

WORDS OF WISDOM
 There is no phase of knowledge which one can safely dismiss as valueless.
 —Charles Cheney
 One man with courage makes a majority.
 —K. V. P. Philosopher
 A mail carrier is not the only one who has to keep on delivering.
 —John M. Siddall

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NAACP Convention Hi-Lights

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NAACP'S SPINGARN MEDAL PRESENTED TO TALENTED GORDON PARKS

Gordon Parks, a man of many talents, whose multi-media eloquence and penetrating creativity, has impressed and inspired Americans of all colors, races and creeds, received the coveted Spingarn Medal during the 63rd annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Poet, composer, author, photographer and film-producer, Parks has affirmed his commitment to a brotherhood which transcends race and color.

The presentation was made by Dr. Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., President of Michigan State University. Paying tribute to the 57th Spingarn Medalist awardee, Dr. Wharton said, as he paid tribute to Parks, that "tonight this creative genius joins a select group of men and women—the Spingarn Medal winners. "In his own unique and creative way, he stands with great distinction and honor." Many other outstanding achievements of Parks were cited including his latest distinction, the making of the film, "Shaft Scores."

ANTI-BUSING "MOB" LED BY NIXON, NAACP SAYS

President Nixon was accused of "leading the mob in its assault upon the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause" in an emergency resolution adopted on the second day of the convention.

The resolution charged that the President "is invading the prerogative of a co-equal branch of government—the judiciary—by proposing legislation designed to interfere with the power of the courts to correct constitutional violations. He is arousing passions of hate and bitterness."

The resolution reaffirmed the NAACP's commitment to the "judicial process as one means of redressing grievances. We reaffirm our commitment to a single society. We will continue to resist with all of our resources any strategy or device designed to inhibit or interfere with the power of courts to utilize busing as a tool for correcting constitutional violations. "We call upon all units of the NAACP and all of America to reject both the crude and the sophisticated attempts at perpetuating dualism in American society by keeping black children contained in segregated educational compounds."

Rep. Diggs' challenge to delegates included a commitment to open a new front in the battle for the liberation of Africa. His address was a call for a new and active Pan Africanism embracing all the black peoples of the world.

Herbert Hill, the veteran labor director of the NAACP urged that there be no retreat on economic rights which has been reneged upon by the Nixon administration. He stated that "black workers are now experiencing a major crisis of unemployment and under employment. The rates of unemployment for black workers in the 20 major centers of urban non-white population concentration is now between 20 and 36 per cent, and the unemployment rate for black youth will again be in excess of 50 per cent by the middle of the summer."

Jesse Jackson, the self-styled "country preacher" challenged an enthusiastic, cheering crowd of 3,000 delegates and observers who packed Cobe Hall at the Youth Night session. Jackson reminded his enthralled audience that the "hands that picked cotton in Dixie can now pick the President of the United States." He paid tribute to the role of the NAACP and the tremendous leadership of Roy Wilkins, the "dean of the Freedom Fighters." He urged the revival of the coalition which produced meaningful legislation and other significant advances during the period.

Summing up the experience of a decade of civil rights, Jackson director of PUSH, said that many things were clear in theory such as we or our children could attend any school in America, but in fact, the black family could not pay the tuition; we could move into any neighborhood, but could not pay the rent; and we could travel and find public accommodations, which had once been closed to us, but in fact, most of us could not afford such a vacation. Thus, the big struggle now is for an equitable share of the national economy which has replaced the old struggle for civil rights.

Dr. George Sternlieb, director of the Rutgers University Center for Policy Research, told the delegates that survival of the inner city depends upon economy. This means that we must make sure there are lots of jobs; jobs for whites as well as jobs for blacks. For if jobs are limited, both blacks and whites are going to suffer as is happening now. An expanding economy has room for everybody, a declining economy has room for nobody. Further, Sternlieb called for Negro ownership of black occupied dwellings. Citing efforts of most white owners as just playing the game so that they can move out, Sternlieb said that black ownership for black tenantry is the only real answer for providing the daily care that is essential for building maintenance. Resident ownership must replace absentee ownership for the survival of the inner cities.

A total of 2,632 delegates and alternates from every section of the country registered for the 63rd Annual NAACP convention. Five exciting days of education, inspiration, debate and legislative action evolved from the meeting. Included in the total were 243 voting youth delegates and 381 youth alternates and observers.

The Ross Theheimer Prizes were awarded to state and local units of the NAACP which have contributed most to the advancement of the Association's program during the year. Thirty branches and eleven state conferences received the awards at the closing Freedom Fund Dinner of the 63rd Annual NAACP Convention. Some North Carolina Branches won honorable mention.

North Carolina's Summer Food Service Program Expanded

Atlanta, Ga.—A food service program to provide meals for children from low-income areas will be operated at 323 organized recreation sites in North Carolina this summer, aided by an estimated \$1,014,617 in federal assistance, according to Ralph W. Eaton, director of the state food service, Department of Education.

"These funds compare to \$596,206.00 received last summer," Eaton said. "This means we would provide meals to about 34,721 daily—the expected average daily participation of youngsters at recreation centers in North Carolina apply."
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DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES SPLIT VOTE

Unbossed And Unbought Shirley Chisholm Fails In Bid To Unify Black Democrats

MIAMI, Fla.— With most of the black Democratic Convention delegates split in their candidate support, wiry little Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm campaigned to the end to become a "Catalyst for Change," her campaign slogan.

Her hope for a new constituency of young people, women, minority groups and the poor failed to materialize and her public reception, which is al-

ways warm and occasionally enthusiastic, has not translated into votes at the primary polls. Insisting that she is the only viable alternative to the white males who have dominated U.S. politics since politics began, Mrs. Chisholm reaffirmed her determination to see her name placed in nomination for the Presidency at the Democratic National Convention.

Mrs. Chisholm has approximately 38 delegates, from a half-dozen states. Convention rules require fifty for a formal nomination. She claimed assurances from enough delegates who promised to sign her petition for the nominating process. As of Tuesday morning, with delegates and campaign workers dredging for every available vote, and Senator Hubert Humphrey "throwing in the towel," Mrs. Chisholm's supporters felt strongly that they would achieve the fifty-vote quota, and then some.

Since she declared her candidacy in January, Mrs. Chisholm received more active support from various women's groups—particularly the National Organization of Women—than she did from the black community. The second term
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MRS. PATRICIA HARRIS

Democratic Chairwoman In Action

Mrs. Patricia Roberts Harris, Democratic Party Credentials Committee Chairwoman and permanent Chairwoman of the Democratic Party Convention, displayed before national television audiences her aplomb, assurance, and political "know how" as she presented findings of the Credentials Committee.

Many delegations had presented minority reports as well as majority reports and as such called for the action by the

Credentials Committee. Mrs. Harris, attorney, former Howard University Law School dean and former U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg, presented a most excellent illustration of her thoroughness and fairness in dealing with the problems at hand. Her task force of hearing examiners and legal counsel, including about 16 Blacks, had thoroughly assessed all complaints and provided the necessary groundwork. Further,

Chairwoman Harris made available to both majority and minority supporters on any challenge the services of qualified lawyers to draw up briefs and give legal advice if necessary. This is most important whenever floor fights may arise on issues.

A very astute chairwoman indeed, illustrated her talents as she carried out the tasks so assigned her on opening night of the Democratic Convention.

It will also be recalled that Mrs. Harris seconded the nomination of former President Lyndon B. Johnson and thus launched her campaign for women's rights.

Lawrence O'Brien, Democratic Party Chairman, has stated that he regards Mrs. Harris as the key to a successful convention. For after all, delegates must be accredited if they are to take up the business

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A.M.E. Zion Church To Retire Six Bishops This Month

Philadelphia, Pa.—When the 1972 Connectional Council of the A.M.E. Zion Church meets at Wesley Church, 15th & Lombard Street, July 26-28, it will face perhaps the most extensive program it has ever faced.

For the first time in its history, it will have 18 bishops present, 12 active and 6 retired. The first issue to face the board of Bishops will be the role that the retired bishops will play in the administering of the affairs of the 750,000-member organization. There are those who feel that retirement means exactly what it says and that the five members of the old board and the newly-elected seven should assume full responsibility for the program of the denomination for this quadrennium.

This faction of the denomination hears opposition that says the new board needs the counseling and experience of

the retired prelates. The counter is that if the new board does not have the know-how then the newly-elected members were not fair to those whom they asked to vote for them.

Another touchy subject will be an increased budget, adopted at the General Conference, held in Mobile, Ala., May 3-12. There is certain to be echoes from the wholesale retirement of 5 bishops, who will draw half salary for the rest of their lives, along with one retired in 1968.

Persons who had the job of preparing the budget counter with the fact that cuts were made in some areas and small increases in others, that will make the new budget almost the same as that of the last quadrennium. The largest increase is for education. This was done in the interest of keeping Livingston College, the
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Father Nathaniel Porter To Be Howard UNIV. Chaplain

The Rev. E. Nathaniel Porter, priest-in-charge at St. Titus' Episcopal Church for the past five years, is resigning and will accept the position of Episcopal Chaplain at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Father Porter came to St. Titus' in October, 1966, when the church was located at 1520 Fayetteville St. In November, 1967, the church was badly damaged by fire and the congregation decided to rebuild on a larger site. The new church edifice is located at 400 Moline Street and was consecrated on February 5 and 6, 1972. In order for an edifice to be consecrated it must be debt free.

During Fr. Porter's 5½ years of ministry at St. Titus' the church has expanded in membership, in internal activities, and in community service; and it has moved from mission to parish status.

Fr. Porter has also become very active in the area of community work—especially with



FATHER PORTER

the Black community. His active interest in this area and the continuing efforts of the Episcopal Church to become more aware of the needs of and to make its work more relevant to its Black membership led to Fr. Porter's being appointed Director of Urban and Racial Affairs for the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. This
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Links, Meeting In New Orleans, Give \$112,000 To Black Colleges And Sickle Cell Disease Research

NEW ORLEANS— A noteworthy highlight of the Eighteenth National Assembly of The Links, Incorporated, assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, occurred at its Civic Luncheon Friday, June 30. More than 2,000 Links and their friends were present when a contribution of \$68,000 was presented by Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, President of the United Negro College Fund—an organization of forty predominantly Black Colleges concerned with the higher education of more than 45,000 black youth primarily from families whose income is less than \$6,000 per year. The Links, Incorporated, by this contribution, reaffirmed its concern for quality education for all youth, but especially for black youth; reaffirmed its dedication to services for youth and gave concrete denial to the oft-times repeated statement that blacks do not give financial assistance to their own, but depend on others to do so.

The contribution was accepted by The Honorable Arthur D. Fletcher, Director, The United Negro College Fund, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor.

In the second thrust, The Links, Incorporated, in Assembly, contributed \$44,000 for Sickle Cell Disease Research. This amount was divided equally between Howard University Medical College, Washington, D.C., and Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, to continue Sickle Cell Disease research already in progress. Eighty-five percent of black doctors are trained in these two institutions. Links emphasized training and research as cardinal principles in Sickle Cell Disease and so designated their
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