# Tommy Gleason Heads ILA

**Thomas W. Gleason of New York is the president**

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Thomas W. Gleason of New York City is president of the 118,000 member International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO.

An unusual personality, the 67-year-old man, born in a tenement neighborhood in Greenwich Village, New York City, is highly respected and esteemed by the portworkers who are men of many races and nationalities.

Mr. Gleason firmly believes in freedom and the rights of all persons but especially the rights of the working man.

Recently he made a statement which significantly reflects the reason for his popularity among longshoremen from the Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports, to the Great Lakes and major rivers and in Canada.

He stated, "One way or another, the subject of freedom constantly crops up in the affairs of ILA.

"Sometimes we're talking about freedom in connection with ILA rights to negotiate. At other times it's civil rights. But whatever the topic, the freedom theme is always with us.

"It isn't that ILA is obsessed with the idea; it's simple part of us as Americans and as members of the great labor movement.

"In the founding of our country and in the battle for working men to band together for decent wages and working conditions, you have two of the most magnificent freedom stories ever told.

"It's no wonder then that the ILA has always stood up and been counted when our hard-won rights have been threatened.

"As you know, I have been privileged to celebrate my 52nd anniversary with our union. You can learn a lot in 52 years but no lesson has struck me as hard as this one:

"No outside force can destroy the ILA so long as we remember why we joined the union in the first place.

"The only thing that can hurt us is if we take ourselves apart from the inside. The whole meaning of the union movement is joining together and sticking together for the good of all, from the smallest local to the entire AFL-CIO organization."

MR. GLEASON was elected to head the union in 1963.

His offices are the ILA headquarters at No. 17 Battery Place in New York where all men of the union are welcomed by him personally whenever they call.

Fondly known as "Teddy" to each worker, he acquired the nickname as a child to distinguish him from his father and grandfather who were his namesakes. Born Nov. 5, 1900 he was the oldest of 13 children. His father and grandfather who immigrated from Tipperary, Ireland were dockworkers.

Here is the life story of the dynamic personality whose leadership was given international recognition in 1965 with his election to office in the International Transport Workers Federation.

Earlier in the year, Mr. Gleason was hailed by labor, management and government for bringing his union face to face with the problems of automation by securing guaranteed annual wages in return for the introduction of modern efficiency methods.

He is a member of President Johnson's Maritime Advisory Committee. The New York City Council on Port Development and Promotion, and the General Council of the International Transport Workers' Federation.

(The ITF represents more than six million transport workers in the 76 countries of the free world).

TEDDY GLEASON FIRST went to work beside his father on the New York West Side piers at the age of 15.

There he encountered conditions which made him resolve to "do something to bring dignity and self-respect to the longshoremen."

At the age of 19, he joined the ILA and went to work in a variety of jobs — as a checker, billing clerk, longshoreman, winch driver, truck loader and timekeeper.

When, by 1932, he had risen to dock superintendent, he was blacklisted by stevedoring companies and steamship lines for his union-organizing activities.

Banned from the docks, he supported his wife and three young children by pushing a handtruck in a sugar factory during day and selling frankfurters at Coney Island at night.

With the coming of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" Administration and the legal recognition of labor unions, Mr. Gleason was able to return to his trade and his union work. Soon after, he became business agent and the president of Local No. 1 the largest checkers' local in the ILA.

HE WAS named full-time ILA organizer in 1947, winning a large following among the dockworkers for his aggressive fight for better wages and working conditions.

Four years later he assumed the post of executive vice president heading negotiations with the waterfront employers. He was elected president in 1963.

Mr. Gleason has been cited for his strong stand against Communism by numerous patriotic organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Catholic and Jewish War Veterans groups.

In October, 1965, Mr. Gleason was requested by the U.S. Secretary of State to survey, observe and recommend a program for the movement of cargo, to resolve the congestion in the Port of Saigon, Vietnam.

At the Union expense, Mr. Gleason made three missions to Vietnam and made available experienced longshoremen with know-how to eliminate this condition. His efforts have been acknowledged world wide.

IN FEBRUARY, 1967, Mr. Gleason was appointed Vice President of the AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Department representing 35 AFL-CIO national and international union organizations with more than 1½ million trade union members.

During April, 1967, George Meany, President of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations appointed ILA President Teddy Gleason to represent the 14 million AFL-CIO membership as fraternal delegate to the Fifth National Convention of the Vietnamese Confederation of Labor (CVT) held in Saigon from April 20 through April 23, 1967.

International President Gleason was designated by President Meany as his personal representative as well, to deliver a message to the historic CVT Congress.

A widower, Mr. Gleason lives with his youngest son in a New York City apartment.

## *International Longshoremen Association, AFL-CIO*

*—Thomas W. Gleason, President*

# ILA Marks 75th Year In Florida Celebration

Miami Beach, Fla. welcomed over 15,000 members and delegates this week to the 75th Anniversary convention of the International Longshoremen's Association.

The dynamic and aggressive International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO, with over 116,000 members, has a past history unique in the American labor movement.

Serving the "waterfronts" of the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, the International Longshoremen's Association had several beginnings — actually, the I.L.A. was christened in Detroit, yet it had a Chicago birth.

In 1892, the name of the union was adopted at a convention in Detroit but the inception of the union took place in Chicago in 1877.

The growth and power of the young union was phenomenal (by the end of the century the I.L.A. had a membership of 50,000) but practically the entire membership were dock workers and handlers along the Great Lakes and inward water ports.

It was insignificant and little known along the Atlantic Coast and known as a "back water union."

UNDER THE powerful leadership of Dan Keefe, the I.L.A.'s first president, who rounded up a few longshoremen and established a local in Chicago in 1877, the union grew and extended along the Lake ports where port working conditions were unbearable. Men often worked thirty-six and forty consecutive hours.

In 1892 Keefe convoked a longshore convention in Detroit where delegates assembled from eleven ports. They adopted by-laws, and established the name "National Longshoremen's Association of the United States."

Shortly thereafter, they were successful in chartering Canadian locals, and the word "National" was dropped and the Association became "International" in 1895. The I.L.A. quickly affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Other port unions were established but failed to make the headway that came about under the leadership of Dan-Keefe who was intelligent, forceful and quick to seize every opportunity.

When the Spanish-American War created a waterfront labor shortage, Keefe took advantage by expanding his drive for members other than along Lake's Waterfronts.

He also pressed for closed shop contracts and long-term contracts, guaranteeing employees against work stoppages, convincing them that uninterrupted labor peace was well worth the cost of improvements in conditions and small increases in pay.

Dan Keefe's pace and policy established the image and climate that has been characteristic of the I.L.A. ever since its inception.

THE SOUTH Atlantic and Gulf Coast District of the I.L.A. came into being in 1911 at a conclave in New Orleans and the North Atlantic ports were gained by the I.L.A. in 1912.

During the following years, the union continued to make progress for better working conditions and finally in 1927 union pressure resulted in the passage by Congress of the "Longshoremen's Compensation Bill" which provided a maximum payment of $25 weekly to men seriously injured aboard ships.

With the coming of the Roosevelt era, I.L.A. membership soared upward at a rate surpassing even the remarkable organizational days of Dan Keefe.

Following World War II the Longshoremen's Union became strong and affluent, slowly and steadily gaining economical status. Hourly wages were raised from $1.50 per hour in 1947 to $3.54 per hour in 1966.

In the early 1950's, rackets, rumors, and sensationalism greeted the I.L.A. along the New York waterfront.

The real force that shaped waterfront event, along with dozens of factions and personalities clashed in power struggles to represent the New York longshoremen. The internal revolution in the early 1950's resulted in the I.L.A. being expelled from AFL-CIO membership.

However, after a vote of confidence by the rank and file membership, the original I.L.A. was back in power as bargaining agents for the American dock workers and in 1959, after investigation by the AFL-CIO, the charter for AFL-CIO membership was returned to the International Longshoremen's Association.

OVER THE past years, the historical retrospect of the powerful and revitalized 116,000 member International Longshoremen's Association represents the past leadership efforts of past presidents: Dan Keefe (1892-1909); T. V. O'Connor (1909-1921); Anthony Chlopek (1921-1927); Joseph P. Ryan (1927-1953); William Bradley (1953-1963).

Following the trials and tribulations of post World War II, a bold and aggressive program for the I.L.A. was developed.

One of the key architects of this change and progress pattern was the present International President, Thomas W. Gleason.

International President Gleason went to work on the docks in 1915, became an I.L.A. local official in 1934 and moved up to the international staff in 1947. He served as general organizer of the union from 1953 to 1963 when he was elected to his present position.

WHEN THE delegates met in Convention in 1963 and elected Mr. Gleason, they, without question, were ready for a Gleason Administration of change and progress.

The newly elected International President led the I.L.A. membership thru to a new sound leadership program based on his 52 years of service in the longshore industry.

His determination which made him resolve to "do something to bring dignity and self-respect to the longshoremen" enabled the International Longshoremen's Association's 360 Local Unions to meet new challenges in the American economy of the 1960's.

Winning a large following among the dockworkers for his aggressive fight for better wages and working conditions, Gleason headed up negotiations with the waterfront employers.

The International Officers and Executive Council under Gleason's leadership was hailed by labor, management and government for bringing the Union face to face with the problems of automation by securing guaranteed annual wages in return for the introduction of modern efficiency methods.

This annual guarantee minimum of 1600 hours' wages for full-time workers established the longshoremen as regular rather than casual employees during the four-year contract due to expire in 1968.

Increased welfare and pension benefits including the establishment of medical centers, added to the fringe benefits gained under the collective bargaining agreement. Eligible employees, pensioners and their dependents are offered the most modern and complete medical and surgical services of the highest professional calibre.

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UNDER THE "new image" of the waterfront union, the four year contract enable Gleason to pay off accumulated debts, well over one million dollars, going back to the 1950's.

Other improvements followed, including moving to new spacious International headquarters, establishment of a Washington office to handle legislative matters, creation of a public relations program and the publication of a new union paper, "The Longshore News," preparation of a manuscript and publication of a history of the longshoremen entitled "Men Along the Shore."

And establishment of a safety and training program for present union members and new entries into the industry, and a scholarship program for the children of all I.L.A. members.

While serving his union, President Gleason also made four trips to Vietnam.

The first three trips were made at the request of the United States Government to survey, recommend and assist in the problems of handling cargo and supplies used in the war effort through the overtaxed Saigon port system.

To accomplish this task I.L.A. technical experts were sent to Saigon to increase the cargo flow.

The last trip, in April 1967, was on the invitation of AFL-CIO President George Meany to represent the more than 14 million AFL-CIO members at the CVT Labor Congress and deliver a message for President Meany.

DUE TO the effectiveness of the I.L.A. team in Vietnam nine additional union members are now at the Port of Mombassa, Kenya, training East African longshoremen.

Not only has President Gleason's leadership been given international recognition by his election to office in the International Transport Workers Federation, but he is serving as a member of the President's Maritime Advisory Committee, and the New York City Council on Port Development and Promotion.

Gleason and the International Longshoremen's Association have also made significant contributions to the programs of the AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Department to revitalize the American Merchant Marine.

On the occasion of the 75th Diamond Anniversary of the International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO, International President Thomas W. Gleason celebrates his 52nd Anniversary in the longshore industry and continues to lead the I.L.A. to new heights in the American Trade Union movement.

CONVENTION PHOTOS show longshoremen enjoying moments away from serious ILA business at the DI LIDO Hotel Miami Beach, Fla. Highlight of the 75th Diamond Anniversary banquet July 12 is the presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars medal to ILA President Thomas W. Gleason.

# ILA PROFILES

## William Haile of Baltimore is vice president

**Baltimore**

Meet: WILLIAM HAILE, ILA vice president, president of the ILA Baltimore District Council and chairman of the Pension and Welfare Board.

In 1913, at the age of 15, Mr. Haile went to work as a Longsboreman. From a waterboy in those early days, he has moved to a place of high leadership in the ILA.

He was elected president of Local 858 in 1939, which he headed for eight years, and then again from 1950 to 1953.

He served as vice president of the ILA Atlantic Coast District from 1953 to 1963, when he was elected an international vice president.

Mr. Haile is widely active in community and civic affairs, and is a member of the Union Temple Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge, and a Life Member of the NAACP.

He is married and has one child 12 years old. He is a native of Roanoke, Virginia.

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CLARENCE (Chink) HENRY

**New Orleans**

MEET CLARENCE (CHINK) HENRY, ILA vice president and Executive Board member of the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District, who is also the president of Local 1419, New Orleans.

A longshoreman since 1928 Mr. Henry in the succeeding 20 years worked in every job on the wharf except that of winch operator.

In 1948 he was appointed chairman of percentage, his first office with Local 1419, and in the same year was elected its second vice president in a special balloting.

In 1949, with the approval of the membership, he was appointed executive vice president of the local and, four years later, became its acting president.

Mr. Henry was elected president in 1954; re-elected for a four-year term in 1956; to a three-year term in 1960, and for another three-year term in 1963.

Mr. Henry is a member of the Executive Board of the ILA Pension, Welfare, Vacation and Paid Holiday Fund. He is also assistant to the president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO and on the Executive Board of the Maritime Council of Greater New Orleans (AFL-CIO).

He is also president of the Crescent City Independent Voter League; on the Executive Boards of Total Community Action, Inc., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; on the Advisory Committee of the YMCA, and a 32nd Degree Prince Hall Mason.

A native of New Orleans, Mr. Henry is the father of seven children, one of whom is a doctor.

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DAVE ALSTON

**Norfolk**

Meet: DAVID D. ALSTON, of Norfolk, Va., an ILA vice president and member of the executive council, who has been in the union 50 years.

Long active in civic affairs in Norfolk, he has just been named by Gov. Albertis S. Harrison, Jr., of Virginia to the state's Manpower Task Group. Mr. Alston is currently a director of his area's United Community Fund as well as the Norfolk Community Hospital, and is a member of the Manpower Training Act. He has previously served on the board of Child and Family Service.

Among his many awards, Mr. Alston received a plaque from the Hampton Roads Port Council, Maritime Trades Council; distinguished service citations from Lambda Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, The Sons of Norfolk, and was the first Mason to be honored as Norfolk's "Mason of the Year."

Mr. Alston joined the ILA in May 1917 as a member of Local 858, Baltimore, and later that year became a member of Federal Local 22771, Norfolk.

Over the years, he has served as president of Local 978, out of which came Local 1379, which he now serves as secretary-treasurer; treasurer of the Hampton Roads District Council; president of the Hampton Roads Maritime Trades Department; A general organizer, and member of the executive board of the Atlantic Coast District.

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GEORGE DIXON

**Mobile**

Meet: George W. Dixon, ILA Vice-President and President of Local 1410 and 1410-1, Mobile, Alabama.

A native of Alabama, Mr. Dixon started as a longshoreman in 1922 and continued until his election as President of ILA Local 1410 in 1943, and has served continuously until the present.

In 1954 he was elected to the Executive Council of the International, and is presently serving as Sixth Vice-President.

At the present time, he is serving as President of the Mobile Maritime Trades Department Council and is President of the East Gulf Dock Marine Council. He was a delegate to the AFL-CIO Convention in San Francisco in 1965.

Mr. Dixon is married, and resides in Mobile, Alabama.

W. H. HOPKINS

**Houston**

Meet: W. H. HOPKINS, ILA vice president and assistant secretary-treasurer of the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District.

A native of Louisiana, Mr. Hopkins was one of four children — three boys and a girl — born to Edward Hopkins, a laborer, and his wife, the former Lilly B. Davis. The ILA official grew up and went to school in his home state.

In 1927, at the age of 18, Mr. Hopkins went to Houston, where he began working on the waterfront.

He joined the ILA in November, 1933, as a member of Local 1331. One short year later, Mr. Hopkins was elected an officer of the local.

He served 1331 as business agent for 10 years. He was then elected president of the local, and held that post for 12 years until he went to work in the District Office.

Mr. Hopkins still serves as an advisor to Locals 1331 and 1848, both in Houston. Since 1952, he has been vice president of the West Gulf Port Council. He is also vice president of the West Gulf Maritime Trades Council.

In addition to his many union posts, Mr. Hopkins is extremely active in community affairs. He holds membership in the Mason True Level Lodge No. 226, Douglas Burrell Consistory No. 56 and Elk Greater Houston Lodge 1039. The ILA vice president is also a member of the advisory board of the Standard Savings and Loan Association.

Mr. Hopkins and his wife, Iver Lee, reside in Houston.

# TO THE AFRO FROM THE ILA

## On Its 75th Anniversary

**On its 75th Diamond Anniversary, the International Longshoremen's Association AFL-CIO, serving the American waterfront transport enterprise in building and preserving a greater America, greets and extends congratulations to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers on its 75th Diamond Anniversary.—Thomas W. Gleason, president, representing over 116,000 ILA members of all races, creeds and nationalities.**

NEW ILA OPERATION — In Kenya, Africa champion Joe Louis' former sparring mate, Richard A. Robinson, (Second from right), aboard the chartered vessel Al Amin, explains unloading techniques to (left) Ship's Supervisors J. Magonda and Mbarak Said, who completed courses at the East African Coasts and Harbors Training School last year. On Robinson's left is the vessel's Chief Officer, Javier Urrutia. Robinson is a member of an International Longshoremen's Association Team working on the upgrading of Kenya's stevedores through an Agency for International Development contract administered by the Porter International of Washington, D.C.

# NEW ERA

With the inauguration of the ILA's first guaranteed wage agreement on April 1, there is no question that our longshore industry has entered a new era.

The guaranteed annual wage agreement means many important things to us. It assures the covered longshoremen of an annual minimum income of $5,200 during the life of the contract.

There is nothing that says that a longshoreman can't earn far more than the minimum guarantee, but we know that even the worst circumstances won't cause him to earn less.

This kind of security makes it possible for a man to view his home life and his work in a new light. A man can put a little more planning into his life, instead of living from month to month, or week to week.

The new contract provides the greatest possible benefits for the greatest number of ILA members.

In addition to the annual wage, the pension is increased to $175 per month, and there is also a provision for widows of deceased members to receive pensions.

The new contract also gives ILA members the following benefits:

1. An increase in retirement pension of 75 percent, to $175 a month, with provision for early retirement and pensions, for widows of eligible employees.

2. Three additional paid holidays, bringing the total to twelve.

3. A fourth week's vacation based upon years of service.

4. Regulation of the work force size to preserve the job opportunities of bona fide dockworkers.

It will record the daily work record of each longshoreman and make sure that prompt and accurate payments of the guaranteed annual income are made. IBM will operate the system.

ILA HELPS unsnarl pile-up of cargo in the Port of Saigon where longshoremen are handling 225,000 tons a month, expect to handle more than 1 million a month when operation becomes more efficient. Before the ILA Arrived in June hundreds of ships waited as long as two months to unload.



ILA FLAG is held by Mrs. Tina Womack, left, secretary to executive vice-president John Bowers and Miss Le McCoy, right, secretary to the president Thomas W. Gleason.



# Congress to hear 'starvation' reports

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Six doctors who last month told the Senate anti-poverty subcommittee of malnutrition and starvation in the Mississippi Delta will testify before Congress this week as the subcommittee reopens its investigation of poverty and hunger among the poor.

The six doctors will be followed by two physicians representing the Mississippi State Medical Association and the Mississippi State Board of Public Health and a panel of poor people from six states.

Then will come Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman; Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity; Lisle C. Carter Jr., assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; and U. S. Surgeon General William H. Stewart.

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SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., has complained that administration has failed to get food to persons near starvation in Mississippi because of lack of coordination between the agencies involved.

Clark has demanded that the administration put together an effective program for getting food to the needy.

The six doctors, Robert Coles of Harvard, Joseph Brenner of MIT, Allan Manmann and Milton J. E. Senn of Yale, Cyril A. Walwyn of Yazoo City, Miss., and Raymond M. Wheeler of Charlotte, N.C., made their report to the subcommittee in June.

The doctors said, "the government pours millions into a welfare program, a food program and a public health service that are not reaching these people."

Clark took up their cry, bombarded President Johnson and his agency chiefs with letters and promised to make sure that food gets to the hungry poor.

IN TOP POST — Miss Beverly Robert, of Newark, N.J., a junior English major, who will be the student representative on the Central Administrative Committee when Bennett College opens in Sept.

# Methodists resume integration effort

By LOUIS CASSELS

WASHINGTON

For many years, the Methodist Church has found itself in the embarrassing position of denouncing racial segregation as unchristian, while having segregation built right into its own basic organization structure.

An end to this predicament now seems to be in sight.

The constitution for the new United Methodist Church, which will come into being next year through merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church, provides for immediate elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, in which some 370,000 colored Methodists have been ecclesiastically set apart.

The Central Jurisdiction's regional subdivisions, called annual conferences," will be transferred into the appropriate geographical jurisdictions.

This will still leave the church with segregated structures, until every colored annual conference is merged with the white annual conference serving the same area.

A resolution which recently won the necessary two-thirds vote of approval from all jurisdictions pledges Methodists "to do everything possible to bring about the elimination" of segregated annual conferences "at the earliest possible date" and not later than July 1972. This is the first time that a specific target date has been set.

Efforts to eliminate segregation from the church structure have been a subject of heated controversy at every Methodist General Conference since 1956.

# Dave Alston feted for 50 years' service

By KEN WHEELER

NORFOLK — About 350 maritime leaders from both sides of the payroll turned out Sunday night to honor what David Daniel Alston called "my weak, puny efforts that I've put forward in this port."

Alston, 76, was so busy talking, shaking hands, and chuckling that he barely had time to eat the steak dinner prepared in honor of his 50 years with the International Longshoremen's Association. When Alston finally made it to the microphone — after a dozen speakers who praised him — he said, "I've had help from every one of you, and above all, I've depended on God's leadership."

The jovial personality who rose from the lowest dockside job to the second vice presidency of the International ILA squashed rumors of his imminent retirement. "I believe I'll carry on a while longer," he said.

And to the group that had given him and his wife standing ovations, Alston revealed his philosophy:

"I have only one face, and if you don't like this one, I can't help it."

"It's not all roses, even in the church."

"I've always felt that if a man has the right to tell me how much a pair of shoes cost, I have the right to tell him how much a day's work will cost."

To company negotiators: "Even though we don't always agree, we can still be friends."

To fellow union members: "Whether you're right or wrong, I'll be with you all the time."

To everyone: "I am going to deal fairly and squarely with you all the way."

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MR. ALSTON puffed on a large cigar and beamed while speaker after speaker spoke well of him.

The Rev. Dr. O. B. Burson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lamberts Point (where Alston has been a deacon for 31 years and chairman of the Board of Deacons for 22), declared that Alston was "always for God, church and the ILA all the way."

Larry E. Pentecost, chairman of the Hampton Roads Maritice Association's Employers Negotiation Committee, said, "I came here to eulogize an old friend. I know that basically he is a good man."

Pentecost, who numerous times has sat across the negotiating table from Alston, told this Dave Alston story:

"One time Dave and I were on the same plane to New York, even though we didn't know each other was on it," Pentecost said.

Over Philadelphia, he said, the plane went through a storm. "I thought that plane would turn inside out."

When they got off the plane in New York, Pentecost spotted Alston and asked, "what were you thinking of during the storm?"

He told me, "I was talking with that man upstairs," he said.

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ILA PRESIDENT Thomas W. (Teddy) Gleason recounted when he first met Alston in 1927. Gleason told of early ILA days, when longshoremen were paid 35 cents an hour, and gave Alston much of the credit for improvement. (Hampton Roads longshoremen now are paid $3.94 an hour for a 40-hour week.)

Gleason announced a $500 gift to Norfolk Community Hospital, to be added to the proceeds of the dinner. Myles E. Billups, dinner chairman and Alston's righthand man, said about $3,000 would go to the hospital from dinner receipts at Alston's request.

Billups introduced Alston as "my father in the labor movement," and Alston recognized him as "Brother Billups, my son."

The testimonial dinner abounded with politicians, including Sidney S. Kellam, Virginia Beach political leader.

Seated at the head table were three Norfolk Senate candidates, Sens. Henry E. Howell Jr. and Edward L. Breeden Jr. and Del. James W. Roberts, and three House of Delegates candidates, Dels. Stanley E. Sacks and Thomas W. Moss Jr. and Michael R. Caprio Jr.

In the audience were House candidates Joseph A. Jordan Jr., and Senate candidate Peter K. Babalas.

Also seated at the head table was Police Chief Claude J. Staylor Jr., who Billups said proved that "a young man can start at the bottom and work his way to the top without burning his bridges behind him."

But the night was mostly Alston's, and the compliments came so thick that Alston added these remarks to his wife of 56 years:

"If I die tomorrow, Irene, you ask these same people back and ask them to repay what they said here tonight.

"After they repay it, you take it and judge it as you see fit, because you know."

Alston closed his lengthy speech with a typical Alston comment.

He promised "not to talk quite as long at my next 50th anniversary dinner."

NEW YORK (NPI) — The newly formed Inter-Religious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), a non-profit corporation to assist community development and organization of the nation-wide poor, has selected the Rev. Lucius Walker, Jr., as its first executive director. Rev. Walker, a Shaw university alumnus, has been executive director, since 1961, of the Northcott Neighborhood House, Milwaukee.

# Fishermen file suit against N.J.

PORT NORRIS, N.J. (UPI) — Oyster fishermen in this Delaware bay fishing community charged this week their lines have been moved to areas where there are no oysters.

The charge was made by the state and local branches of the NAACP in telegrams to New Jersey Gov. Richard J. Hughes, the State Conservation Department, the State Civil Rights Division, the Federal Farmers Home Administration and the U.S. Department of Labor.

State NAACP President Mrs. Irene Smith said the complaint originated with the fishermen, who charged "privacy and privateering" in the area's placement of lines.

The Tongers said that after they have staked claims for "seeding" oyster beds, the lines have been moved to non-productive areas away from the beds.

"If things like this are allowed to continue," Mrs. Smith said, "the lifeline of the Tongers will be cut." She noted that the Tongers must meet quotas set by the Farmers Home Administration to qualify for aid they have received.

# Trio charged with assault

JACKSON, N.C. — Three men who are charged with assaulting the operator of a restaurant, his 15-year-old son and another youth, are in jail here awaiting trial.

Charles Wright, 41, operator of the Dixie Diner Truck Stop, near Murfreesboro, is recovering from a broken shoulder in Roanoke-Chowan Hospital.

Charged with assault are Stanley Jacobs, 26, of New York; Daniel Jones, 22, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Lionel Hardee, 22, of Woodland. Bail is set at $2,000 each.

## Reds taking over in Haiti?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The leader of a Haitian exile group claims that the island nation's president for-life, Dr. Francois (Papa Doc) Duvalier, is paving the way for an eventual Communist takeover.

Raymond Aclide Joseph, secretary-general of the New York-based Haitian Coalition, said Thursday that Duvalier wants the Reds to take over when his regime collapses — "a Communist takeover would be his way to strike at the United States."

In a speech to the Washington School of Anti-Communism, Joseph said Papa Doc, though not himself a Red,

# Ask fair housing for Greensboro

GREENSBORO, N.C. (UPI) — Enactment of an open housing ordinance has been recommended by the Greensboro Human Rights Commission in this Piedmont City.

The group, meeting last week, approved that resolution and four others dealing with discrimination in housing, and said it would present them to the City Council for action.

Not all commission members were in favor of the clause which called for the open housing ordinance, but it passed.

Presented by Dr. Arthur Jackson, a commission member the clause called for the council to enact legislation that would take "the form of an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in rental housing and in the purchase of homes which are listed for sale on the open market."

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JACKSON SAID this was "a recommendation, not a mandate."

This clause was added to the resolution which asked the council "to enact legislation directed toward assuring each citizen the opportunity of acquiring housing of his choice within his means."

The commission's four other resolutions asked:

—That council declare through a resolution that the city's policy is that every person has the right to rent, buy or build a house without regard to race, creed, color, religion or national origin and that the council encourages voluntary compliance by all citizens with this principle.

—That council appoint a study committee on housing and that the council take remedial steps with the committee's findings.

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THAT THE council review existing housing codes and their enforcement and take appropriate action to eliminate substandard rental housing.

—That the council enact ordinances prohibiting block busting.

The commission noted an opinion from the North Carolina Attorney General's office, which stated that under existing state laws, municipalities do not have the authority to enact ordinances on the subject.

The commission said it was not in a position to comment on the opinion and that this should not deter the City Council's investigation into the problem.

Kemp C. Clendenin Jr., past president of the North Carolina Association of Realtors, who aided the fight against a national open housing law, immediately voiced opposition to the commission's recommendations.

# Veep and Whitney Young speak at Miami session

MIAMI BEACH — Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Whitney M. Young Jr., executive director of the National Urban League and AFL-CIO President George Meany head the list of dignitaries scheduled to speak at the International Longshoremen's Convention in session here July 9-20.

The occasion which is highlighted by the ILA celebration of its 75th Diamond Anniversary is being held at the Di Lido Hotel and combines three gatherings: the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District annual meeting July 12-14; the Atlantic Coast District convention July 9 - 13; the ILA International Convention which begins July 17.

The reception and banquet with Sammy Spear and his 14-piece Jackie Gleason Orchestra and entertainment is set for Wednesday, July 12.

At that time the president Thomas W. Gleason, will be presented with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander in Chief's Gold Medal of Honor.

ILA president Gleason is up for reelection during the convention. He has headed the 116,000-member International Longshoremen's Association since 1963.

The world's largest workers union represents longshoremen in Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports, on the Great Lakes, major rivers and in Canada.

Long recognized as one of the country's most dynamic and forward - thinking labor leaders, Mr. Gleason celebrates his 52nd anniversary in the shipping-longshore industry this year.

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IN ADDITION to Vice President Humphrey and Mr. Young of the Urban League, AFL - CIO president George Meany, the following persons will also speak:

Alexander P. Chopin, chairman, New York Shipping Association; George P. Delaney, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor and Coordinator of International Labor Affairs; Francis A. Garrity, administrator, New Orleans Steamship Association - ILA Pension, WELFAR Vacation and Holiday Funds; Congressman Edward A. Garmatz (D-Md.), chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries;

Acting Maritime Administrator James W. Gulick; and Paul Hall, president of the Seafarer's International Union, and Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union.

Also, Charlie Harris, Florida AFL-CIO, Governor Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey, Theodore Kheel, attorney and labor arbitrator; General A. J. Montgomery, commander, Eastern area, MTMTS; Congressman Claude Pepper (D-Fla.); and J. C. Pierce, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Commissioner, New Orleans.

Also, Under Secretary of Labor James J. Reynolds; Honorable Elliott Roosevelt, Mayor, City of Miami Beach; Honorable Paul Seiderman, Miami Beach City Council President; Don Slaiman, director, AFL-CIO Department of Civil Rights; Senator Chief of State Yakubu Gowon.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey



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## Potatoes Exonerated

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (UPI) — Blame the gravy for making you fat, not the potato. Potatoes provide the basic food elements people need, says Dr. Gaylord P. Whitlock, University of California nutritionist. But some of the popular treatments can triple the calories a potato contains.

"A medium-sized potato has no more calories than half a grapefruit," Whitlock said. "But the gravy you use can add a significant number of calories, often more than the potato itself."

# Ford money stirs college cooperation to up standards

NEW YORK — Money, $1.1 million, will be the tool by which predominantly colored southern colleges will get a boost up the academic ladder, it was announced this week.

The Ford Foundation, under the direction of McGeorge Bundy, Former

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BANDMASTER —Warrant Officer Joseph W. Stevenson, a veteran of 19 years service with Army bands, is the newly assigned bandmaster and commanding officer of Ft. Lee Va.'s 392nd Army Band. He is a graduate of Oakland Technical High School in Oakland, Calif.

# S.C. lawyer to defend five Texas students

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Atty. Matthew J. Perry, a native of South Carolina, has been assigned by NAACP to defend five Texas Southern College students in Houston, Texas.

The five students face murder charges in connection with the death of a policeman during a recent riot at the campus.

The trial is set for July 25. This is Atty. Perry's first assignment outside South Carolina by the NAACP.

University of Arkansas; Bethune - Cookman College and the University of Florida; Fort Valley State College and the University of Georgia.

Also, Knoxville College and the University of Tennessee; Lane College and Peabody College in Nashville; Miles College and Birmingham - Southern College, Mississippi Valley College and the University of Mississippi.

And in addition, North Carolina College and six small white colleges in the area; Rust College and the University of Mississippi; and Stillman College and the University of Alabama.

DR. JOHN A. GRIFFIN, executive director of the Southern Education Foundation, said the cooperation between colored and white colleges will further the interests of both groups.

A handful of institutions such as Fisk, Hampton, Tuskegee, Dillard and a cluster of colleges in the Atlanta area have long been considered academically respectable.

With the new funds, teachers at other colleges will be encouraged to advance study, and professors from the large white universities will assist in the programs of the colored schools.

Ties will be developed between the following schools within the program:

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ALABAMA A and M and Vandenbilt University; Arkansas A and M and Philander Smith College with the

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