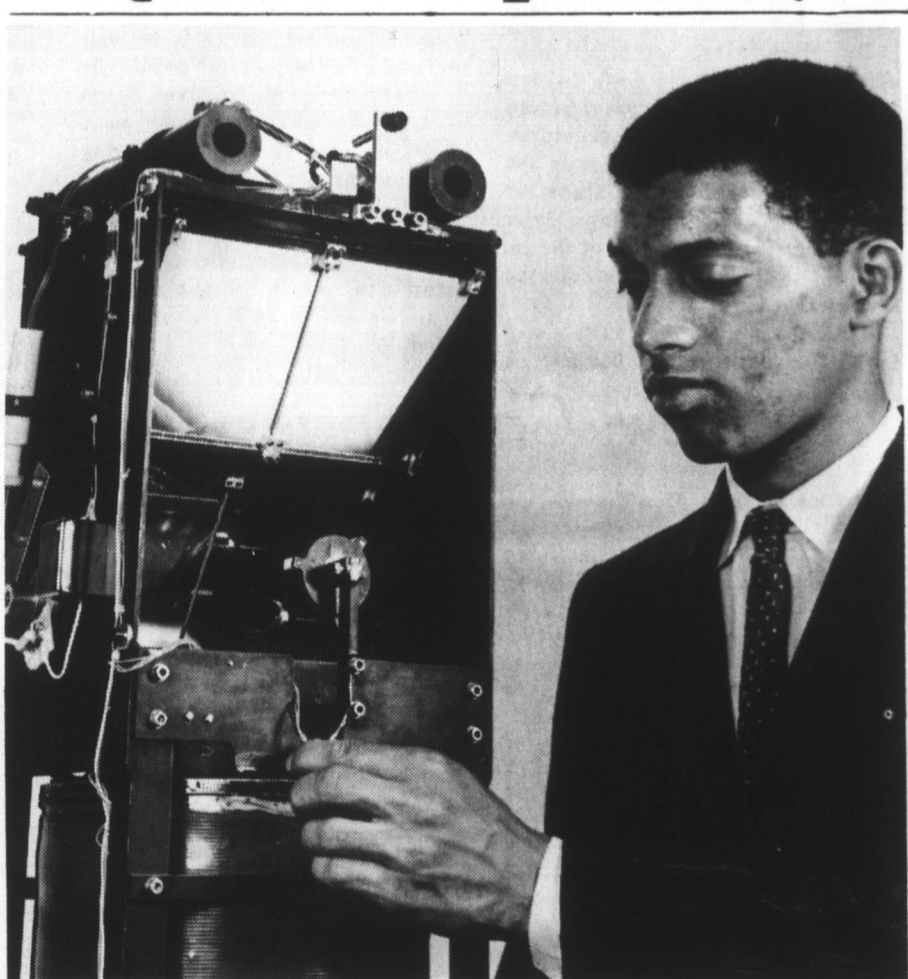


IMAGE INTENSIFIER — Dr. George R. Carruthers is shown with an image intensifier ultra-violet spectrograph which he developed for the Aerobee

rocket. Dr. Carruthers, a research physicist with the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C. developed the spectrograph for use with the

Aerobee rocket telescope in increasing the detection capabilities of ultra-violet light from deep space.

Dr. Geo. R. Carruthers In Deep Space Research

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Since coming to the Naval Research Lab here in 1964, Dr. George Carruthers has worked closely with the Aerobee rocket telescope for deep space research.

Born 31 years ago in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Carruthers attended the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1961, Masters in 1962, and Ph.D. in

Physics in 1964. He worked as a research assistant at Illinois while studying physicist in E. O. Hurlburt Center for Space Research at the Navy Lab, working in the Space Science Division.

In 1968, Dr. Carruthers was awarded the Navy Research Lab's Research Publications Award.

He is a member of the American Astronomical Society, the American Institute of

Aeronautics and Astronautics, Sigma Tau (Engineering), and Sigma Gamma Tau (Aeronautical Engineering).

Dr. Carruthers lives at 739 Congress St., S. E., in Washington.

Zoo Prices Up
LONDON — Admission prices to the London Zoo have been increased by a shilling (12 cents) for adults and sixpence (six cents) for children. The zoo blames the increase, the first since July 1966, on rising costs.