

# Black attorney goes to HUD

Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote, Assistant Director of ACTION, has been nominated by President Nixon to become Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for Equal Opportunity. Upon Senate confirmation, Dr. Toote will become one of the highest ranking Blacks in the Administration.

Dr. Toote well-known Black lawyer and businesswoman from New York City, will be one of the highest ranking women in the Administration, her rank exceeded only by Mrs. Anne Armstrong, Counsellor to the President.

At HUD Dr. Toote will be responsible for administering HUD's civil rights and equal opportunity programs in housing, employment and business opportunity. She will also be responsible for assuring that all HUD Department's policies and activities effectively promote equal opportunity for all.

Dr. Toote was president of Toote Town Publishing, Inc. and in the private practice of law in her native New York City. From 1966 to 1970 she was president of Town Sound Recording Studios, Inc. Dr. Toote is a former aide to New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

Dr. Toote worked with several prestigious law firms in New York, and is a former member of the editorial staff in the National Affairs Section at TIME Magazine. She ran for the State Assembly from New York City.



DR. GLORIA E.A. TOOTE

A scholarship student at the Howard University School of Law, Dr. Toote was the youngest graduate in the history of that school when she earned her J.D. degree in 1954. She received her LL.M. degree from Columbia University Graduate School

of Law in 1956, writing her thesis on Constitutional Law. While at Howard, Dr. Toote worked with Dr. James M. Nabrit, Sr., president-emeritus of Howard in preparing the brief for the historic 1954 District of Columbia case of Bollings vs. Sharpe before

the U.S. Supreme Court.

Dr. Toote is active in community and civic affairs in her native New York and has lectured extensively on civil rights and business law. She has been cited for her accomplishments by several organizations, including the National Business League, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States as one of the outstanding women in Federal positions. She is listed in Who's Who, Who's Who of American Women, and Who's Who of Finance and Industry.

## Black trade Unionists hold conference

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists - a national organization of union leaders and rank-and-file members - will hold its second annual convention in Washington, D.C., May 25-27.

Arnold Miller, newly elected president of the United Mine Workers of America, will address the opening session of the conference. Miller, a West Virginia miner, recently defeated incumbent president Tony Boyle at UMW and began redirecting that old and powerful union into more legitimate worker-related causes.

The Coalition - formed at a nationwide gathering in Chicago which drew some 1,200 union members last fall - will adopt a constitution and financial structure at the three-day meeting, according to members of the steering committee. That committee includes William Lucy of Washington, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO; Nelson Jack Edwards of Detroit, vice president of the United Auto Workers; Charles Hayes, vice president, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL-CIO; Cleveland Robinson, New York,

president of the Distributive Workers of America; and William Simons, Washington, president of the American Federation of Teachers Local 6.

The convention is open to all union members. Reservations or additional information can be had by contacting Leonard Ball, AFSCME, 1155 15th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, or by phoning him at (202) 223-4460.

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