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African Woman Heads U.N. Assembly



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United Nations(AP)—Angie Brooks favors the direct approach in the traditionally roundabout world of diplomacy. Sometimes this flusters her colleagues at the United Nations.

But they genuinely admire and respect the ambitious woman lawyer from Liberia who was unopposed in today's election for president of the 24th session of the UN General Assembly.

As the second woman and third African to fill that role in UN history, the 41 year old assistant secretary of state from Liberia is certain to enliven assembly proceedings.

She prefers gay African prints with matching turbans in stylishly long costumes called the lappa in Liberia. They become her ample figure. She likes, pendants of African design, bracelets and earrings.

She draws aim at the top post in any group that fires her interest — both in and out of the United Nations.

This year was the turn for an African to be elected assembly president, and she campaigned long and vigorously for the honor. The only other woman to serve in that post was Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of Jawaharlal Nehru, the late Indian leader in 1954. Other African presidents were Mongi Slim of Tunisia in 1961 and Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana in 1964.

In her elected post Miss Brooks will preside over all full assembly sessions. Behind the scenes she will help co-ordinate and speed assembly business.

She comes from the oldest republic in Africa, founded in 1847 with the help of Americans who sought to establish a colony in Africa for free Negroes.

Her family was not wealthy and she had to work as a student in college in the United States where she earned her undergraduate and law degrees.

Miss Brooks has been coming to the United Nations since 1954.

She soon let her colleagues know she wanted to be chairman of the assembly's trusteeship committee and in due time she got the job. She was elected also president of the UN trusteeship council, and was chairman of visiting UN missions to Tuanda and Urundi and to the U.S. trust territory of the Pacific.

She was president of the International Federation of Women Lawyers in 1964-67.

Back in Liberia she became assistant attorney-general in 1953 after entering govern-

ment service in the justice department, and was named assistant secretary of state in 1958.

While President William V. S. Tubman and his secretary of state were out of the country for 10 days in 1958 she held the reins of government.

She has been a sturdy battler for the rights of African peoples, with special emphasis on woman. She credits Tubman for progress gained by women in Liberia, recalling that she was the only woman in the justice department, when she joined it early in her career. Now 25 women hold posts in the department.

New Klan Leadership - Followers Unstirred

Victoria, Va. — There wasn't a sound except for the rustle of robes and the thin crackle of country music from a sound truck. The 60 or so marchers in white satin gown moved along the town's main street in a column. Their hoods were pulled back to expose the faces of men and women who smiled shyly at each other or looked straight

ahead. The sidewalks of Victoria, a small town near the North Carolina border, were empty except for a few Saturday afternoon shoppers and a small cluster of elderly Negroes who stood watching on a corner. Up the street, a white girl about 18 nudged her boyfriend and snickered: "There goes the high school cheer-leading squad."

For the marchers, leaders of the United Klans of America, Virginia Division, the all but unwatched parade was just the beginning of a humiliating day.

When the evening rally began at 8 o'clock 300 persons turned out to hear the Klan litany, listen to the obligatory racial jokes, and observe the ritualistic cross-burning of the Virginia clan's fourth state anniversary rally.



Diahann Carroll has been voted best female TV star of 1969 by Hollywood Foreign Press Association for her role in Julia.

Trudeau and Sharp Meet With Tanzanian Leader

Ottawa (CP) — President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania Tuesday held lengthy talks on African affairs with Prime Minister Trudeau and External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp.

Mr. Trudeau met the president in private but no details of the conversation were available.

Mr. Sharp told reporters later that he and President Nyerere concentrated on the issues of assistance to civil-

ians in Nigeria and secessionist Biafra and on the racial situation in South Africa.

Mr. Sharp said the president praised the Canadian initiative to provide aid to Biafra and suggested Canada concentrate on the humanitarian aspects of the problem.

The minister said food was waiting to be flown into Biafra as soon as the governments involved agree on the procedure for such flights.

Election Candidates

MAYORALTY

Herbert J. McClure
Robert S. Robinson
Joseph N. M. Smithers

BOARD OF CONTROL

Four to be elected

Mrs. Jane Bigelow
Arthur D. Cartier
Frank H. Flitton
Margaret A. Fullerton
J. Fred Gosnell
John A. Irvine
Gordon W. Sturdy
Claude P. Vigeant

HOSPITAL TRUST

Three to be elected

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Philip T. Mitches
Mrs. Joyce A. Newton
Kenneth C. Northey
Paul W. Skinner
Robert W. Stewart

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Two to be elected in each ward

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William Dyer
Thomas Thomson

WARD 2

Wilbert J. D. Clements
Leslie Davison
Richard A. Nichols
Mrs. Kathleen Score
Fred C. Underhill
William R. Wood
Orlando Zamprogna

WARD 3

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Anthony McCoskey
David Porter
Donald G. Robinson
Gordon Walker

WARD 4

Andrew Grant
Alfred A. James
Gordon Weir

WARD 5

George Chambers

Wyburn Footwinkler
Robert Paul Forrest
Kenneth Jennings
Anthony J. Kelly
Julius Roman
Bryce Tapp

WARD 6

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Terry Ferris
Robert I. Mann

WARD 7

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Stephen W. Howard
Thomas J. Majerle
Albert W. Plumb
Marvin Recker
Paul E. Yorke

BOARD OF EDUCATION

(public)

12 to be elected

William L. Davis
Rudolf S. Eberhard
T. M. (Mike) Ferris
Mrs. Mary Gee
Barry E. Hicks
A. E. (Ted) Jeffery
Henry D. Kastelein
Joseph A. Martin
Albert E. Mackenzie
Laurence B. Minshall
Albert E. Pengelly
David Roby
Charles F. Ross
Frank Ross
Marvin L. Shore
Peter Somerville
William A. Townshend

BOARD OF EDUCATION

(separate)

Two acclamations given

Frederick S. Kennedy
Harold J. McCarrey

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Four to be elected

Joseph Abela
Gary Cooper
Larry Glass
Robert G. Harris
David Rottman
J. Leslie Thomas
Ronald G. Van Horne