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Students To Africa For Racial Studies

Thirty-five Negroes from the North and South will be included in a group of 180 American college students who are going to Africa this summer to work alongside college students of 10 African countries.

Those involved will be participating in a student work and study project called Operation-Crossroads Africa. It was conceived by the Rev. Dr. James H. Robinson, Negro Presbyterian minister who has founded many community center programs on the Eastern coast of the United States. He is pastor of the Church of the Master in New York City and the founder of the Morningside Community Center which adjoins the Church.

This will be the second summer Dr. Robinson has an interracial and interreligious group of American students to Africa. In 1958, the pilot project of Operation-Crossroads Africa saw him lead about 600 American students to that continent.

For the first project five countries were visited. The students built schools, a chapel, and a water supply system. Upon their return to the United States two months later, the project and the participating students got unqualified praise from the State Department. President Eisenhower has since specifically praised Operation-Crossroads Africa in a letter to Dr. Robinson.

This year's project will take in 10 African countries — Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Dahomey, Togo, and Cameroon. Once in Africa the students will be divided into 14 groups. They will work on projects designated by the countries they visit.

In these new Negro nations the visiting Americans will be exposed to an intense nationalism, the likes of which they probably have never before experienced.

The Africans, on the other hand, will be able to see for the first time a cross sectional group of Americans. Both the participating Americans and Africans will have much to learn from each other. Dr. Robinson, and many of those who have worked with him to support Operation-Crossroads Africa, believe that the new knowledge the American students bring back from Africa and the knowledge about America they leave behind will be most valuable fruits of the project.

The students from this year's project were carefully selected from 700 colleges in the United States and Canada. They hail from 27 states and three Canadian provinces. One student is from the Republic of Uruguay.

The students will depart by air for Africa June 21 and 22 after an intensive week of orientation in New York City. They will return to the United States in late August.

To help pay for the project each student must contribute \$800. Scholarship aid is given in cases where the need is shown. However, it costs about \$1,650 to send each student to Africa. The rest of the money, as well as the money for scholarship aid, has to be raised through support from private foundations and gifts from individuals and corporations. The fund raising to finance this year's project still is going on.

Masons Visit Local Church

St. Johns Lodge of Chatham, Ontario held their annual St. John's Day Service in London, Ontario, in the Beth Emanuel Church Sunday June the 26th at 3 o'clock.

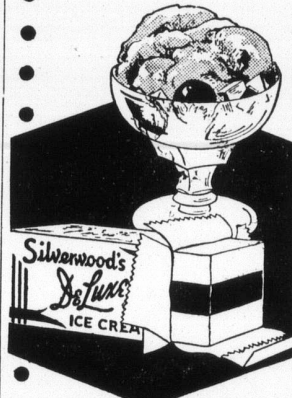
An attendance of 400 were present. Bro. James Brooks was in charge of the program. Message was given by Bro. Rev. E. A. Richardson. Welcome to the city was made by Bro. Fred Kelly. Following the service a dainty luncheon was provided by the ladies of the church.

Negro Youth Seeks Rights

A noteworthy exception to people who believe that "you can't fight city hall" is James A. Johnson, a 15-year-old Negro boy from Chicago, who has taken it upon himself to "buck" the entire U. S. Congress. In its May issue, EBONY Magazine tells the heart-rendering story of this courageous, clean-cut teen-ager and his quiet struggle in Washington, D.C., for an appointment as Capitol Page, which race-conscious southern legislators are opposing. Entitled "Loneliest Boy On Capitol Hill", the article shows how Jimmy's quiet determination, displayed while working hard as a Capitol messenger, is beginning to stir the consciences of fair-minded Congressmen and how his iron will may eventually help him to reach his coveted goal.

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