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RIGHTS COMMISSION READY FOR ALA. VOTE PROBE

Expect registrars to answer questions

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission is ready to begin its investigation of voting conditions in Alabama and expects no difficulty from state officials.

Mrs. Carol Arth, executive secretary, told the AFRO, Friday, that all state registration officials who are to appear as witnesses are expected to be present and bring with them the necessary records.

The hearing on complaints from Alabama citizens regarding registration and voting begins the morning of Dec. 8.

SESSIONS will be held in the courtroom of the U.S. Court of Appeals in the Federal Building at Montgomery.

All members of the commission will be present including Gordon M. Tiffany, staff director.

Dean Storey, vice chairman, will act as legal officer. He is to be assisted by Col. A. H. Rosensted.

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THE HEARING was set after the Macon County board of registrars, last October, refused to let two Commission staff investigators inspect its voting records.

Registrars acted on the advice of Gov.-Elect John Patterson, then Attorney General, who held that by state law the records need not be turned over for inspection.

Commission staff members wanted to examine the records as part of their investigation of complaint that colored people had been denied the right to register and vote in Tuskegee and surrounding Macon County.

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AT A SUBSEQUENT meeting the commission voted unanimously to hold the hearings and to subpoena the county's registration records, if necessary.

Under the Civil Rights Act of 1957, the Commission has authority to investigate cases and to determine the status of civil rights anywhere in the nation.

The Commission has the power to subpoena witnesses and hold hearings to obtain information. It has no enforcement powers.

However, the subpoena power is backed by the power of Federal courts to punish refusals to obey as contempt.

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BACKGROUND on the Macon County situation is as follows:

In 1957, the state legislature gerrymandered Tuskegee's city limits and cut the town's area in half.

The result was to place about 410 of the community's 420 colored voters outside the city limits.

Tuskegee had 1,315 whites and 5,397 colored, according to the 1950 census.

However, white registered voters outnumbered colored registrants by 200.

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SAM ENGLEHARDT, Macon County state senator and executive secretary of the White Citizens Councils of Alabama, was author of the bill changing Tuskegee's city limits.

After the bill was enacted into state law, Englehardt boasted: "We gerrymandered those n---rs right out of town."

He indicated this was because of the New Civil Rights Act, which he called "our greatest danger."

In the fall of 1957 the Macon County Abolition Commission was set up by referendum.

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IT WAS GIVEN authority to recommend abolition of the county if considered necessary to maintain white control.

Later the commission held hearings at which most of the surrounding counties indicated they would accept part of Macon County.

Last September the agency made its report.

It did little beyond restate the conviction that the situation in the county was serious and the Federal Civil Rights Commission should be watched.

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HOWEVER, Alabama is in opposition to the Federal Civil Rights agency or to the Justice Department's civil rights division.

In Clayton, Circuit Court Judge George, who once threatened to jail FBI agents investigating rolls in his district, said last January that records of his court would be closed to civil rights investigators.

He also stated any Federal agent who persisted in trying to get information in violation of his order "will be treated as . . . having committed contempt in the presence of the court."

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IN BIRMINGHAM, Police Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Conner said last September he would refuse to cooperate with any civil rights investigation by Federal authorities.

Earlier this month, referring to the civil rights law, Conner told the AFRO "The law be damned. Down here, " he said, "we make our own law."

SEEKS RIGHT TO VOTE — Walter J. Moore, retired insurance man of Montgomery, Ala., fills out a questionnaire as he applies for registration as a voter. Watching is Mrs. C. B. Willis, chairman of the Montgomery County Board of Registrars. Colored in Montgomery have accused the board of using delaying tactics in an effort to hold down registration. Mrs. Willis denies it. The Civil Rights Commission, which opens a hearing in Montgomery Dec. 8, will take up the matter.

Nine appointed to advise civil rights body

WASHINGTON

Nine well-known colored Washington leaders have been appointed to advisory committees in four states it was announced by the Commission on Civil Rights during the past week.

They will serve on committees in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and New York. Chairman John A. Hannah, president of Mighigan State University, made the announcement.

Eight persons were appointed in New York, with one additional member to be named later. Among these are Hubert T. Delany, attorney and former judge of the Domestic Relations Court, and Elmer A. Carter, member of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, both of New York City.

Also on the New York group are Dr. Anna P. Burrell, professor of education and psychology at University College for Teachers at Buffalo, and Dr. William J. Knox, of Rochester, research associate with the Eastern Kodak Company.

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THE ILLINOIS committee includes the Rev. A. Lincoln James, pastor of the Greater Bethesda Baptist Church, and Mrs. Jewell Stradford Rogers, former Assistant United States Attorney, both of Chicago, and Louie F. Orr, attorney of East St. Louis.

George W. Hamilton, Milwaukee attorney and chairman of the State Committee on Fair Employment Practices, and former administrative assistant to the Governor of the Virgin Islands, was named to the Wisconsin committee of five.

James B. Morris, Sr., Des Moines attorney and publisher of the Iowa Bystander, was appointed to the seven-member Iowa group.

Total tan vote in 11 Dixie states is set at 1,266,488

ATLANTA, Ga.—There are an estimated 1,266,468 colored persons registered to vote currently in 11 Southern states. A breakdown by state follows:

STATE	COLORED REGISTRATION	COLORED PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REGISTRATION
Alabama	40,000	6.9
Arkansas	44,023	11.4
Florida	144,810	9.1
Georgia	158,051	12.4
Louisiana	120,000	13.7
Mississippi	35,000	4.8
North Carolina	150,000	7.5
South Carolina	57,978	10.8
Tennessee	185,000	13.2
Texas	150,000	6.6
Virginia	131,626	14.1

In Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, where official figures show a decline in colored registration, the number of qualified white voters also dropped.

The sharp decline of registration of both races in South Carolina was attributable, in a large part, to the total registration this year, as is required every 10 years in the state.

Robinson to speak at freedom rally

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The internationally known "Brooklyn Dodger," Jackie Robinson will be the speaker, Jan. 25, at the Freedom Fund Rally planned by the Nashville Branch of the NAACP.

Eugene P. White, chairman of the local Freedom Fund Committee announced the plans for the Nashville Freedom Fund Campaign this week at the meeting held at Clark Memorial Methodist Church.

The sharp deadline will be conducted between Dec. 1 and Jan. 25 and will feature awards for participation in the campaign and a special awards dinner for all participants.

The members of the Nashville Freedom Fund Committee are Eugene P. White, chairman; Dr. Vivian Henderson, co-chairman; Avon N. Williams Jr., R. B. J. Campbelle Jr., Robert Churchwell, W. G. Newton, Mrs. Johnette Hayes, Mrs. H. B. Johns, Adolpho Birch, the Rev. R. W. Kelley, T. R. Hogue, Mahlon Griffith, A. Z. Kelley, Deberry McKissack, R. W. Nowell and Dr. Wallace Dooley.

Mom's plea wins Gail a scholarship

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Yes, Gail — you may go to college now. Your mother's scalding tears and sacrifices made it so. She wept, the world watched, the Elks heard.

This is the story of Gail Ann Epps. Remember? She's the only colored girl graduated from the integrated Clinton High School last spring.

Her mother's heart bled when she reflected her circumstances after Gail begged to go to college. Then Mrs. Annie M. Hale, wrote a letter to George W. Lee, grand commissioner of the Elks Education Department. The letter read:

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"I AM writing you in behalf of my daughter. She and Bobby Cain are the only ones of the nine that stayed in school in the fall of 1956 toughed it out and finished.

"That child has knots on her heels where white children kicked her and stepped on her heels.

"She was almost knocked out of a window by a white boy. She was called all kinds of names and they cut up her coat and destroyed her books.

"If anyone deserves a scholarship, this child does. I am unable to keep her in school on the salary I make in private homes.

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"HER FATHER and I have been separated since she was an infant. She is so interested in getting a college education. I cashed in my only life insurance policy so she could enter Tennessee A. and I. State University in September; still hoping something would happen.

"Now the end of the November quarter is here and I don't have any money to pay for it. I am begging you — will you please help me get a scholarship for her for two years?"

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THE SCHOLARSHIP was granted as a result of Mrs. Hales's touching appeal. Mr. Lee added:

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"WE JUST can't sit around and let the little children of Little Rock and other tension areas fight the battles of an entire race without extending a helping hand.

"If white people in Little Rock can raise $275,000 to support a program which closes the door to colored children, surely 17 million colored persons in America can raise $100,000 to open the doors wider to colored children."

The Elk's Washington Grand Lodge has extended $16,000 in scholarships, which include one for each of the Little Rock Nine, in addition to Gail's grant, Mr. Lee said.

Bobby Cain was the first member of his race to be graduated from Clinton High. He was granted a scholarship last year and is now attending Tennessee A. and I. State University at Nashville.

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YES, GAIL — you may now go to college.

UN okays end of Togo trusteeship

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Final UN approval of the independence of Togoland came this week when the General Assembly approved two resolutions recommended by the Trusteeship Committee.

The first ended Trusteeship of Togoland when the Territory attains independence in 1960: the second urged economic aid for Togoland.

The French Government has already agreed to a Togoland Parliament action for independence January 1, 1960.

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INDEPENDENCE AND unification for the Camaroons (British and French) remains at the discussion stage in the Committee.

Among those who have appeared are Ahmadou Ahidjo, Prime Minister of the French Camaroons, Ndeh Ntumazah (One Kameron), Doo Kingue, (National Union of Camaroon Students) and Felix Roland Moumie (Cameroons Peoples Union).

From the young men of Africa who come today to press for the freedom of their countries come the Prime Ministers of tomorrow.

Union's racial barrier upheld

CINCINNATI — The United States 6th Circuit Court of Appeals last week upheld a lower court ruling that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen has the sole right to determine whom it shall admit to membership.

The ruling, handed down by U.-S. District Judge Paul Jones, held that the brotherhood was within its rights in excluding from membership Lee Oliphant and 13 other colored locomotive firemen who had challenged the "white only" restrictive clause in the brotherhood's constitution.

The plaintiffs had claimed that exclusion from membership in the union, which is collective bargaining representative for the firemen and enginemen, was a denial of their rights as a matter of law.

Judge Jones ruled, however, that "the Brotherhood is a private association whose membership policies are its own affair, and this is not an appropriate case for interposition of judicial control."

MIA to mark 3rd birthday

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The third anniversary of the Montgomery Improvement Association, featuring an institute on non-violence and social change, will begin here on Dec. 1 with registration on Dec. 1.

The topics of the institute will include "Freedom Through Economic Security," "Freedom Through Political Action," "Non-violent Resistance" and "Intergroup Communication and Integration."

The annual address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King Jr., president of the MIA. Other speakers and discussion leaders during the six-day program will be:

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THE REV. GLENN SMILEY, Dr. Arthur D. Gray, president of Talladega College; Bishop W. J. Walls of the AME Zion Church;

Also, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, the Rev. B. J. Simz and the Rev. S. S. Seay. The anniversary luncheon will be held at the Ben Moore Hotel on Dec. 6.

Dr. Gray will speak on "Freedom and Educational Efficiency" at the luncheon.

3 NCC students attend D.C. meet

DURHAM, N.C. — Mattie Giles, senor-at-large at North Carolina College, was among youths attending a seminar "Integration, How Fast?" held recently at International Student House in Washington, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

Accompanying Miss Giles were Misses Barbara McKinsie, a junior, and Edna Uzzel, a senior. Approximately 30 other college students throughout the United States were present at this convention.

Among the speakers at the seminar were Paul Rilling, executive secretary, Virginia Council on Human Relations; Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP; Gordon Tiffany, director of the Civil Rights Commission; and Jean Fairfax, Friends official.

'Keep races apart in housing!' he yells

SAN FRANCISCO — Sen. John J. Sparkman (D. Ala.) told members of the real estate industry here last week that he did not believe the Federal Government's efforts in the housing field should be concerned with the issue of racial integration.

"In fact," he said, "it would jeopardize the entire program.

"A remarkable job has been done in recent years in providing decent housing for minority groups, notably colored citizens in the South. This whole effort would be dried up if housing could not be built on a separate basis in areas where integration is not accepted."

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THANKFUL FAMILY—Roy Campanella, paralyzed following an auto accident nearly 10 months ago, and his family, eagerly inspected this Thanksgiving turkey in their home on Nov. 25. The former Dodger catcher is living home after his long hospital siege. From left to right are Mrs. Ruthe Campanella, Princess, 5; Tony, 8; Roy, and Roy Jr., 10.

How Not To Waste 1 Million Dollars

MIAMI, Nov. 26,—A Florida legislator who proposed the raising of a million-dollar fund to spread pro-segregation propaganda in the North has been advised "to save the money."

The expert advice was given free to State Rep. W. H. Reedy of Leesburgh by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, during the course of a recent address delivered at a mass meeting of the Miami NAACP branch here.

Rep. Reedy, the NAACP leader noted, had "proposed that $1,000,000.00 be raised in the South to engage a public relations firm to 'sell' the North on why the South needs segregation."

"I advise Rep. Reedy to save the money. The North is pretty well informed as to what segregation means in the South. . ."

Wilkins asked: "What would Rep. Reedy 'sell' to the North?"

"Would he sell the savage segregated justice represented by Sheriff Willis McCall, who shot a handcuffed colored prisoner as he was transferring him from Raiford for a new trial ordered by the Supreme Court?"

"Would he sell the bomb-murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore at Mims, Fla., on Christmas Day, 1951, just because Harry Moore worked for the NAACP?

"Would he sell the slaughter of a colored prisoner already blinded by tear gas, at Homestead, Fla., last Tuesday?"

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THE FLORIDA legislator, he asserted, "will have to come up with something else. He could find a public relations firm — you can find anything when you have a million dollars to spend."

"But the firm could not deliver the goods. Making garbage smell like Chanel No. 5 is a task bordering on the impossible. Besides, too many people are in on the truth," Wilkins said.

The NAACP Official further urged Gov. Leroy Collins, who has been advocating a national conference on the desegregation issue, "to take steps within his own state to assemble counsellors and to devise a plan" on how to proceed with desegregation of Florida's public schools. "Here is a proper place to exercise state sovereignty," he said.

"Why wait for a federal commission, or a southern commission, or an act of Congress? We sincerely suggest to Governor Collins (because we assume he is sincere) that he call together the wisdom of the responsible white and colored citizens of Florida and proceed to plan that which is the great state on the side of sanity and observance of law."

Britain is 'surprised' by Ghana

LONDON — A Ghana-Guinea federation move last Sunday reportedly caught Great Britain by "complete surprise."

"I have no doubt that Nkrumah (Ghana Prime Minister) will keep all his Commonwealth colleagues informed as the negotiations proceed," Prime Minister Harold Macmillan declared on Thursday.

He told the House of Commons "Of course, this was a complete surprise to us when we heard of it."

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THE AGREEMENT entered into by Ghana and Guinea proposes that the two countries constitute themselves into a "nucleus of a Union of West Africa States."

In London, the declaration eyed as a move by Dr. Nkrumah to fulfill an ambitious dream to break away completely from the mother country.

Although Ghana received its independence 18 months ago, the republic is still a member of the British Commonwealth.

The Republic of Guinea voted its independence from France on Oct. 1.

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ENGLAND BELIEVES Nkrumah's dream to be one in which he can combine Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria, Sierre Leone and Gambia into a federation and ultimately enlarging it with other French and Spanish possessions.

Macmillan told the House that he believed that the actions of the two countries are designed "not to prejudice in any way the present or future relations between either Ghana and the Commonwealth or between Guinea and the French."

The joint declaration of Ghana and Guinea came about as the result of talks in Accra, the capital of Ghana, between Nkrumah and M. Sekou Toure, prime minister of Guinea.

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AS A first step, the declaration, said, the two countries had agreed to adopt a union flag, develop closest contacts and harmonize defense, foreign and economic policies.

Furthermore, the declaration stated that the next step would be the drafting of a constitution.

In addition, Ghana has agreed to loan Guinea $20,000,000 subject to the approval of Parliament.

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THE DECLARATION also pointed out that the merger, if that is the intention, was "inspired by the example of the 13 American colonies."

London has regarded the move as creating an unprecedented problem, raising fundamental problems which can be answered only by the Commonwealth countries as a whole.

One such question is whether Ghana would remain in the Commonwealth, or whether Dr. Nkrumah wants to bring Guinea into the Commonwealth by the back door?

Limited foreign aid displeases Liberia

By CHATWOOD HALL

MONROVIA, Liberia—Liberians are greatly dissatisfied and disappointed with the limited American government foreign aid and the failure of American private investors to put more money in the potentially rich natural resources of Liberia.

Liberia always has been America's oldest, staunchest and most dependable friend and ally on the west coast of Africa and a strategic area in which Russia is greatly interested.

Of the two countries' close association, James H. Smith, director of the U.S. International Cooperation Association, remarked on his recent visit:

"The friendship of the United States with Liberia has not and will not diminish," adding that he had given Liberia the honor of being his first stop on his African tour.

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THESE REMARKS may be soothing, but they do not wholly satisfy Liberians. Such remarks do not build much needed schools, hospital facilities, roads, agricultural improvements, etc.

Liberia wants something more concrete in the form of vitally needed and boosted American technical development and financial assistance.

Friendship and "first stops" cannot provide these.

Many other countries, seeking American aid, are known to have resorted to the veiled blackmail of Uncle Sam by declaring that "if you don't, somebody else will."

There is no indication that Liberia has any intention of resorting to this tactic.

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YET IT cannot be forgotten that this tactic has been used effectively and to the detriment of America by some underdeveloped countries, particularly by Egypt.

In connection with this "if you don't . . ." tactic, the old truism that prevention is better and easier than cure takes on added urgency and validity.

It cannot be truthfully charged that Liberia has been easily ignored by America.

There is American governmental assistance through ICA in the form of health, agricultural, education and other projects.

But most Liberians justifiably consider it too little.

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A FEW private American firms have made investments in Liberia, outstanding - of which are the Firestone and Goodrich rubber plantations and investments in iron ore mining.

These have been beneficial to the Liberian economy. But they have only scratched the enormous agricultural and mineral wealth.

Liberia's position is clear. It is a genuine friend. It considers itself part of the Free World. Perhaps this is why America takes this true friend for granted.

It would seem to be about time for the American government and private investors to undertake a serious and foresighted reappraisal of their policies and attitudes toward Africa.

PEOPLE

Rev. Lawrence Wm. Grimes

ELKS MUSIC HEAD

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. —William T. Grimes Sr., state director of music for North Carolina Elks for two years, has been named grand director of music for the lodge. The A. and T. College graduate holds several similar positions on the state and local levels.

FETE FOR FOSTER

CHICAGO — A. L. Foster Sr., ranking Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce official, will be cited by colleagues at a testimonial banquet in his honor at Parkway Ballroom on Dec. 10.

CIVIL RIGHTS AWARDS

NEW YORK — Kappa Omicron chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity last week presented its 1958 Achievement awards to **Thurgood Marshall**, NAACP counsel, and **Ted Poston**, reporter with a New York daily, for their contributions in the civil rights struggle.

CITE SCHOOL MASTER

CHICAGO— The Chicago Pinery Woods Club recently honored **Dr. Laurence C. Jones**, founder and president of Piney Woods (Miss.) School, at a birthday banquet at New Union auditorium. The fete was held to raise funds to repair recent tornado damages to the school that exceeded $350,000.

CLERIC GETS AWARD

NEW YORK — The 10th annual Lane Bryant award of $1,000 recently was presented to the **Rev. W. L. Buffington**, of Augusta, Ga., founder of a chain of nearly 100 libraries for youngsters in the South. The award is for "exceptional volunteer service."

GRAMBLING PREXY SPEAKS

GRAMBLING, La. — President **R. W. E. Jones** of Grambling College was the keynote speaker at a recent adult education leaders' conference on campus, one of a series of scheduled community improvement programs.

METHODISTS HONOR BISHOP

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church has granted the Rt. Rev. **Matthew W. Clair Jr.** permission to preside over the Maine Annual Conference in the spring. The St. Louis Area prelate will be the third bishop of his race to preside over the session.

PROF ATTENDS PARLEY

PETERSBURG, Va. — **Dr. F. Nathaniel Gatlin**, head of the Virginia State College music department, attended the National Association of Schools of Music's 34th annual meeting in St. Louis Friday and Saturday.

POLICEMAN IS HONORED

CHICAGO — Sheriff Joseph D. Lehman recently cited his narcotics bureau chief, Lt. **William R. Russell**, "in recognition of meritorious service" during his four - year term with his office. Russell, 44, was cited by the Citizens Committee of Chicago in 1957.

LAWYER IN KEY POST

WASHINGTON — **William B. Bryan, 47**, last week was appointed to a three - year term on the nine - man Districts of Columbia Committee on Admissions and Grievances of the District Court, thus becoming the first of his race to be appointed.

MINISTER TO SPEAK

NEW YORK — The **Rev. George Lawrence**, executive director of Baptist Headquarters and assistant to the Empire State Baptist Convention president, will be principal speaker at a public meeting of the Bronx Civic Club at Thessalonia Baptist Church on Dec. 11 at 8 p.m.

DR. STEWARD CITED

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis University Alumni Association has given its merit award to **Dr. Albert Stewart** of Cleveland. The 39-year - old scientist was the first of his race to win a Ph.D. at the university and the first Ph.D. of his race to serve the Atomic Energy Commission staff at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

FORD MADE MEMBER

BALTIMORE — **Dr. Nick A. Ford**, head of the department of English at Morgan State College here, has accepted an invitation to become a charter member of the newly formed Commission on the Profession of the National Council of Teachers of English. His appointment is for three years.

THANKSGIVING SPEAKER

JACKSON, Miss. — **Dr. A. G. Gaston**, AME Church official, addressed the Campbell College student body last week at annual Thanksgiving service. In addition to his duties with the Alabaman is a businessman and president of B. T. Washington Business College in Birmingham.

DR. PERRY ELECTED

WASHINGTON — **Dr. B. L. Perry Jr.**, dean of students at Florida A. and M. University, recently was elected treasurer of the Southern College Personnel Association at a meeting here. He is the first of his race to be elected to such a post in SCPA.

REP. POWELL TO SPEAK

NEW YORK — Rep. **A. Clayton Powell Jr.** will be the guest speaker for the third anniversary observance of Lenora Suttle Ann Club at Victory Baptist Church, the Bronx, on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. The club has given the church $10,000 for expansion and improvements.

ADAMS WINS AWARD

NEW YORK — The Commission on Missions of the Empire State Baptist Convention presented its "Achievement Award" to Dr. C. C. Adams of Philadelphia at a special service at Metropolitan Baptist Church on Monday.

COLLEGES

NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM, N.C. — The North Carolina College board of trustees last week approved plans for a $2.5 million expansion and capital improvement program at a special meeting. Plans for a 10-year program were also listed.

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

SALISBURY, N.C. — Twelve members of the Women's Athletic Association of Livingstone College attended the recent National Women's Sports Day Association activities at Bennett College of Greensboro. The association is composed of colleges in Virginia and North Carolina.

ST. AUG COLLEGE

RALEIGH, N.C. — The National Science Foundation has awarded St. Augustine's College a grant of $31,000 to support a summer institute for high school science teachers. Dean Predell R. Robinson has been named director of the institute.

DEL STATE COLLEGE

DOVER, Del. — Rallying behind Miss Parthenia Downing, president of the Social Science Club, Delaware State College students have contributed over $25 to aid in the rebuilding of Osage (W.Va.) Junior High School which was bombed recently.

FLORIDA A. AND M.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A new $500,000 dormitory for senior women was opened recently at Florida A. and M. University.

In answer to many queries, the graduate record examination may be taken at FAMU and other Florida colleges on Jan. 1 and April 25.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Harvey Jefferson of West Palm Beach, Fla., a senior at Florida A. and M. University in Tallahassee, presided over the recent interracial fourth regional conference of Student Unions at the University of Kentucky.

TALLADEGA COLLEGE

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Talladega College recently received $13,752 from the United Negro College Fund. President Arthur D. Gray has announced. The allocation brings the college's total for the year to $41,153.

SHAW UNIVERSITY

RALEIGH, N.C. —Dr. James L. Martin of Philadelphia, a 1906 graduate of Shaw University, was the guest speaker at recent Founder's Day exercise at the university.

VA. STATE COLLEGE

PETERSBURG, Va. — Miss Mary E. 'A. Sprow, of Fredericksburg and Mrs. Geraldine H. Thomas of Portsmouth were the only students to earn straight A averages on the 1957-58 second semester honor roll at Virginia State College, the registrar announced last week.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Dean Abraham S. Goodhart addressed Brooklyn College students on "The Meaning of Thanksgiving" at the college's annual service last Thursday in Gershwin Theatre on campus.

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY — Six of the 15 Williamses enrolled at Allen University this semester are as follows, left to right: Richard Williams, Fred Williams, Bradenton, Fla.; Gladys Williams, West Columbia, S.C.; Doris Williams, Honea Path, S.C. and Robert Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa. All are distantly related.

THESE children huddle about two Catholic nuns in Derby, Va., who brought food for them. Some 200 families, their source of income cut off with the closing of the Derby mine last April, were fed when food came to the stricken-mining town. Children were reportedly sent to school without breakfast last week, so grave was the situation.

Belgian Congo sees promise of freedom

By WILLIAM GORDON for ANP

LEOPOLDVILLE, Belgian Congo — Authorities here are not reluctant to admit that the vast and rich Belgian Congo, like Ghana and other African territories will eventually be granted self - government and finally independence.

Since Ghana received its independence in 1957, and even more since French Guinea became independent by voting against the French Constitution, feeling for self-government within the Belgian Congo has been growing in intensity.

Many Africans have begun to ask why the French, especially French Equatorial Africa can have top government administrators while the Congo still limits its native population to inferior government posts.

The Belgian government which runs the Belgian Congo from Brussels, is quite aware of the unrest and is attempting to move rapidly to stem what could eventually cause serious trouble in the country.

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MEANWHILE, the Government has appointed a special commission composed of representatives from the three major political parties, which run the Congo, the Catholics, Liberals and Socalists, to investigate conditions. The findings of the commission will determine in a large measure the kind of policy Belgium will establish for the Congo.

The Belgian Government is facing criticism, both from the native population and the people in Brussels. Some Belgians feel that steps toward preparation for independence for the Congo have been too slow.

Others feel that more should be done to give Africans in the Congo more economic and political freedom. Even government officials in the Congo feel that present policy operations to move Africans toward full equality too frequently get entangled in paper-work consequently retarding progress.

The 13,000,000 Africans in the Congo were given their first try at self - government on a small scale last year, 1957 when an election was held in Leopoldville. At this time eight Africans were elected to top posts as mayors, official heads of communes or townships.

This move aroused a lot of interest in politics. The idea is to eventually extend these elections to other large cities and eventually to the country as a whole. Prior to this election, all African representatives in Government were chosen on a tribal basis, mostly chiefs.

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UNLIKE IN GHANA and Nigeria, no African has risen to recognized leadership status within the Belgian Congo.

In contrast to British and French policy, the Belgians have not encouraged or tried to educate an elite among the Africans in the Congo. Belgians will say that their policy has been to build a strong economic base for the Africans instead of cultural. Many Africans have been trained as clerks, technicians, mechanics and semi-skilled workers strictly on an industrial level.

Education in the Congo on a higher level actually began in 1946, when the Government took an interest in building schools for the European population. Prior to this time, schools were run almost entirely by missionaries, Catholics

Emphasis by the Government upon the building of a broad economic base among the natives in the Congo has not always been acceptable to many Belgians. Many feel that political freedom should have been a part of the overall program.

The fact that Africans have not been put into many more jobs has caused some disappointment and unrest.

For sometime, the Congo has been quiet. Only the center of vast economic potentialities have been known. But with growing nationalism throughout Africa, the feeling for independence and self - government becoming widespread. There is evidence of unrest for political as well as economic freedom. Belgian officials are becoming qute conscious of the

Dem solon in rights 'filibuster'

By CHARLES P. HOWARD

NEW YORK—Asked if the Democratic Party had any interest in civil rights. Texas Sen. Johnson put on a 20-minute "filibuster" in evading the question.

The senate majority leader appeared before a press conference after addressing United Nations.

After about 25 questions had been asked, this reporter queried:

"Senator, I note that in your program for the coming Congress, no mention is made of civil rights or integration.

"Are we to assume that the Democrats have no interest in these subjects?"

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FOR THE NEXT 20 minutes, Sen. Johnson put on a demonstration of rambling digression, story telling, extolling the virtues of Texas and walking up the microphone into the midst of his audience.

Denying a lack of party interest in civil rights, he claimed that a Democratic-controlled Congress passed the first civil rights bill 80 years ago.

He said further that he made the last speech in the Senate on the civil rights bill. This reporter did not venture an opinion of his speech's possible responsibility for effect of the bill's weakness.

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THE NEXT DAY in Washington, however, Sen. Johnson made an announcement wholly devoted to civil rights.

He discussed the cloture rule, implementing existing civil rights legislation and he analyzed current civil rights proposals. He is like many other politicians in this respect.

Colored people must realize that civil rights will not be guaranteed by our national representatives until the vote is exercised to the fullest potential.

and Protestants.

IN A MOVE to establish higher education "for everybody," the Government has set up two universities in the Congo, patterned after the program of the University of Brussels. One is in Leopoldville and the other in Elizabethville. Both are equipped to train doctors, engineers, lawyers, dentists and administrators.

There is also a program to turn out teachers.

Sen. Joseph Clark to give top priority to filibuster fight

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Sen. Joseph S. Clark (Pa.,D.) Monday listed a change in the Senate cloture rule to curb filibusters as the No. 1 item in a 10-point program for the next session of Congress which convenes Jan. 7.

"The first positive result of such a change," Senator Clark said, "might be the passage of stronger civil rights legislation which the recent wave of bombings, . . . and . . .resistance to school integration makes more pressing than ever."

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Bid for Kenya seats denied

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Study cites lack of information on journalism

NEW YORK — High school and college students are greatly underestimating the career opportunities which exist on the reportorial and editing staffs of the nation's newspapers.

This is a finding in a report by Alvin E. Austin who investigated news staff recruitment problems and solutions in a Colonial Secretary Allan Lennox-Boyd last week turned down requests of African-elected members for additional representation in Kenya's Legislative Council.

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7 injured as gas blast rocks house

TOLEDO, Ohio (ANP) — An explosion shattered five apartments last week in the Brand Whitlock Homes, a public housing project, injuring seven persons, one critically, and caused an estimated $40,000 damage.

The explosion occurred in the apartment of James Johnson, 28, when he attempted to light a cigarette. Firemen said Johnson had left an open gas valve and escaping gas had filled the apartment. He was critically burned.

Mrs. Samella of Greenleaf, 21, and her children, Wade Charles, 13 months, and Vanessa 3, also were burned. Lester Kirkman, 28, his wife, Lou Emma, 22, and son, Jessie Lee, seven weeks, were injured.