



Johnson Becomes Fisk's First Negro President

Family Life Institute

With the objective of promoting more stable homes and healthier family life, the Lincoln Public Schools and other interested organizations are conducting a Family Life Institute, Sunday and Monday, November 17 and 18 at St. Paul's Church. We are not able to present the full program but we are urging that you attend. So watch for the public announcement. It is only through community action that the rising tide of broken homes, juvenile and parental delinquency and unstable families can be rolled back. Let us give the project our full support.

A Negro 'Renaissance'

By W. G. Rogers

CRITICS, publishers and others have noted the suddenly increased activity of Negroes and their notable new individual successes in the dance, music, literature and art. They believe that a full-fledged Negro "renaissance" is now underway.

Familiar are the names of Marian Anderson, Dorothy Maynor, Todd Duncan, Langston Hughes and Paul Robeson. Many newcomers also rapidly are earning a wide acceptance for earnest, worthwhile contributions to modern American culture. Among them are.

Ann Petry and Chester Himes in fiction.

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Congresswoman Pleads For Racial Understanding

CLEVELAND—(ANP)—Speaking at a Cuyahoga County Republican dinner held at the Hotel Statler here Friday night, Congresswoman Frances P. Bolton, who represents one of the Cleveland districts in Washington and is a potent influence in the national Republican party scene, made a plea for unity among the people of the country.

"We must face reality even though we keep our eyes upon the stars," Mrs. Bolton said as she pointed out that "the Republican party is again becoming the symbol of freedom."

"That reality contains many problems, many situations far removed from that dream that brought the Pilgrims to our shores, that fired Washington, that sustained Lincoln. It is not enough that there is more opportunity here than in any other land in all the world.

"We must face the fact that there are still minority groups who find themselves restricted on every hand. Certain it is that we must accept the challenge of their need and find the way will untie the ropes of prejudice, intolerance and ignorance that bind them, remembering that no man is free when another man is bound.

"The old days are finished, a new world is being born, a new era comes into being. Things can be better only through a new interpretation. Only as we speak tomorrow's language, only as we envision tomorrow's needs shall we, who are Republicans, build strength into this nation."

Many colored political leaders and workers were at the Statler dinner. Mrs. Bolton represents a district in which there are many voters of colored origin as well as of foreign descent. She is famed for her work among the underprivileged especially in the field of nursing and health. In Congress she serves on the foreign relations committee and last year toured Russia and much of Europe and North Africa to see at first hand what the problems of the people were.

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Dr. Charles, S. Johnson, famed sociologist and distinguished scholar who has been serving as chairman of the department of sociology at Fisk university, was elected president of the institution last Tuesday during a meeting of the board of trustees held here. Mrs. Vera Cravath Giggs, chairman of the trustee group, announced the election of Dr. Johnson who becomes the sixth president to serve the university during its history of 80 years and the first Negro to occupy that post. He succeeds Dr. Thomas E. Jones who resigned last June to become president of Earlham college at Richmond, Indiana.

Dr. Johnson was born in Bristol, Va., on July 24, 1893. He received a B. A. degree from Virginia Union university, Richmond, in 1917 and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1918.

Since 1921, Dr. Johnson has served on many commissions and committees of national and international importance. After his return from a league of nations investigation into forced labor in Liberia in 1930, he served as an America member of the commission, he was awarded the William H. Harmon award for distinguished achievement among Negroes in science.

As secretary of the committee on Negro housing, he attended President Hoover's Conference on Home Building and Home ownership in 1931. In 1934 he was appointed a member of the sociological committee of the Tennessee Valley authority. He was a member of the executive and planning committee during the 1940 White House Conference on Children in a democracy.

He is now a member of the Southern society, and served as president of that body in 1945. He was secretary-treasurer of the Sociological Research association from 1943-44.

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HAITI'S LEADER

Dumaris Estime, the recently elected president of Haiti, has declared he will sponsor reforms to improve the condition of the masses of the people. Better educational and economic opportunities for the people are among the things for which he stands.