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60,000 At Colleges The Crisis Reports

NEW YORK, August 1950 —There were nearly 60,000 Negro students enrolled in colleges, universities and professional schools in the United States during the school year 1949-1950, according to The Crisis, monthly organ of the N.A.A.C.P. which has published its 39th annual educational number.

Admittedly these figures are incomplete, because of the fragmentary information obtainable from mixed colleges. "This pleases us because it shows a steady trend toward that integration of Negroes into American life which is the goal of the N.A.A.C.P."

Of the 59,543 students enrolled, 8,018 were graduated with various bachelors' degrees; 458 with various masters'; 8 with the Ph.D. degree; 1 with the Pd.D.; 124 with the M.D.; 69 with the D.D.S.; and 30 with the LL.B.

Other items of interest in this issue of THE CRISIS include an article on "The Negro Private College," by Dr. Ira de la Reid; a report on the 41st annual NAACP convention, by G. B. Current; and a reprint of an article, "The Negro and the Communists," by Walter White.

BROWN BOMBERS GRID TEAM OPENS PRACTICE

The Brown Bombers football team has begun training for the 1950 season at Lasky Recreation Center. The team is under the capable direction of Horace "Hap" Coleman, former backfield star at Western Michigan and University of Michigan.

General manager Bob Mays, who coached the team last year with the help of Bob Williams, is elated to have Coleman take over the coaching job so that Williams can devote full time as a playing member of the squad.

Coleman has only a month to whip the team into shape as the first game is scheduled for September 10th with the Bay City All-Stars in Bay City. The All-Stars are rated Michigan's top semi-pro football club. They played a National League pro grid team last year.

Although the schedule is not completed, the following teams have been contacted for games: Fort Wayne, Ind.; Coldwater, Mich.; Sarnia, Ontario; Hamilton, Ontario; Windsor Bulldogs; Patterson Panthers, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and the Highland Park Bears.

The Bombers expect to play at least 15 games this fall. One home contest is being planned for the early part of October.

The club hopes to represent the city of Detroit in the All-America Pro league next year if given the support of business and social organizations this year.

Such ex-Wayne stars as John Hazely, Willie Morgan, Irv Petross and Don Godbold are expected to be in the fold.

NOW!

By R. M. Harrison

On the subject of exclusion of colored people from Essex County bathing beaches—the discussion was touched off earlier this week when a small Negro child was barred from swimming below Amherstburg—a Now Column scout has this to report: "It isn't done at Colchester and Oshawa, two of the cleanest and most up-to-the-minute beaches in this part of the country."

"The man of whom complaints have been made operates this beach for Mrs. Dube (pronounced Duby). He may, in fact, have leased the beach from her. I would not say."

"When a person charges a fee to the general public for use of a beach, isn't this beach automatically, according to law, declared public, with no restrictions as to color? I know this beach very, very well, and I also believe that if the Provincial Department of Health inspector ever looked it over he would close it immediately."

"Why? Because it hasn't the proper facilities to permit the public to use the beach. No life-guards. No water depth indicators. No dressing room except a two-by-four shack. The outside 'farm toilets' are a disgrace to humanity."

DROP "NO WAY OUT BAN," WHITE BIDS CHICAGO MAYOR

NEW YORK, August — The banning of the Twentieth-Century Fox film "No Way Out," by Chicago police censors, was vehemently protested this week by the NAACP. The Chicago censors have claimed that the film is dangerous and may incite violence.

In a telegram to Mayor D. Kennedy, the Association Executive Secretary Walter White strongly urged that the ban be reconsidered and rescinded.

This picture, he stated, is the most forthright and courageous picturization of the evil of race prejudice which has yet been made.

The Korean war has revealed distrust of the United States in Asia and other parts of the world, because of continued existence of racial prejudice in the United States. "No Way Out" exposes the evil nature of the practice and instead of inciting to riot, will do enormous good in the exactly opposite direction.

HONG KONG BOOMS WITH RED TRADE

LONDON — Hong Kong—British "boom colony" in far eastern commerce since the war—hit new peaks in 1949 including a "rapidly mounting volume of trade with North (Red) China," a colonial office annual report said today.

Imports valued at \$361,320,000 and exports worth \$405,720,000 represented increases of 32 per cent and 49 per cent, respectively, compared with 1948.

Raw materials and industrial merchandise were the main exports to Communist China, the report said.

Walter White Speaks At Mason's Affair

BOSTON, — An appeal for support of the NAACP in its continuing all-out struggle against the evils of segregation and discrimination was made by Walter White, executive secretary, in an address before the 175th Anniversary Convention of the Prince Hall Affiliation Masons, held here recently.

"This convention," Mr. White asserted, "is being held at a time of the greatest crisis in American and world history, where two major issues face the world: one, the struggle between communism and democracy; the other, the clash between colonial exploitation and freedom for all men, irrespective of race or color."

"Of the two alternatives between which all of us are forced to choose in this struggle—either surrender to communism or fighting within the framework of democracy for what is rightfully ours—the NAACP has chosen to fight, and even in the face of what at times seemed insuperable difficulties, has demonstrated that courage, determination, and unity can smash down barriers based upon race."

BERRY NAMED PRESIDENT OF D.C. INTERNES

CHICAGO — Dr. Leonidas H. Berry, senior attending physician at Provident and Cook County hospitals, was elected president of the Association of Former Internes and Residents of Freedmen's hospital at a recent session of the group held in Washington, D.C.

The well-known Chicago stomach specialist succeeded Dr. C. Wendell Freeman of the Howard University medical school.

Dr. Berry and Dr. T. M. Smith, noted Chicago heart specialists, later were guest lecturers at the Annual Study Meetings of the Old Dominion Medical Society, a branch of the National Medical Association at Lynchburg, Va.

Both Chicago medics took part with white doctors of the medical college faculty of the University of Virginia in symposiums relative to discoveries and problems in their respective fields.

WORLD ASSOCIATION A U.S. ATA

OTTAWA, Canada — The American Teachers' Association of the United States was one of the four organizations of teachers admitted to the roster of national members of the World Organization of the Teaching Profession at its fourth annual assembly held here.

ATA President Dr. George W. Gore of Florida A. and M. College and ATA Secretary Dr. H. Council Trerholm, Alabama State College, were in attendance and officially seated.

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The Missionary Society of Bethanuel Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Berry. Birthday gifts were given to three members, Mrs. Geard, Mrs. Coursey and Mrs. Hill. Dainty luncheon was served by the hostess Mrs. Berry, assisted by the convener, Mrs. P. Brown.

The annual tag day held by Bethanuel Church on August the 5th had receipts of \$560.00. Rev. Geard and officers and members of the church wish to thank the friends and well wishers who gave their services and money so readily. The funds will assist greatly toward moving expenses of Rev. Geard and family to the city from N. Buxton, also toward repair work on the parsonage.

On Saturday, August 26th Rev. Geard was called to N. Buxton to conduct the funeral service of Miss A. Alexandra. Her death came very suddenly although her health had not been very good, it was expected she would resume her position as a school teacher in Welland, Ont. where she had taught for a number of years.

The Family Community Club was joined by Club 49 and the Young People's Association of Bethanuel Church in being responsible for their annual picnic at Springbank Park on Civic Holiday. The picnic this year was the largest one yet with bus loads from Chatham and friends from Detroit, Cleveland, Brantford and Toronto enjoying the sports events and races for the day.

The Young People's Association of the Bethanuel Church plan to open their season with a weiner roast which should provide stimulation for the coming meetings. The date is to be announced later.

The Inter-Race Inter-Faith Committee of London, who have made wonderful progress through the 1949 and 1950 Fall and Spring Season plan to begin their regular meetings again in September. An interesting and informative program is being drawn up, and the meetings are to take place at the Y.W.C.A. as in the past. The exact dates and schedule of coming meetings will appear in the September issue. Everyone is asked to watch for the dates and to try to attend as many meetings as time can be made for.

Messrs. Edward Clarke, LaVerne Jenkins of London were joined by Walter Clarke, Austin Bowen and Richard Clarke of Toronto on a motor trip through the United States. They spent several days in New York City.

We are sorry we are unable to publish the sports results of Family Club picnic, the copy having been given to the Free Press for publication and having been misplaced.

Remove Jim Crow Signs After Protest

NEW YORK, August — Signs segregating white and colored persons in a temporary picnic area near Buggs Island Dam, a federal power project being built on the Roanoke River near Boydton, Virginia, have been removed following a letter of protest by Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP.

Mr. White wrote Secretary of the Army Frank C. Pace, Jr., upon receipt of information from Attorney C. O. Pearson of Durham, N.C., who informed the national office of the signs at the picnic grounds and comfort stations designating "white" and "colored." Mr. Pearson expressed the opinion that the segregation policy might represent "the personal feelings of the engineer in charge" and requested the Association to take action "before this segregation policy is firmly established."

A reply from W. E. Potter, acting assistant chief of engineers for civil works, stated that the signs were placed in the area "to guide those visiting the dam in conformance with their desires and local customs" and pointed out that no signs were placed in construction areas. He indicated, however, that "in order that there may be no misunderstanding . . . the few signs in the picnic areas are being removed, leaving the visitors to guide themselves."

FEPC MAN MADE PUBLICITY HEAD IN FILM PUSH

Malcolm Ross, chairman of the President's Fair Employment Practice Commission throughout its three year existence, will serve as a special public relations consultant for 20th Century Fox on behalf of the new Darryl Zanuck production "No Way Out." The realistic story of racial hatred as it affects a Negro doctor in a white hospital, will have its world premiere next month in New York City.

Ross, now Assistant to the President of the University of Miami, arranged for a leave of absence to work on "No Way Out" because he believes the film is a courageous and powerful attempt to uproot "the bitterest soil of all—racial hatred."

GEORGE A. ISABELL ANSWERS CRITICISM OF RACIAL LABELS

In reply to criticism leveled by the Michigan Committee on Civil Rights concerning racial designations in real estate advertising, George A. Isabell, Detroit realtor, said he will continue to fight "pressure and confusion" groups who are retarding the progress of Negroes in Detroit.

Isabell said he has built his real estate business and has secured financial institutions to handle property "because I am a Negro."

He stressed he will ask Federal aid to investigate subversive organizations among Negroes in Detroit.