AMONG GUESTS at the head table, Tuesday when Gethsemane Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star honored Mrs. Celia E. McLeod, grand worthy matron of Myra G and Chapter O.E.S., in Baltimore, were from left: Bernard Smith, Mrs. Dorothy E. Smith. Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels, Mrs. Margaret McRae, Miss Helen V. Benton, Mrs. Laura Giles, Mrs. McLeod, honoree; Charles W. McLeod, Mrs. Almar C. Jones, Robert Greer, Mrs. Evelyn H. Cole, Mrs. Walter E. Paige, and the Rev. Walter E. Paige.

Clerk tells NAACP meet Vietnam is civil rights issue

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark said Wednesday the Vietnam War is a civil rights issue and advocates of racial equality should give highest priority to peace.

"Martin Luther King told me once that the Vietnam war was a civil rights issue," Clark said. "I couldn't accept it then but now I know he was right."

Clark, who served as head of the Justice Department in the Johnson Administration, spoke at the annual convention of the NAACP here.

"First on my list of priorities is peace," he said. "We must have peace in Vietnam and have it now . . . so the vast economic output there can be turned to use where it is needed in this country."

"Clark said funds now being spent in Vietnam could go far in alleviating racial problems. "The race issue is essentially economic," he said.

Clark was introduced to the convention delegates by Nathaniel Jones, NAACP general counsel, who said that during his tenure as attorney general "black people believed they had a chance to right some of the wrongs."

Jones added: "He is no longer attorney general and the difference in the country is obvious."

Later in the day, delegates to the NAACP convention heard Arthur Fletcher, assistant secretary of labor, say he wanted to "put the nation on notice that no deal has been made between the administration and the 'hard hats'".

Fletcher, whose job it is to enforce equal-employment regulations on federal contracts, denied charges by the NAACP's labor director, Herbert Hill, that the Nixon Administration had abandoned the Philadelphia Plan as a "payoff to the building trades unions for their support of the war in Indochina."

He said Hill's charges were "premature." A week after the "hard hats" visited the White House to show support for Nixon's Cambodian policy, Fletcher said, "we started the Washington Plan in the capital and it goes even further than the Philadelphia Plan."

The controversial Philadelphia Plan sets quotas for the number of blacks that must be employed on federally-funded projects at every stage of construction.

The Washington Plan covers a total of 11 unions, six more than the Philadelphia Plan, and goes further by requiring the contractor to comply with feddjobs, Fletcher told a news conference.

Fletcher disclosed that the Labor Department plans field investigations throughout the nation "to determine which contractors are at fault in failure to comply with the hiring guidelines."

Hill, who attended Fletcher's news conference, replied that "after a full year the Philadelphia Plan is not working and the administration continues to do nothing."

"And a year is certainly adequate time," he said. "The Nixon Administration is sabotaging its own compliance guidelines and is nullifying the civil rights laws."

Art Mart on the 4th

The 26th Street Art Mart has scheduled a special art exhibit for the 4th of July.

There will be three well-known guests displaying their work: Herbert Robinson, Willa Walsh, and Phillip Robinson.

Mr. Robinson is a young art teacher from Cambridge who will be demonstrating pottery making.

His wheel-thrown work, has been widely shown on the Eastern Shore and includes many planters, pots and vases for the home and patio.

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In addition to the special guests, the regular Art Mart members will present work in all media — oils, watercolors, woodcuts, etchings, sculpture, pottery and jewelry. This outdoor show is on 26th Street between Charles and St. Paul Streets. The hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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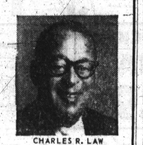

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Bethany gets new minister

By GERTRUDE M. PARKER

The Fabulous Alamonts Pleasure Club sponsored their annual bus trip to Marshall Hall Amusement Park last week. Mrs. Bertie Brookes, president; James Bishop is secretary.

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Bethany Baptist Church has elected a new pastor, the Rev. James H. Reynolds. He is coming from the New Christian Memorial Baptist Church. His wife is Mrs. Mary Reynolds.

The former pastor, the Rev. Roland Johnson, died in Nov. 21, 1969. His wife, the Rev. Mrs. Sarah E. Johnson, was acting pastor of the church.

Three generations of the Johnson family have served the church. The Rev. Reuben Johnson, founder, the Rev. Clinton Johnson, son, and the Rev. Roland Johnson, nephew.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Clinton Johnson, the beautiful new church was built.

Attending the commencement of the West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys held at St. Joseph College on Friday were Mrs. Gertrude M. Parker, Miss Loretta Brooks, Mrs. Angeline Ford, Charles T. Parker, II.

They were there to see their twin nephews, Stephen and David B. Lewis receive their diplomas.

Stephen received the Our Lady of Victory Parish medal for Literature, and an Educational Opportunity Grant and full time scholarship to Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

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They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence and Christine Lewis of Philadelphia.

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Attending College Week for Women at the University of Maryland, College Park, last week was Mrs. Sadie S. Blocker of Puget St.

College Week is part of the Education program of the University of Maryland's extension of the Home Economics Department. Mrs. Blocker is president of the Home Maker's Club.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Jones of Hollinsberry Rd., gave a birthday dinner party on Sunday for Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Willie Mae Hambrick. Here from New York were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hambrick, and Miss Lawenia Hamrick and sons.

Rec Council sponsors hops

The Interim Community Recreation Council located at 2237 Edmondson Avenue are holding two record hops on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the center.

Admission is 50 cents. Mr. Freddie Williams, coordinator, told the AFRO they hope to raise funds to purchase recreational equipment for the center.

MISS HELEN RUTH LEE, second from left, is shown at debutante reception given by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. Dudley Lee, seen at her left and right respectively. Second from right is Mrs. I. Bradshaw Higgins, and at far right, Mrs. L. E. Monroe.

Deb reception for Miss Helen Lee

Dr. and Mrs. C. Dudley Lee entertained at a debutante reception, Sunday, in honor of their daughter, Miss Helen Ruth Lee.

Miss Lee, who made her debut at the e-De-So all in April, is a freshman at Morgan State College and is majoring in elementary education.

The reception was in the parents' home on Carlisle Avenue, where background music was provided by the Rivers Chambers Ensemble. A color scheme of pink lavender was carried out from the floral bordered invitations to the table settings and flower arrangements.

Miss Lee wore a creation in tucked cotton voile and mini-lace, designed with an empire waist, a victorian neckline and short pouf cuffs. She carried a nosegay of soft pink carnations and deeper pink open roses in a white ruffle. The flowers were the frigt of her god father, Dr. ames D. arr.

TS. Lee's gown was of deep pink silk-designed with an an A-line skirt and a top of pink lace re-embroidered in crystals, with soft crushed belt that featured a hugh bow and sash ends at front. Her corsage was a purple orchid.

roe, who introduced guests to the receiving line, was which she wore pink shoes. Mrs. I. Bradshaw Higgins, wife of Miss Lee's Med-De-So sponsor, also wore pink, an ensemble with crystal beaded neckline on the dress.

Medames Monroe and Higgins wore pink orchids.

Assisting hostesses were friend of the Debutante, and included Misses Alice Pinderhughes, Alice Tucker, Valerie Patterson, Shelly Smith, Karren Smith and Roslyn Roberts.

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Guests at the reception included.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Sanders, Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert DeCosta Jr., and Miss Margaret DeCosta, Charleston, S.C.; Messrs. Archibald McCray, Camden, N.J.; Warren E. Boyd Jr., Newburgh, N.Y.; George N. Johnson Jr., Houston, Texas; Mrs. Malcolm Van, Brook, New York City;

Mesdames Eugenia Parker, Vivian E. Cook, Waters Turpin, Datie M. Russell, Phoebe Wright, Esther Laforest, Elois Parker, Robert Burkett, Fannie W. Howard, Viola Taliaferro;

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NAACP wants GIs out of Asia, Europe

CINCINNATI (UPI) The NAACP Thursday adopted a resolution calling for immediate withdrawal of all U.S. military forces in Southeast Asia and Europe.

"We cannot help noting that billions of dollars are being spent in a cruel, inhuman and unjust war in Southeast Asia and (in) Europe . . . while the nation is spending a mere pittance to eliminate the poverty that exists within its boundaries," the resolution said.

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The resolution was among a series approved in the first work session of the 61st annual convention of the NAACP. There was nothing in any of the proposals to reflect a departure from past policies of the civil rights group.

The convention also adopted a resolution of support for New York Times reporter Early Caldwell who recently was cited for contempt of federal court in San Francisco. Caldwell refused to appear before a grand jury investigating the Black Panther Party. The reporter had written a series on the Panthers.

"We, the delegates to this convention, stand solemnly and resolutely with Earl Caldwell and condemn the Justice Department for attempting to prosecute him," the measure said.

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Another resolution said that Federal Court Judge Harold Cox in Mississippi displayed a "racist ideology in his charge to a grand jury investigating the recent shootings at Jackson State College."

The resolution asked that "this convention censure Judge Cox and urged the Department of Justice to continue its efforts to discover and prosecute those guilty of killings, regardless of Judge Cox's actions."

Another two resolutions were passed opposing the sale by Great Britain of warships and naval equipment to South Africa and calling for continued economic sanctions against Rhodesia.

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