TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AT HOWARD U.

Stunning ovation for LBJ

President Johnson spoke for 38 minutes at the Howard University commencement on Friday. His address to the 928 grads and the 14,000 spectators was marked by applause 14 times.

The President received thunderous applause when he arrived at the outdoor campus auditorium and was nearly mobbed by well-wishers as he left the quadrangle.

Fired by his address calling for full equality for minorities and announcing his intention to name a cross section of leaders "to help colored citizens fulfill their rights, the strains of "We Shall Overcome," could be heard as he and an entourage of Secret Service men departed.

The loudest applause for the President came when he accepted an honorary degree from President James Nabrit.

Significantly, two civil rights leaders, the NAACP's Roy Wilkins; and Dr. Charles Cömillon, a Tuskegee vote leader, were also honored. Along with Dr. Michael Davis, medical economics pioneer.

Never before in history has the Nation's Chief Executive made a speech of such duration at a predominantly colored school. Never before has he picked such an occasion for a major policy pronouncement.

Text of the President's address calling for a fall conference on the status of colored citizens follows: —

Our earth is the home of revolution.

In every corner of every continent men charged with hope contend with ancient ways in pursuit of justice. They reach for the newest of weapons to realize the oldest of dreams: that each may walk in freedom and pride, stretching his talents enjoying the fruits of the earth.

Our enemies may occasionally seize the day of change. But it is the banner of our revolution they take. And our own future is linked to this process of swift and turbulent change in many lands.

But nothing, in any country, touches us more profoundly, nothing is more freighted with meaning for our own destiny, than the revolution of the Negro American.

In far too many ways American Negroes have been another nation: deprived of freedom, crippled by hatred, the doors of opportunity closed to hope.

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IN OUR time change has come to this nation too. Historically, the American Negro — acting with impressive restraint — has peacefully protested and marched. He entered the courtrooms and the seats of government, demanding a justice long denied.

The voice of the Negro was the call to action. But it is a tribute to America that, once aroused, the courts and the Congress, the President and most of the people, have been the allies of progress.

Thus we have seen the high court of the country declare that discrimination based on race was repugnant to the Constitution, and therefore void. We have seen — in 1957, 1960, and again in 1964 — the first civil rights legislation in almost a century.

As a majority leader I helped guide two of these bills through the Senate. And, as your President, I was proud to sign the third.

And soon we will have the fourth new law, guaranteeing every American the right to vote.

No act of my administration will give me greater satisfaction than the day when my signature makes this bill too the law of the land.

Most Important

THE VOTING rights bill will be the latest, and among the most important, in a long series of victories. But this victory — as Winston Churchill said of another triumph for freedom — "is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

That beginning is freedom, and the barriers to that freedom are tumbling. Freedom is the right to share, fully and equally, in American society — to vote, to hold a job, to enter a public place, to go to school. It is the right to be treated, in every part of our national life, as a man equal in dignity and promise to all others.

But freedom is not enough. You do not wipe away the scars of centuries by saying: Now, you are free to go where you want, do as you desire, and choose the leaders you please.

You do not take a man who, for years, has been hobbled by chains, liberate him, bring him to the starting line of a race, saying "you are free to compete with all the others," and still justly believe you have been completely fair.

Thus it is not enough to open the gates of opportunity. All our citizens must have the ability to walk through those gates.

This is the next and more profound stage of the battle for civil rights. We seek not just freedom but opportunity, — not just legal equity but human ability — not just equality as a right and a theory, but equality as a fact and a result.

For the task is to give twenty million Negroes the same chance as every other American to learn and grow — to work and share in society — to develop their abilities — physical, mental and spiritual, and to pursue their individual happiness.

To this end equal opportunity is essential, but not enough. Men and women of all races are born with the same range of abilities. But ability is not just the product of birth.

It is stretched or stunted by the family you live with, and the neighborhood you live in — by the school you go to, and the poverty or richness of your surroundings. It is the product of a hundred unseen forces playing upon the infant, the child and the man.

This graduating class at Howard University is witness to the indomitable determination of the Negro American to win his way in American life.

The number of Negroes in schools of high learning has almost doubled in fifteen years. The number of non-white professional workers has more than doubled in ten years. The median income of Negro college women now exceeds that of white college women. And these are the enormous accomplishments of distinguished individual Negroes — many of them graduates of this institution.

These are proud and impressive achievements. But they only tell the story of a growing middle class minority, steadily narrowing the gap between them and their white counterparts.

Our Failure

But for the great majority of Negro Americans — the poor, the unemployed, the uprooted and dispossessed — there is a grimmer story. They still are another nation. Despite the court orders and the laws, the victories and speeches, for them the walls are rising and the gulf is widening.

Here are some of the facts of this American failure.

Thirty five years ago the rate of unemployment for Negroes and whites was about the same. Today the Negro rate is twice as high.

In 1948 the 8 per cent unemployment rate for Negro teenage boys was actually less than that of whites. By last year it had grown to 23 per cent, as against 13 per cent for whites.

Between 1949 and 1959 the income of Negro men relative to white men declined in every section of the country. From 1952 to 1963 the median income of Negro families compared to white actually dropped from 57 per cent to 53 per cent.

In the years 1955 - 57, 22 percent of experienced Negro workers were out of work at some time during the year. In 1961-1963 that proportion had soared to 29 per cent.

Since 1947 the number of white families living in poverty has decreased 27 per cent while the number of poor nonwhite families went down only 3 per cent.

The infant mortality of nonwhites in 1940 was 70 per cent greater than whites. Twenty - two years later it was 90 per cent greater.

Moreover, the isolation of Negro from white communities is increasing, rather than diminishing as Negroes crowd into the central cities — becoming a city within a city.

Of course Negro Americans as well as white Americans have shared in our rising national abundance. But the harsh fact of the matter is that in the battle for true equality too many are losing ground.

We Have To Act

We are not completely sure why this is. The causes are complex and subtle. But we do know the two broad basic reasons. And we know we have to act.

First, Negroes are trapped — as many whites are trapped — in inherited, gateless poverty. They lack training and skills. They are shut in slums without decent medical care. Private and public poverty combine to cripple their capacities.

We are attacking these evils through our poverty program, our education program, our health program and a dozen more — aimed at the root causes of poverty.

We will increase and accelerate, and broaden this attack in years to come, until this most enduring of foes yields to our unyielding will.

But there is a second cause — more difficult to explain, more deeply grounded, more desperate in its force. It is the devasting heritage of long years of slavery; and a century of oppression, hatred and injustice.

For Negro poverty is not white poverty. Many of its causes and many of its cures are the same. But there are differences — deep, corrosive, obstinate differences — radiating painful roots into the community, the family, and the nature of the individual.

These differences are not racial differences. They are solely and simply the consequence of ancient brutality, past injustice, and present prejudice. They are anguishing to observe. For the Negro they are a reminder of oppression. For the white they are a reminder of guilt. But they must be faced, and dealt with, and overcome. If we are to reach the time when the only difference between Negroes and whites is the color of their skin.

Nor can we find a complete answer in the experience of other American minorities. They made a valiant, and largely successful effort to emerge from poverty and prejudice.

The Negro, like these others, will have to rely mostly on his own efforts. But he cannot do it alone. For they did not have the heritage of centuries to overcome. They did not have a cultural tradition which had been twisted and battered by endless years of hatred and hopelessness. Nor were they excluded because of race or color — a feeling whose dark intensity is matched by no other prejudice in our society.

Nor can these differences be understood as isolated infirmities. They are a seamless web. They cause each other. They result from each other. They reinforce each other. Much of the Negro community is buried under a blanket of history and circumstance. It is not a lasting solution to lift just one corner. We must stand on all sides and raise the entire cover if we are to liberate our fellow citizens.

One of the differences is the increased concentration of Negroes in our cities. More than 73 per cent of all Negroes live in urban areas compared with less than 70 per cent of whites.

Most of them live in slums. And most of them live together; a separated people. Men are shaped by their world.

When it is a world of decay ringed by an invisible wall — when escape arduous and uncertain, and the saving pressures of a more hopeful society are unknown — it can cripple the youth and desolate the man.

The Burden

Mabel Street, Viola Lee, Laura Benson, Lola Simmons, Geraldine Jefferies, Beatrice Smith, Sara Bennett, Bessie Davis and Goldie Davis.

Messers and Mesdames Ronald Reid, James Spriggs, Benjamin Keene; Misses Lillian Johnson, Virginia Hutchins and Edward Payne.

Also Leroy Jones, James Stills, Edgar Stanley, Joel Boulden, and William Adams.

Members of the Hannah B. Moore Wesleyan Service Guild of Christ Methodist Church held their monthly meeting recently at the spacious home of charming Regina Logan out Virginia Ave. way. . .

Presiding officer was Evelyn Keene. Members held a spirited discussion on "Christian Program of Christian Women in the church."

After the business session **members enjoyed the delicious goodies Regina had prepared.**

About were Frances Chatman, Dorothy Mills, Blanche Davis, Georgine Rollins, Josephine Maxwell, Gladys Beard, Martha Vaughn, Mabel Carver and Louise Wilson. . .

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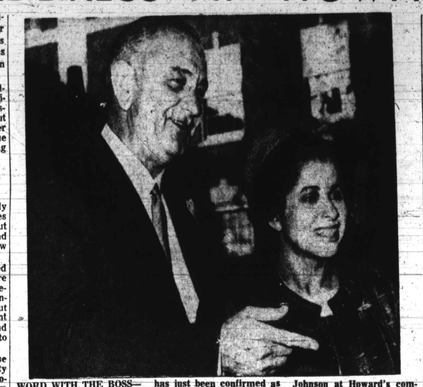
GLAD TO see pal Lucida Rucker is on the mend. She is a good, Good Neighbor. Neighbors, send get-well card to Mrs. Mamie McNeil, 300 Raleigh Rd. Glen Burnie. . .

Congrats to our Eastside friend, Marshall Jones Jr., the mortician, on his new appointment.

Here's wishing him much success and many happy days ahead for his many loyal supporters.

May God bless all. . . See ya next week. Send your news to me at 2411 Montebello Ter., zone 21216 - Thanks.



WORD WITH THE BOSS—Mrs. Patricia R. Harris, associate law professor, Howard University, who has just been confirmed as U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg, chats with President Johnson at Howard's commencement exercises Friday. (UPI Telephoto.)

WEARING ROYAL smiles to go along with their royal costumes are Rasslin Waller and Teany Moody, Queen and King Good Citizen, of John H. Murphy Elementary School No. 119.

News From Eastside

By CHARLOTTE W. MASON

Our Good Neighbor of the week is personable Euss C. Pagan, a longtime employee of the Department of Education.

Mr. Pagan and his lovely wife, Mrs. Beatrice, are the parents of three handsome sons, Lafette, an employee at Auto firm; Carl, who works at a computer firm in Towson; and Glenford, a fourth grade student at School No. 217.

The family lives in the 3200 block of Normount Ave. (their beautiful lawn is a showstopper).

Our Good Neighbor is an active member of the Gilla Memorial Community Church and is a member of the trustee board, the Rev. Theodore Jackson is his pastor.

Among his many hobbies are baseball, wrestling and boxing. His thoughtfulness and kindness is greatly admired by all the students and those who worked with him at Preston Elementary School No. 146.

Charles Pitts, is principal and Mrs. Lucille T. Williams is vice principal.

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ON SUNDAY evening the gracious members of friendly Christ Methodist Church, located at Chase and Washington Sts., feted their pastor and his charming wife, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dixon, at an appreciation reception.

The beautiful affair was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Virgie Aaron (who really knows how) . . . The dynamic Male Ushers served. . .

As guests arrrived, they were ushered into the sanctuary of the church for a musical program.

Participants were Mesdames Carolyn Cameron, Berlina Reeves, Elsie Bowser, Lenora Johnson, Tyrone Taylor, Phillip and David Smith, James Hollimon and company. Remarks were by the Revs. L. A. Dyson.

At the conclusion of the program guests were led to the beautifully - decorated dinning room for a delicious repast.

At the head table were the honorees, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dixon, Mrs. Gladys Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Talley, Brenda Bruce, Dennis Talley, Walter Cook, Harry Cook, Charles Cook, Miss Crystal Cook, the Rys. and Mesdames Daniel Ridout, N. B. Carrington, Frank Williams, L. E. A. Dyson and the Revs. Crosson and Briggs.

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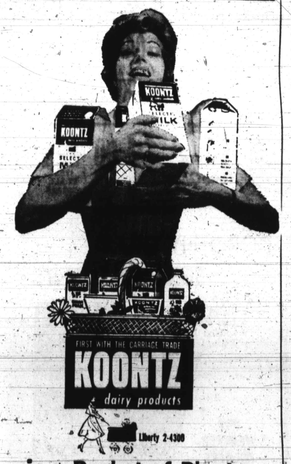
OTHER guests included Mesdames Viola James, Louise Myers, Dorothy Mills, Lucretia Gumbo, Sarah Frost, Georgine Rollins, Frances Chatman, Mabel Blanche Davis, Josephine Maxwell, Gladys Blanche Smith, Hattie Stevenson, Sadie Blocker, Hilda Jefferies, Leotha Harris, Elsie Atkins;



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Youth summer work group outlines local campaign

The advisory committee of the Baltimore Youth Opportunity Campaign Tuesday drafted a program designed to aid youngsters between the ages of 16 and 21 find summer employment.

The committee, appointed by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin last Friday, is composed of several prominent city business men, headed by Morton Macht, CANDO Board chairman.

The major proposals made by the Mayor's committee included the following:

1. To be eligible for employment, youngsters must have reached their 16th birthday at the time of will be asked to identify placement on the job, and must state intention of returning to school (high school or college) in September.

They must also offer some satisfactory to an Employment Service interviewer, that a summer job is needed because of limited family resources and that the job will assure a return to school in the fall.

2. The Youth Opportunity Center of the State Employment Service 1727 N. Charles St., will maintain a single register of all applicants for available jobs.

3. Public school principals of students meeting the criteria adopted by the advisory committee and have records of students available.

4. Job openings for youths seeking employment must not represent displacement of a regular employee, but should preferably mean a training as well as an initial summer job.

These jobs will also be for summer months or those part-time after school employment.

The campaign is being with the President's nationwide Youth Opportunity Program.

The Mayor stated in a proclamation declaring the month of June as "Youth Opportunity Month," that over 15,000 youngsters (boys and girls) in the city will be looking for work this summer.

Members of the committee are:

Mrs. Myrtle Nichols, personnel director Waverly Press; John H. Murphy 3rd, president, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers; Robert B. Harris, vice president, C. and P. Telephone Co.; Nick Fornaro, president AFL-CIO; Herb Bailey, ex-vice president, Commerce Hutzler's; Read O'Connell, Ex-officio members of the committee attending the meeting were David Glenn, special assistant to the Mayor; Don Aikin, Youth Opportunity Center; Harold Eddliston and Herbert Stern of the public school system.

SC Med College takes lan coed

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A young woman has become the first colored student to be admitted to the Medical College of South Carolina.

The student—whose name university officials refused to divulge—is enrolled for a course in gross anatomy during the summer session, it was learned.

An officials said the medical college "was an integrated institution, but I cannot discuss the personal affairs or the backgrounds of any of our students."

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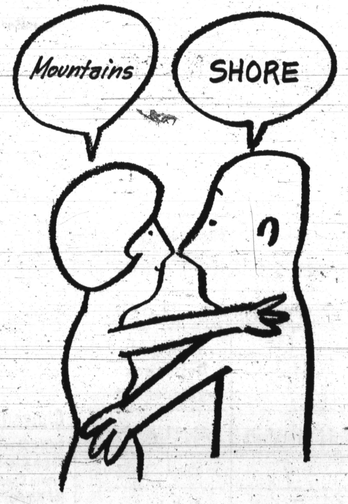

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