

# Rev. Young Indicts Establishment Prescribes Removal of Dixiecrats

by Al Vannucci

The Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, delivered the first annual "Martin Luther King Memorial Lecture" in the University auditorium, Tuesday, October 1st.

Quickly establishing his aim to "make some sense of the confusing period we find ourselves in today," Dr. Young found fault with those who view the present racial situation as a modern problem: "I rather think it's the consequence of the systems, customs, and sins of our forefathers."

Dr. Young then turned his attention to the political side of the question. Here he referred to "the literacy tests, white primaries and hundreds of ways people could be denied effective voting rights. By denying the black man power, you encouraged a one party system which provided for seniority for that party in Congress. As a result, Southern legislators have most of the seniority rights and chair the important committees. You end up with the country being run by men born in the 19th Century who have mentalities of 18th Century men trying to run this country

without race, you find riots, hunger, and people needing education. In any event, the 20th Century would bring with it a complete revolution in the society we live in, and yet we cannot face that revolution because we are hung up with race. Rome fell because it couldn't really identify its problems. But, thank God, our problems are all painted black-not because the black man is their source, but because the black man is the first to suffer from them."

Dr. Young then gave an example of the problems facing our society: "Take transportation. In Watts, there was one bus to take the people to the factory area, not because of race, but because Southern senators refused to pass the urban transportation bills. The people in power don't live in the cities and don't understand their problems. The Strom Thurmonds, Richard Russells, and Byrds of Virginia are all as rural as they are racist. The present system is just inadequate. Look at the alternatives. George Wallace wants to take you back to the 18th Century. Richard Nixon is willing to keep things as they are in the 19th Century. And Hubert Humphrey is not much better. He realizes it is the 20th Century, yet his party is still controlled by the people who are back in the 18th Century with George Wallace."

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Young advised. "Whether we like it or not, hungry people are going to fight for food. You're not going to have peace as long as three-fourths of the world is hungry and one-fourth is over-fed. There's going to be a constant rebellion. Yet many see only two approaches open to us. The politicians say, 'Trust in us and it'll get better.' I reject this. The extremists say, 'The whole system is no good so bring it down.' Well, I reject to this, too.

If you have a sick patient you don't kill him in the hope he'll get better. This country is sick with racism, materialism, and militarism, but this society has an amazing capacity to respond to treatment. I suggest the removal of such 'bad teeth' as Sen. James Eastland of Mississippi, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee; Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago; Congressman Wilbur Mills of Arkansas, Chairman of the House of Ways and Means Committee; and L. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. If we could find a way to counter-balance the power mis-appropriated by them, we could avoid the doom, for the clash is inevitable."



DR. ANDREW YOUNG

Having stated his premise, Dr. Young then proceeded to review the historical aspect of the problem. "Contrary to what you have been taught, this country was built on the slavery of the black people. The system of that time realized that to keep a man a slave, you had to keep him ignorant, politically powerless, totally devoid of any income, and culturally depressed and deprived.

"When this system changed after the Civil War, it changed only in form. As late as 1920, there was a determined effort on the part of Southerners to keep the Negro as ignorant as possible."

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Making a final historical reference, Dr. Young remarked that the black man has been made feel unimportant. "You never sense, regardless of your educational background, the extent of the black man's contribution."

"This is the background in which we must see today's events. These are the problems we have sown through generations of intent and ignorance."

Dr. Young proceeded to state that, apart from slavery, modern man has other problems. "If there had been no slavery and no black men, you would still have these problems. Even

# SBP Fills Posts, Students Appointed

Joseph McDonald, President of the Student Body, has announced committee and cabinet appointments for the University's student government.

John T. Robson has been selected to serve with Mr. McDonald on the Student Affairs Committee of the University Senate. Appointed to positions on the University Curriculum Committee are senior classmen Joseph Casey and Gregory Hare; and James Papada, a member of the junior class. Mr. Papada will also serve as Academic Affairs Coordinator.

Serving as student representatives on the University Cultural Committee are Christopher Heller and Joseph Ashcroft. David Bixel has been appointed to the position of Campus Community Organizer.

### Cabinet

Nine student government cabinet positions have also been filled. Joseph Casey will serve as Secretary for Educational Affairs. Also appointed were: Tony Piazza, Secretary for Social Affairs; Yarry Leiser, Student

Services and Welfare; Steve Buchness, Publicity; Robert Meehan, Finances; Bob Barry, NSA Coordinator; Gerry Coogan, Student Government Coordinator; Christopher Heller, Cultural Affairs; James Papada, Academic Affairs, and Dave Bixel, Campus Community Organizer.

The appointments were submitted to the Student Congress which ratified the selections.


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