

Understand Language Of Minorities, College Teachers Told In Workshop



Dr. Shafer, English Prof., Consultant

GREENSBORO - The failure of public school teachers to try to understand the language problems of minority groups is hampering communication between the races, according to a national authority on the teaching of English.

"Most teachers come from middle class homes," said Dr. Robert E. Shafer, professor of English at Arizona State College, "and they have difficulties understanding ethnic groups not their own."

Dr. Shafer was in Greensboro recently as a consultant to an eight-week teacher training workshop being held at A&T State University.

The 22 college teachers from institutions in North Carolina, Oregon and Utah, are trying to isolate some of the peculiar language problems encountered among blacks and other minorities.

"We need to understand that language is a part of culture and the teacher is obligated to learn the child's language," said Dr. Shafer, a noted author and former past president of the National Council of Teachers of English.

"The Institute of A&T is the only one of its kind," he added. "We need some work in linguistics and we need good demonstration schools to show new methods of teaching."

Dr. Shafer said both white and black teachers must know that it is the attitude of the teacher which determines a child's motivation to learn.

Teachers who work with minorities "must understand the way their language system works," said Shafer. "We must not be out to replace a child's language system, but to add to it."

Shafer called for more understanding of the language problem on the part of the public. "We are suffering a cutback in federal funds for such programs as the one at A&T at a time when we need more and more funds," he said.



CITES LACK OF EMPLOYMENT PROGRESS - Salt Lake City: William H. Brown, chairman of the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, makes a point during a news conference here last week. Brown said little progress has been made in fair employment since Civil Rights Act of 1964. (UPI).

Economy Of NC Boosted By GI Bill

The economy of North Carolina has been boosted more than \$1,170,943,112 in the past quarter of a century by the GI Bill loan programs, W. R. Phillips, Manager of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office, said this week.

Since the World War II program started on June 22, 1944, the VA has guaranteed or insured more than 108,859 loans in the amount of \$1,170,943,112 for North Carolina veterans, he said.

Nationwide, the VA has guaranteed or insured more than 7.4 million loans amounting to nearly \$75 billion in the past quarter of a century. Nearly 7.1 million of these loans in the amount of approximately \$71 billion were for homes, Phillips explained.

Of the 108,859 VA-guaranteed or insured loans in North Carolina, 4,835 amounting to \$83,398,915 were obtained by Viet Nam era veterans.

Throughout the country Phillips pointed out, nearly 150,000 loans amounting to almost \$2.6 billion were for Viet Nam era veterans. All of these were home loans, he said, since the present Post-Korean GI Bill does not provide for business loans to veterans whose military service began after January 31, 1955.

North Carolina veterans have proved to be responsible home owners, Phillips said, citing the fact that 40,627 loans in the amount of \$264,982,627 have been repaid in full.

ing them of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, and in the murder of a fellow Black Panther.

According to Connecticut officials, the two men are wanted in connection with the murder of Alex Rackley, 24, who was tortured and killed in New Haven, in early May.

Tens of million of Americans now own U. S. Savings Bonds. The value of Series E and H Bonds and Freedom Shares outstanding is more than \$42 billion.

\$1 Million Series Of Ford Grants Are Given To Advance Afro-American Studies

NEW YORK - A \$1 million series of grants to advance and improve Afro-American studies in colleges and universities was announced by the Ford Foundation. The actions will provide:

-- Assistance to Afro-American studies programs at six institutions -- Yale, Morgan State, Lincoln, Rutgers, Princeton, and Howard.

-- Joint support, with the National Endowment for the Humanities, of fifteen summer institutes on Negro history and culture, to be attended by 1,000 college and university

faculty members.

-- Paperback books on Afro-American history for eighty-five Negro colleges through a grant to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

-- Assistance to three predominantly Negro colleges -- Atlanta and Fisk Universities and Tuskegee Institute -- for cataloging and restoring materials in their library collections.

Howard University, the nation's largest predominantly Negro institution, received a grant of \$143,567 for start-up costs for Afro-American

course development, staff additions, and reference materials. The university already offers a wide range of courses to liberal arts students, and its library has the world's most comprehensive collection of Negro materials. The faculty this spring voted to establish a department of Afro-American studies, which may include many courses presently taught as well as several new ones which will be developed.

Students who elect the major are required, like other students, to complete the college's general education requirements before they begin to specialize. The department will be responsible for staff recruitment, standards for retention and promotion, and degree criteria.

Rep. Chisolm Speaker As News Media Women Fete Mrs. Chisolm

CHICAGO - (NPI) - The local chapter of the National Association of Media Women, Inc., last week honored the first Black Congresswoman, Rep. Shirley Chisolm (D.-N.Y.) for her creative use of the news media in educating the public about the important social issues of the day.

Mrs. Chisolm has been in the news constantly since she decided to run for Congress and in all her exposure, has been courageously outspoken in her determination to do battle with the status quo and all who would preserve it.

She has seized every opportunity to break with the old rule that first term Congressmen should be seen and not heard

and has emphasized that she intends to serve the people of her district by speaking out loudly and clearly.

The local media women presented Rep. Chisolm the Deborah Gannett Award, named in honor of an early Black freedom fighter, who was so committed to the cause of freedom, she disguised herself as a man and fought in the American Revolution. She enlisted May 20, 1872 and served with distinction for 18 months in the 4th Massachusetts regiment.

Mattie Smith Colin is president of the Chicago chapter, and a staff member of Negro Press International.

Commission On Urban Problems Publishes 2 Reseach Papers

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Two research reports of the National Commission on Urban Problems - the Douglas Commission - have just been published.

One is titled "New Approaches to Housing Code Administration" and the other, "Fragmentation in Land-Use Planning and Control."

This 217-page code report notes that enforcement of housing codes traditionally has called for a policing action and recommends that this operation be expanded into a service operation.

The publication urges the establishment of neighborhood improvement and housing service agencies to provide a means of preventing deterioration of properties, as well as correcting deficiencies. It suggests that guidelines and performance standards prescribed by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for citizen participation in the Model Cities Program should be adapted to

the neighborhood improvement and code compliance program.

The 91-page land-use report analyzes current land use controls and finds that "fragmented land-use controls have contributed to unwholesome competition between parts of urban areas and have prevented planners from giving attention to needs that could help blend communities together."

The report also says that single-function Federal and State programs also contribute to the "splintering" of urban communities.

The publication declares that "excesses of localism" can be brought under control with new governmental and fiscal arrangements supported by both State and Federal Governments.

VSC To Host Nat'l Tutor Exams

PETERSBURG - Virginia State College will be a site of the National Teacher Examinations on July 19, and less than two weeks remain for prospective teachers who plan to take the exams to submit their registrations.

According to Dr. Samuel J. Spencer, director of testing at VSC, registrations for the exams must be forwarded to Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J. not later than June 27.

Bulletins of information describing the registration procedures and containing registration forms are available at the VSC testing center, or they can be obtained from ETS in Princeton at Box 11.

During the day-long testing session, a teaching candidate may take "common examinations," which include tests in professional and general education, and one of 15 "teaching - area examinations," which are designed to evaluate understanding of particular subject matter.

According to Dr. Spencer, the common exams will begin at about 8:30 a.m. and run to 12:25 p.m. The teaching - area tests should begin at 1:30 p.m. and run to about 4:15 p.m.

Veterans attending school under the GI Bill can take a summer vacation without losing any of their VA education entitlement.

MOTHER STUNNED AT VERDICT - Mason, Mich.: Mrs. Rebecca Pollard appears stunned as she is helped from the courtroom where an all-white jury found suspended Detroit policeman Ronald August innocent June 10 of premeditated murder in the shooting death of her son, Aubrey, during the 1967 Detroit riot. Mrs. Pollard is assisted by an unidentified man and the mother of Carol Cooper, who died along with Pollard and another Negro youth in the Algiers Motel. (UPI).

Is U. S. Violent? It Always Has Been

BY ROLAND BLACK

WASHINGTON - (NPI) - Is the United States going through one of the most "violent" periods in its history?

You'd get that impression from the 350,000-word task-force report on "Violence in America: Historical and Comparative Perspectives," issued by the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

According to the report, the 1960s have exploded into one of the most turbulent eras of violence in the history of this violence-prone nation.

Undoubtedly, we are living in a time of public disorder and misbehavior caused by social change and the declining power of family and community controls over our lives.

As the present turbulence amounts largely to so much lack of personal and collective self-control, today's disorder is not to be excused away, applauded, or made into a "political" or "ideological" event.

Yet, it would be fallacious to say that we are living in a particularly lethal or dangerous period, for the violence we experience today is far less deadly than what was taken for

granted only a few decades ago. Lynchings are one example of the change in U. S. violence. The Emmett Till case was one of the many lynchings that have, until recently, been as "American as cherry pie."

Since the 1890s when this peculiarly American institution became widespread, thousands of Black people have been lynched by Southern white mobs who were restrained by no "law and order" or public outcry against "violence."

Those who feel the nation is "going to the dogs" forget that the nation has become relatively free of these mobs, for violence these days has become a random, blind act of striking out against "whatever-it-is," rather than an attack on a specific person.

Race riots reflect another change. Until recently, they were deadly assaults by whites on Negro areas. Now, a "race riot," as indefensible as it is, is much more likely to be an attack on symbols than on people.

This nation, with its Wild West, Lynch-mob history, has never had "safe streets."

The West was indeed wild when it was first settled, for "law and order" was notably absent in early Western towns. Only the man with the "fastest gun" could walk the streets in relative safety; and even he wasn't really safe.

In the South, almost all Black people were the potential targets of Ku Klux Klan violence, until recent years. Even today, an "uppity" Negro's life isn't safe from "legal lynching," in some areas of Dixie.

The campus and militant violence that afflicts this nation today is mild by comparison. For few people are killed by this violence, except those who are already caught up in it.

Houle And Parrish To Arts School

WINSTON-SALEM - Elizabeth Parrish and Bert Houle, professional actors from New York, will be visiting artists in residence for the drama department during summer school this year at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Miss Parrish was professional actress in residence and taught technique of acting to apprentices last year for Festival Theater, the professional summer theater sponsored by the School of the Arts. She appeared in "Thieves' Carnival," "A Taste of Honey," "Candida," "Marat/Sade" and "Oh, What a Lovely War" for Festival Theater.

Miss Parrish teaches at the Yale School of Drama and at the Stella Adler School in New York. She has appeared on Broadway in "Pickwick" and "Keep It in the Family" and Off-Broadway in "Little Mary Sunshine." She has acted at the American Shakespeare Festival Theater at Stratford, Conn., and has been seen on television on the Ed Sullivan Show, Studio One, Seven Living Arts and Biography.

Houle has just completed two years of studying mime with Etienne Decroix in Paris, France on a Fulbright grant. He will teach mime at the School of the Arts.

Before going to Paris, he spent a year touring with the National Shakespeare Company. He has been resident actor with the Barter Theater at Abingdon, Va., the China Dragon Playhouse at Manchester, N. H., and the Harlequin Theater Company at St. Louis, Mo. He has been a member of the Improvisational Touring Group and appeared in "The Red Shoes" for the Equity Library Children's Theater



NEW ASSISTANT MANAGER - Mrs. Louise Perry Sorrell, 24, 206 N. State Street, Raleigh, has been promoted to assistant manager of Super Dollar Store, 225 S. Wilmington St. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Luther E. Perry. Mrs. Sorrell attended J. W. Ligon High School and St. Augustine's College where she spent one year as a business administration major.

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