

# Union Charged With Race Discrimination

In a three-day hearing ending Feb. 1 in Los Angeles, a panel of commissioners from the California Fair Employment Practice Commission heard evidence in the case of a heavy equipment operator who claimed he was refused employment as a business agency by his union only because he is Negro and with no consideration of his qualifications.

Joe Harris, 49, 1101 South Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles, a member of Local 12 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Hoisting and Portable Trades, AFL-CIO, claimed that Joseph Seymour, business manager of the union, refused to consider his application which he said he submitted in late 1963. Harris has been a member of the union since 1942.

been on the wrong side in internal union politics, and because he failed to support Seymour when Seymour ran for union office in 1964. As business manager, Seymour appointed all business agents.

Seymour also denied having received Harris' application for the business agent position, although Jose Castorena, FEPC consultant admitted receiving the letter of application.

Charles E. Wilson, FEPC senior legal counsel, represented the complainant. Harris' own attorney, Don Burris, also participated.

Members of the hearing panel were C. L. Dellums, Chairman, John Anson Ford, Mrs. Audrey Sterling and Henry Rodriguez. The decision of the panel is expected in about a week. Under provisions of the FEPC Act, the case could be dismissed, or the union could be found guilty of unlawful racial discrimination and ordered to employ the complainant.

Attorney for Seymour and Local 12 was Charles K. Hackler.

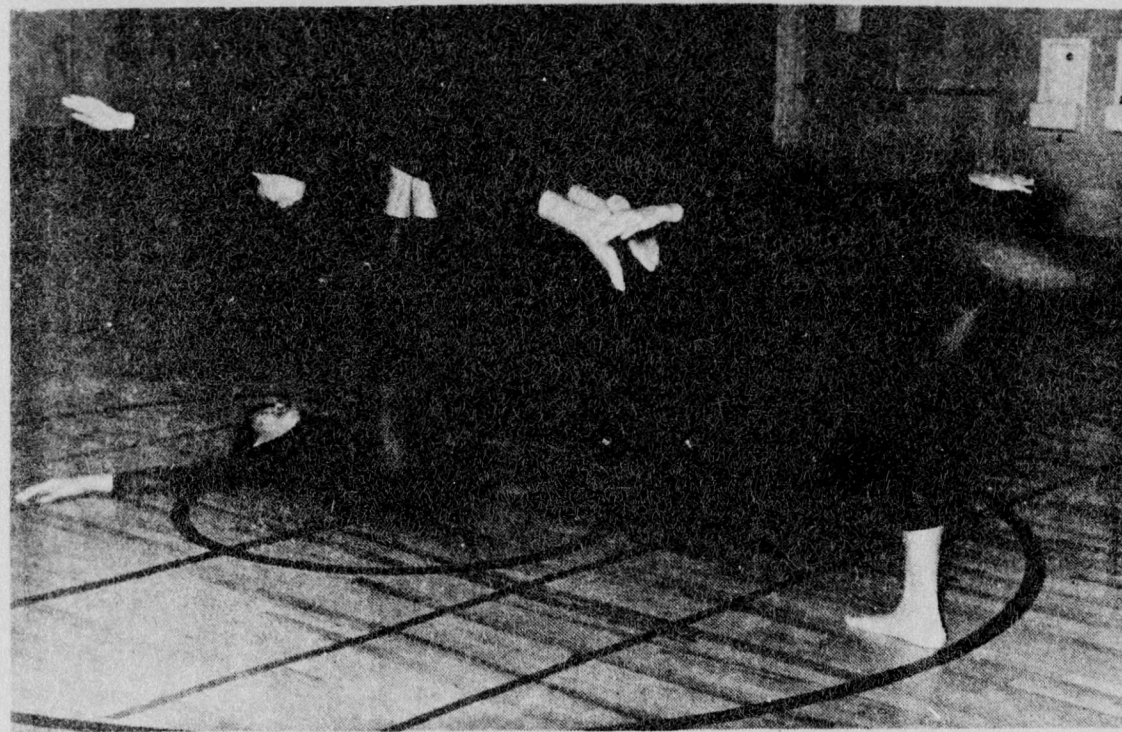
The Fair Employment Practice Commission administers California laws against discrimination in employment and housing for reason of race, color, religious creed, national origin or ancestry. Other members of the commission are Elton Brombacher, Olive Graham, and Dwight R. Zook. Executive officer Edward Howden is also chief of the Division of Fair Employment Practices in the Department of Industrial Relations.

Testimony brought out the fact that the 23,000-member union has "from 200 to 600" Negro members. It was charged that there are no Negroes among the more than 100 employees on the Local 12 payroll.

Harris' claim of discriminatory treatment rested on charges that he had heard Seymour tell a union meeting "nobody can make me hire a Negro business agent." A transcript of the relevant portion of the meeting read at the hearing did not reveal such a comment. However, two union members testified they heard the statement, and a 1963 story in the Los Angeles Times was introduced, which quoted Seymour as saying "The men work well with Negroes -- but they wouldn't stand for having a Negro business agent. It just wouldn't work at this time."

Seymour testified that Harris was denied the business agent position, not because of his color, but because he had

The diagnosis of early or potential diabetes by observation of changes in small blood vessels has been developed by medical research investigators at the Dallas, Texas Veterans Administration hospital.



WON FIRST PRIZE - These Bennett College freshmen were adjudged best of twelve groups in physical education competition, billed as "The Bennett Olympics" held in Goode Gymnasium Tuesday night. On floor is Miss Emily Webb, of Roanoke, Va., supporting Millicent Williams, of Camden, S. C., while Patricia Farris, of Reidsville, is at right.

# Shaw Told Education Must Meet Challenges

"Education has been a prime mover in the technological and scientific revolution of the 20th century," Myron A. Wright, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, told a Shaw Forum, held in a Shaw University audience Monday as he appeared to address a Public Affairs Forum, held in Spaulding Gymnasium.

Introduced by Dr. J. W. Goodlor, senior vice president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, and treasurer of Shaw's Board of Trustees, Mr. Wright said, "With technology expanding at an ex-

plosive rate, the nation's educational system must prepare to cope with challenges far more complex and urgent than those of the past.

"While almost every other institution has undergone rapid change and improvement over recent years, the equipment and methods used in preparing the nation's most valuable resource -- human intelligence -- have remained nearly intact," he declared.

"In the hands of imaginative administration and teachers, computerized teaching devices could cause dramatic and revolutionary changes in the education process."

Mr. Wright, who is board chairman of Humble Oil & Refining Co., said that educators should be equally alert to changes in the substance of the educational program.

"Our first effort toward preventing a larger imbalance in the labor market could be an uplifting of education of our most deficient worker," he

said. "About one-half of the Nation's total employed have less than a high school education and almost one-fifth never completed the eighth grade. It is evident that many of these men and women have less than a minimum effective education today and will be even more disadvantaged in the future.

"If they are not to become tomorrow's unemployable and poverty cases, efforts must be made to improve their education and training and thus improve their usefulness to society."

Dr. James E. Cheek, Shaw University's president, also brought greetings to the large audience.

## OBITUARIES

Preston Eddie Boone of Rt. 1, Garner, died last Wednesday at his home. Funeral services were conducted from Pine Grove Baptist Church in Granville County last Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. by the Rev. L. M. Gooch. Burial followed in the church cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katie Lee Boone of the home; and one brother, Robert Lee Boone of Garner.

## Colonial Stores Declare Dividends

ATLANTA - Directors of Colonial Stores, Inc., 423 store Southeastern and Midwestern Supermarket Chain, declared a quarterly dividend of 35 cents a share on common stock - the same as last quarter.

The regular quarterly cash dividend of 50 cents per share was declared on outstanding 4 percent preferred stock.

Both dividends are payable March 1 to stockholders of record on Feb. 16. Colonial Stores, with headquarters in Atlanta, has operations in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

## WITH THE ARMED SERVICES

PLEIKU, Vietnam - Airmar First Class Wayne B. Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tucker of 107 N. Holland Ave., Dunn, prepares to paint a Vietnamese grade school as part of his communication squadron's people-to-people program in the central highlands of Vietnam. Airmar Tucker, a supply inventory specialist, volunteers his off-duty time in support of President Johnson's declaration that helping the people of Vietnam is as important as fighting the Viet Cong. Tucker is a 1961 graduate of Dunn High School. His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Henson of Rt. 1, Rayville, La. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO).

ville, has been promoted to airman first class in the U. S. Air Force.

Airmar Dupree is a material specialist at Kadena AB, Okinawa. He is a member of the Pacific Air Force which provides air power to maintain the U. S. defense posture in the Pacific and conducts air operations in Southeast Asia.

The airman is a 1961 graduate of H. B. Sugg High School. His sister, Mrs. Elma L. Phillips, resides at 2917 Cedarwood Drive, Durham.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. - Airmar Vernon W. Starnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Starnes, of 715 Kent St., Durham, has been selected for technical training at Lackland AFB, Tex., as a U. S. Air Force air policeman.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland. His new school is part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to provide technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force.

Airmar Starnes is a 1966 graduate of Hill Side High School.

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**HORTON**  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex. - Airmar Benny R. Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie R. Horton of Rt. 3, Apex, has been selected for technical training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., as a U. S. Air Force postal specialist.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. His new school is part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force.

Airmar Horton is a 1966 graduate of Horton High School, Pittsboro.

**KADENA, Okinawa - David E. Dupree, brother of George and Connie Dupree of Rt. 2, Farm-**

**SHORT**  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex. - Airmar William L. Short, son of Mrs. Mary L. Short of 824 E. Eighth St., Charlotte, has been selected for technical training at Lackland AFB, Tex., as a U. S. Air Force air policeman.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland. His new school is part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to provide technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force.

Airmar Short is a 1966 graduate of Second Ward High School.

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex. - Airmar Edgar N. Johnson, son of Nathaniel Johnson of 2218 Arden St., Charlotte, has been selected for technical training at Lowry AFB, Colo., as a U. S. Air Force aircraft weapons systems specialist.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. His new school is part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to provide technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force.

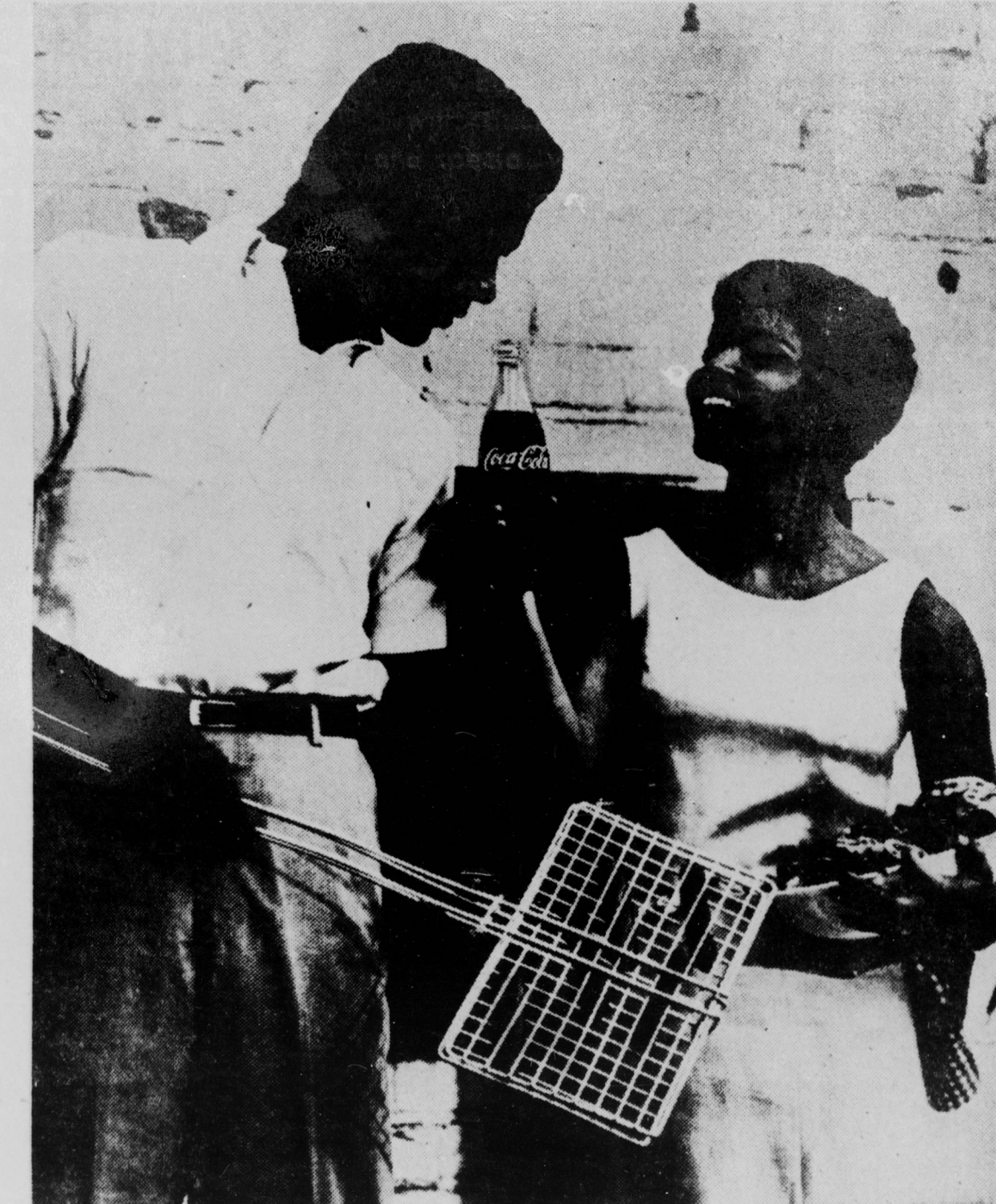
Airmar Johnson is a 1966 graduate of West Charlotte High School.



SNOW JOB - NEW YORK - In response to photographers looking for that "different" picture, middleweight champion Emile Griffith takes on the snow across the street from Madison Square Garden Feb. 8 after signing to defend his title for the third time in less than a year. Griffith meets European champion Nino Benvenuti of Italy in a 15 round bout at the Garden April 17. (UPI PHOTO).

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