

Teacher Describes Work With African Children

Mrs. Yvonne Adams Osborne, a teacher for the U. S. government in Asmara, Eritrea (East Africa), lectured and showed movies at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6232 Elberhart ave., Sunday after the 11 a.m. worship service.

A Chicagoan, Mrs. Osborne

teaches army dependents in a school at Kagnew Station a U. S. army base at Asmara. Mrs. Osborne lectured on some of her experiences both as a teacher and resident on African soil. She showed colored movies of the land, terrain, animals, natives, cultural patterns, and the biblical Red Sea.

The young woman began her teaching assignment in September, 1950. With her teacher husband, Horace Adrian Osborne, she will hold her post at the foreign school two additional years.

Mrs. Osborne arrived in Chicago May 31 to attend the last rites of her father, Reuben Adams, on June 2. She left June 16 to resume her teaching position in the East Africa Army school.

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Delaying Campaign

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — (UPI) — A persistent campaign waged with Soviet support and help from some of the Afro-Asian countries to postpone next fall's general assembly until after the U. S. presidential election met solid western opposition Wednesday.

The U. S. opposed any postponement of the schedule Sept. 20 opening date. Britain and France also were reported against postponement and Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld was said to favor having the assembly start on schedule.

In 1948, 1952 and 1956, the assembly start was delayed until the presidential campaign was out of the way. In 1948, the U. N. even took the assembly to Paris to escape the stresses of U. N. politics.

Says Southern Race Problem is Changing

The real struggle in the South today is not Negroes versus whites or of North versus South but of white Southerners versus white Southerners, the executive directors of the Southern Regional Council declared here tonight.

Harold Fleming, Atlanta, told the Race Relations Institute meeting at Fisk University:

"The white Southerners who are concerned with economical progress, the good opinion of the nation and the world and the continuance of public schools are more and more in the forefront of opposition to the die-hard segregationists."

The whites in the South who are pressing for abandonment of public schools systems without regard to the economic and personal damage

this may create, said Mr. Fleming, will encounter "increasingly stiff opposition from those white Southerners who are concerned for the education of their children, for the economic progress of the region and for the South's contribution to the welfare of the nation in a time of international crisis."

Referring to national pressures, he told the group that is has become more and more obvious that national institutions, including the Federal Government, can't nationalize or excuse the use of the double standard in both the South and the non-South.

Progress in race relations during the past decade — which he called "a time of galloping change" — could be measured in quality more than in quantity.

At the beginning of the decade, Mr. Fleming said, "the old etiquette in race relations dominated — an assumption on the part of both whites and Negroes that neither would embarrass the other. No one would call a spade a spade, much less a dirty shovel."

In contrast, he praised the present-day Negro youth who "with poise and dignity and self possession will look white people in the eye and say, 'we want dignity and freedom.'"

Negroes and whites today, he said, "are talking with each other eye to eye". He said he was "a little weary of hearing people saying the lines of communication have been reestablished. Until recently, he declared, there were no lines of communication."

Mr. Fleming credited "economic self interest" for much of the progress in present day race relations. He added: "I don't think the conscience works very often to its full capacity unless reinforced by self interest."

The speakers at the morning session of the Institute tomorrow (Friday, June 24) are Dr. Frank Stallings, Louisville, Kentucky, associate professor of Education, University of Louisville; and Joseph Monserrat, New York City, executive director, Migration Division, Department of Labor, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Thurgood Marshall, New York City, chief legal counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and director of the Legal Defense and Education Fund, will address the institute tomorrow evening on "New Legal Issues in the Struggle for Full Civil Rights."

Dr. Herman H. Long, Nashville, director of the Race Relations Department of the Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian Churches, is dean of the institute.

Negro Voters Have Trend Toward Democratic Party

The Negro voters' current regional trend toward the Democratic party is "consolidating an alliance" firmly committed to the perpetuation of discriminatory laws and practices against Negroes voting, a political scientist said here today.

Dr. Avery Leiserson, a member of the faculty of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, told the more than 100 persons attending the 17th annual Race Relations Institute at Fisk University.

"As far as we can see now, Negroes will continue to act politically as a solidary pressure group in local communities in the hope of extracting better services for themselves — better police protection, better schools and so on. Put in the broader regional picture they are tending to vote in the Democratic party and are thereby consolidating an alliance of the urban middle classes and the 'black-belt' rural countries."

The proper political strategy for the Negroes, said Dr. Leiserson, would be to "try to establish a working alliance with the urban industrial and commercial classes in the cities which are tending to vote Republican. At the least, they ought to engage in a bi-partisan political strategy."

The Race Relations Institute which will continue

through the morning of Friday, July 1, is sponsored by the Board of Home Missions,

Congregational Christian Churches and Fisk University, with the co-operation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Dr. Herman H. Long, professor of sociology at Fisk and director of the Race Relations Department of the Congregational Christian Home Mission Board, is dean of the Institute.

Dr. Leisersons aid that the "fundamental explanation of Southern politics lies in the hard-core countries and sections, these 'black-belt' countries in which the Negro constitutes 30 per cent or more of the population. The counties, he asserted, "seek the maintenance of white control over a socially, economically and politically retarded colored population, and upon this basis present a solid regional front upon the race question."

Earlier in the day Dr. George Hauser, New York City, executive director of the American Committee on Africa, addressed the Institute on "The Significance of Africa for American Race Relations."

Firms Asked End Boycott

SOMERVILLE, Tenn. — Major oil companies have been asked to end a boycott against Negro farmers who register to vote in Fayette and Haywood Counties, Tennessee.

owner of a combined grocery and filling station, who has been John McFerren, been leading the registration drive in Fayette County.

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