

# NEGRO HISTORY BAFFLERS

By Negro Press International  
One of the erroneous ideas many persons -- both black and white -- have is that Negro has invariably been an "insignificant minority" in this country. Of course, the overall black population has always been in the minority throughout the United States. In 1790, there were 757,208 Negroes out of a total national population of 3,929,214; in 1960, the figures were 18,871,831 and 179,323,175. But Negroes have outnumbered whites in some cities and areas of the country. And with the increasing movement of black people to large urban areas, several of the nation's cities will have Negro majorities in a few years.

Figures cited on Negro population overlook the millions of uncounted black people and those who have "passed" into white society. This means that, numerically speaking and otherwise, the Negro has been more prominent in American society than has been thought. In today's Baffler, identify the cases in which Negro majorities have made the black man a political force to reckon with.

Scoring: 4-7: tops; 3: fair; 0-2: poor. Bonus Question at the end counts two points. Here's the multiple-choice quiz:

- Which of these cities has a Negro majority?  
--A. Chicago; B. Washington; C. New York.
- In 1860, there were 437,000 Negroes and 353,000 whites in this state. When black people later gained power, it was charged in typical Dixie style, that a "minority" had taken over.  
--A. Mississippi; B. New York; C. Illinois.
- In this one predominantly Negro state, black people were in the majority in every legislative session except one in the years after the Civil War. This state's voters, in 1870, elected J. H. Rainey, the first Negro to be seated in the U. S. House of Representatives.  
--A. Texas; B. Maine; C. South Carolina.
- In which of these cities have Negroes recently become a majority?  
--A. Los Angeles and Philadelphia;  
--B. Gary, Ind., and New-



NEW HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER - Ralph L. Howland, who was named by Governor Moore to head the Department of Motor Vehicles. He succeeds A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., who resigned to accept a special superior court judgeship. He served as assistant commissioner of the Department, under Godwin.

## YOUR SAVINGS BOND QUIZ

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ark, N. J.;  
--C. Houston, Tex., and Atlanta, Ga.  
5. A majority of the students going to public school in this city are black:  
--A. Chicago; B. New York; C. Seattle, Wash.

BONUS QUESTION: Unlike cities with substantial Negro populations, this town does not permit black residents. It is remembered for an open-housing march last year and a race riot 15 years ago when a Negro family tried to move in.

ANSWERS: 1. B; 2. A; 3. C; 4. B; 5. A.  
BONUS QUESTION: Cicero, Ill.

## Maryland Judge Raises Ire Of Many Citizens

Prince Georges County Maryland  
Negroes rose up in masses against Judge William B. Bowie last week in protest over a statement made by him about Negroes and their conduct.

The staff of an antipoverty agency working in Negro communities in Prince Georges County yesterday proposed cutting the terms of county Circuit Court judges to five years because of a remark from the bench Tuesday on "Negroes and the use of knives."

Joining a lengthening list of Negro groups attacking Judge William B. Bowie, 20 staff members of the federally financed United Communities Against Poverty said in a statement: "Fifteen years is too long for any one man to let out questionable justice."

Bowie's remark followed his refusal to grant probation or continue bond, as the State's Attorney's office and a defense attorney recommended, for a Negro woman who had pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

UCAP further urged the legislature to pass a law that would make judges subject to dismissal "when their very obvious personal views will not allow their decisions to be in the true interest of justice, regardless of a defendant's race, religion, background or national origin."

Bowie also said that if Negroes "want to live like animals, let them stay in a pen somewhere."

UCAP asserted: "Negro children are not born with knives in their hands. Neither do they wish to live like animals. Knives are not considered normal dress for Negroes, nor is it a way of life."

Mrs. Bonnie Johns, director of UCAP, said the staff next week will petition the head of Bowie's judicial circuit, Chief



FERN MATTHEWSON

## Miss NCC Is Professional, Model, Student Leader

DURHAM - Fern Matthewson, a 21-year-old professional model and student leader, will be crowned as Miss North Carolina College at 8 p.m. Saturday, October 21, in the college's R.L. McDougald Gymnasium.

A senior psychology major, Miss Matthewson is a native of Princeville, and now lives in Tarboro. She is a graduate of the Philadelphia Career and Modeling School.

Her career plans include further modeling, but she also plans to work in psychology or sociology, and to do graduate work.

Dr. Newsome At St. Paul's  
LAWRENCEVILLE, Va. - The fall convocation formally opening the eightieth session at St. Paul's College here on Friday, Oct. 27, will be addressed by Dr. Lionel H. Newsome, a distinguished sociologist and educator of Atlanta, Ga.

Judge J. Dudley Digges, to have Bowie removed. Many lawyers became so enraged until they stated they would ask the jurist to disqualify himself to sit on a case where a Negro was involved. They also said that the statement was logical grounds to appeal any sentence that Judge Bowie might inflict upon a Negro.

## Preston Cobb To Get New Ga. Trial

WASHINGTON - The U. S. Supreme Court this week reversed the Georgia life sentence against Preston Cobb, a case that stirred international concern when Cobb was sentenced to death in 1961 at the age of 18. NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) attorneys won the case on grounds that racial discrimination was used in composing Cobb's Jasper County, Ga., jury.

The young man must still face the charge of murder; however the new jury will be drawn from an integrated panel.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals overruled in 1964 on the ground that Negroes had been systematically excluded from the grand jury that indicted Mr. Cobb and from the petit jury that tried him.

He was reindicted by the Jasper County grand jury in February of 1965. A motion for change of venue was granted and petitioner was tried before a petit jury in Bibb County. He was found guilty, but the jury returned a recommendation of mercy; petitioner was then sentenced to life imprisonment.

On appeal the Georgia Supreme Court affirmed Cobb's conviction.

## Indian Summer: Gift Of The Gods

One of the nicer things that happens every year is Indian summer.

A short period of especially fair weather and mild days, it comes in late October or early November when the leaves are turning color and falling from the trees. It has no definite date to begin or end.

The mild, pleasant weather of Indian summer follows the autumn's first period of cold, wintry days," says World Book Encyclopedia. "The days become noticeably warmer, but the nights remain chilly. Throughout Indian summer, the sun shines dimly and softly. The sky turns a rich blue and always appears gentle and hazy near the horizon. The air remains smoky and still, with almost no wind. An Indian-summer moon often has a soft yellow or orange hue. Indian summer lasts from a week to 10 days, and sometimes for two weeks. Then winter begins."

The American Indians enjoyed Indian summer and looked forward to it. They considered it the special gift of a god.

The origin of the name of Indian summer is uncertain. One story says that American settlers named the period after the American Indians, who told the settlers that this period would come. Another story says the name evolved because this period of good weather chance to make more attacks on the settlers.



RETURNS TO ALMA MATER - Former schoolmates of Earl (The Pearl) Monroe seek his autograph Oct. 10 in Winston-Salem following an Exhibition NBA basketball game. Earl, a rookie with the Baltimore Bullets, excited his former schoolmates and local fans with his fancy ball-handling and shooting. Earl scored 14 points as The Bullets defeated the Chicago Bulls 119-103.

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AN "NPI" FEATURE  
Oct. 15, 1870 - The Colored--now Christian -- Methodist Episcopal church (CMW) organized in Jackson, Tenn. Name was changed in 1956.

Oct. 15, 1949 - The then-Governor of Virgin Islands, William H. Hastie, named by President Harry S. Truman to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third District, in Philadelphia.

Oct. 16, 1859 - Sherrard Lewis Leary, Negro follower of abolitionist John Brown, killed at Harper's Ferry, Va., (Now West Virginia). Brown's raid took place on the same date. Five members of the original party with Brown were Negroes.

Oct. 17, 1806 - Jean Jacques Dessalines, emperor of Haiti, assassinated at Pont Rouge, Haiti.

Oct. 17, 1888 - The first Negro savings bank established in the U. S. Capitol.

Oct. 18, 1898 - North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company organized in Durham, by Dr. A. M. Moore and John Merrick.

Oct. 19, 1870 - Joseph Rainey became the first Negro member of the U. S. Congress.

Oct. 21, 1872 - John Henry College Prexy

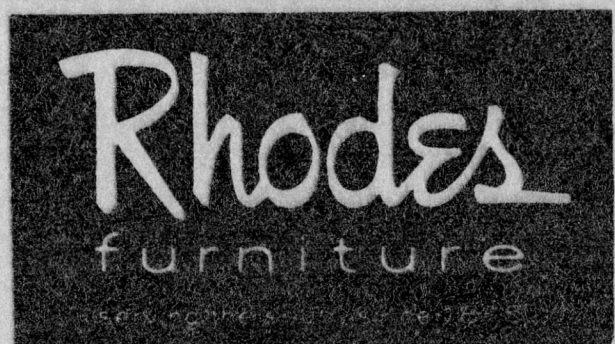
ALBANY, Ga. - Albany State College president, Dr. Thomas Miller Jenkins II, will address a session of the annual meeting of the Georgia Association of Junior Colleges at Douglass, Ga. on Oct. 21.

The Albany State head will speak on "The Triumph of the Mind and Spirit in the Shaping of Scholarship." He will address a group of junior college educators who will discuss creating an intellectual atmosphere on junior college campuses and other issues facing the rise of junior colleges throughout the state and the nation.

of Negro Land Grant colleges, meeting in Washington, D. C., proposed end to racially separate university system.  
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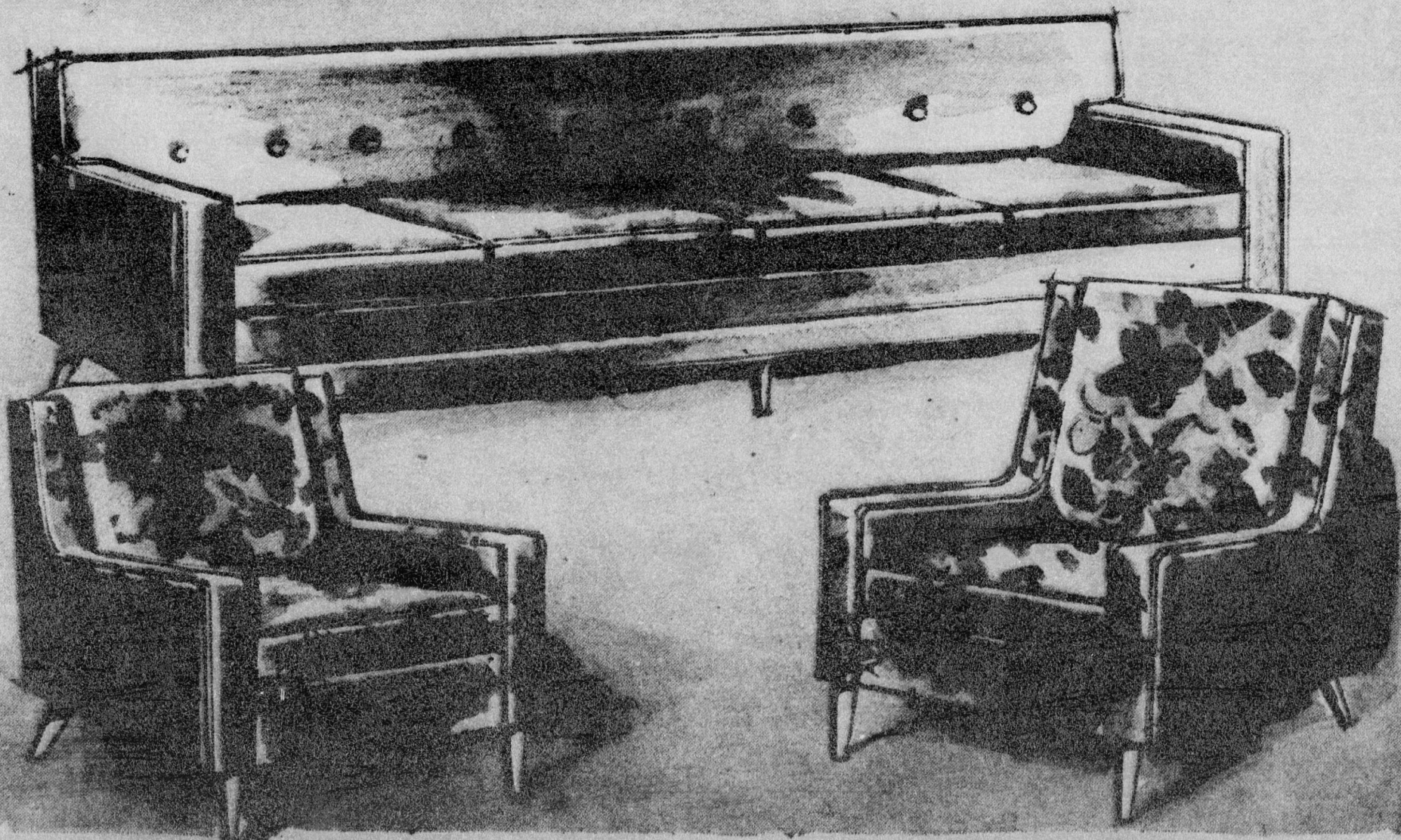
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