Michigan State president to address Hopkins grads

Dr. Clifton R. Wharton Jr., president of Michigan State University, will be the principal speaker at Commencement ceremonies next Wednesday (May 27) marking the close of the ninety-fourth academic year at The Johns Hopkins University.

Degrees will be presented to 1,910 students in all divisions of the University at the ceremonies which begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Keyser Quadrangle on the Homewood Campus.

In the event of rain, ceremonies will be held at the Lyric Theater beginning at 11 a.m.

When Dr. Wharton, an alumnus of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., was named president of Michigan State last fall he became the nation's first black president of a major, predominantly white college.

DR. CLINTON R. WHARTON JR. to address Hopkins commencement

An economist, Dr. Wharton was vice president of the Agricultural Development Council, Inc., before taking up his post at the university.

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In addition to an address by Dr. Wharton, the Commencement ceremonies will include the presentation of five honorary degrees, greetings from Dr. Lincoln Gordon, president of the University, and remarks by six students representing the various divisions of the University.

A separate ceremony will be held Tuesday afternoon (May 26) at which diplomas will be awarded individually to students receiving bachelor's degrees in the Arts and Sciences division.

This ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Keyser Quadrangle on the Homewood Campus, is being held for the first time this year. It includes an address by a faculty member, Richard M. Pfeffer, assistant professor of political science, and remarks by three members of the graduating class.

Dr. Allyn W. Kimball, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, will preside at the ceremony, and President Gordon will speak.

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Dr. Wharton was installed January 2, 1970, as the 14th president in Michigan State's 114-year history.

Born in 1926, Dr. Wharton is the son of America's first black career diplomat, Clifton R. Wharton Sr., who served as U.S. ambassador to Norway and Rumania.

He has many Maryland ties. He is related to members of the Baltimore Wharton family, noted educators.

The Michigan State president spent six years of his youth in the Canary Islands of Spain where he learned fluent Spanish. He also speaks French. He attended the Boston Latin School, and entered Harvard University at age 16.

While a Harvard undergraduate he was a founder and first national secretary of the National Students Association. He received a B.A. degree in history from Harvard in 1947.

He was the first black person to be admitted to the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies several years after the school's founding. He received an M.A. in International studies from Johns Hopkins in 1948.

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Judge Howard, Dave Glenn blast court racism at welfare confab

The Spring Forum of the Maryland Conference of Social Welfare was held Tuesday at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Well over 600 people, from all parts of the state attended the all-day session which began at 8:30 that morning and lasted past 4 p.m.

The Maryland Conference of Social Welfare is a 65-year-old statewide social organization made up of over 1,000 persons from all walks of livfe.

In a statement of purpose, the conference seeks: "the furtherance of social progress in Maryland through education of responsible members of the community, to serve as catalyst in arousing interest in vital social issues and problems, and to represent those people affected by specific issues and problems."

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The main activity at the Forum centered around the six panel discussions on this year's theme, "Upheaval in the '60s. . .Social Priorities in the '70s."

Panel 1: "Racism In Justice" was chaired by Supreme Bench Judge, Joseph Howard, and included David Glenn, Director of Community Relations Commission; Judge Charles D. Harris, Supreme Bench of Baltimore, and Mrs. Elspeth Levy Bothe, Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union, Maryland Branch

The issue of whether or not justice was color-blind was debated, with Mr. Glenn and Judge Howard in one comp, and Mrs. Bothe and Judge Harris is the other.

"I feel that there is very little, if any racism on the Supreme Bench, although several years ago, there may very well have been some racism. . .I feel that the Bar Association is not racist at all and I did mention the fact that within two years, the so-called predominantly white bar association would be headed by a prominent black lawyer," stated Judge Harris, a 9-year veteran of the City Courts.

The Judge also felt that the Bar Association was making a conscientious effort to fight racism.

JUDGE JOSEPH HOWARD

DAVE GLENN

Agreeing with the jurist, was ACLU lawyer, Elspeth Bothe, who commented: "I think that the problem of getting justice for all is one which is essentially not being handled in a racist manner, but there is a great deal of exaggeration in the idea that the courts were giving different treatment because of the color of the skins of the people who appear before it."

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In addition, she said that "black people don't give the courts a chance" and that she seldom got cases of police brutality although ACLU seeks such cases.

"I say to you, the Bar Association is racist to the core," Judge Joseph Howard, Motion's Judge on the Supreme Bench, sharply disagreed with both the lawyer and his Supreme Bench colleague. He said that although some racism may not be intentional nevertheless, there was still racism, and that "paternalism" was one subtle form.

RAPE CASES

Judge Howard, in recalling the study he did on rape cases in Maryland, pointed out that while black men were readily executed for the rape of white women, "never in the history of this state has a black man been executed for the rape of a black women."

He further added that 65 percent of all black men convicted of criminal assault on black women were given probation. "It tells you what that white judge thinks about your black women," he told his audience.

Asserting that dual standards does exist in the administration of justice, the black jurist urged those who have suffered under dual standards to create new standards and values.

David Glenn stated that the administration of justice was the most "crucial" problem in the area of community relations because there were "severe miscarriages of justice."

IN COLLUSION

"We've seen instances over and over where the police department, States Attorney Office, and the courts have apparently been in collusion with each other in order to perpetrate unlawful and illegal acts upon the community, particularly upon the black community," said the Community Relations director.

He said that there were pointed contradictions in the behavior of the police commissioner in seeking an injunction against Black Panther literature, but yet, no preventive measures are taken against the Ku Klux Klan, when they issue statements and flyers urging the killing of black people.

Other panels included: "The Challenge of Manpower and Training Programs," led by Harts Brown, a black training consultant with the U.S Civil Service Commission; Fred Punch, newly-elected Vice-President of the Nursing Home and Hospital Workers Union, 1199 David Johnson, Jr., Manager, Manpower Development, for the Chamber of Commerce, Baltimore; and E. B. Whitten, Executive Director, National Rehabilitation Association.

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Jackie, Hank Greenberg take stand for Flood

NEW YORK (UPI) — Baseball Hall of Famers Jackie Robinson and Hank Greenberg told Federal Court Judge Irving Ben Cooper Thursday that baseball's reserve clause to unfair to players and should be eliminated.

Both former batting stars testified for Curt Flood, who is challenging organized baseball's reserve clause which binds a player to a team unless he is traded or released.

Robinson predicted a player strike unless there is a change in the reserve system and Greenberg, who played 13 years in the major leagues before his retirement in 1947, said the "reserve clause should be eliminated entirely, thereby creating a new image for baseball."

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Greenberg, who also was part owner of the Chicago White Sox, added he is not in favor of a player changing from club-to-club after each season.

"The owner should have some control over a player for a period of time," Greenberg said, and suggested a five-year contract would be fair to both the owner and player.

Greenberg said that there have been suggestions on the [illegible] some change in the reserve system, but "unfortunately, owners will not accept the player's point of view."

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Robinson, the former Brooklyn Dodger star and the first colored player in organized baseball, said he was in favor of some reform in the reserve system because he claimed that "anything one-sided in this country is wrong."

"As the matter stands now, it is in favor of the owners, and the reserve system should be modified so the player has some control over his destiny," Robinson said. "Unless there's some change in the reserve system, I can see nothing else but that the players go on strike."

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However, under examination by attorney Mark Hughes, Robinson said in response to a question defense but to him: Didn't you testify before a senate Subcommittee in 1965 that "I am highly in favor of the reserve clause?" "I might have said that."

Robinson said that baseball was big business to which Judge Coopersaid, "that is a question I must resolve — whether baseball is a big business instead of a sport."

Flood, the first witness, was again in court at his lawyer's table. Judge Cooper had asked him to remain available during the trial.

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Robinson, like Flood, balked when his team attempted to trade him near the end of his career. Robinson was traded from the Brooklyn Dodgers to the New York Giants in 1956 but retired rather than report to his new club.

"I didn't feel I wanted to be traded," Robinson said under direct examination by former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, who is Flood's chief counsel.

Foreman's Philly bout postponed

Philadelphia Promoter Promoter Herman Taylor nounced the fight between George Forman and Roger Russell, scheduled for Monday, would be postponed because of hand bruises and a cut under the eye suffered by Foreman last Saturday night.

Taylor said a new fight date would be set in 24 or 48 hours.

The veteran promoter said Dick Saddler, who handled Foreman, asked the delay because of the bruises and the minor eye injury Foreman suffered during his knockout victory over Scrap Iron Johnson.

Sox, Indians invade nest

The Orioles return home tonight (Friday) to open a seven-game Stadium series before embarking on a nine-day trip to the West Coast.

The Boston Red Sox, hoping to close the gap on the league-leading Birds, are in for the first of four games this evening. They follow with a single game tomorrow and a Sunday doubleleheader.

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Alvin Dark and his Cleveland Indians arrive Monday night for the first of their three with the O's. The rare Monday night contest will be followed by single contests Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Memorial Day weekend will find the Birds in Anaheim for a three-game set with the red-hot California Angels. Two similar series will be played with the Athletics in Oakland and the Brewers in Milwaukee, before manager Earl Weaver and Co., return to 33rd Street on June 9th.

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