



Spingarn Medal Winner - Alvin Ailey, founder of the modern dance company bearing his name, was presented the 61st Spingarn Medal of the NAACP at the Association's Annual Fellowship Dinner in New York. Ailey was honored for his international pre-eminence in the field of dance and for developing one of the world's finest dance companies. The Spingarn Medal is the NAACP's highest award for merit. It was presented to Ailey by Leonard DePaur, renowned

conductor and director. From the left are, Benjamin L. Hooks, Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission and NAACP Executive-Director-designate; Hank Aaron, World Record Holder of Baseball Home Runs and winner of the 60th Spingarn Medal last year; Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors; Ailey; DePaur; Judith Jamieson, star dancer of the Alvin Ailey Company, and NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins.

Wilkins remains 'till August

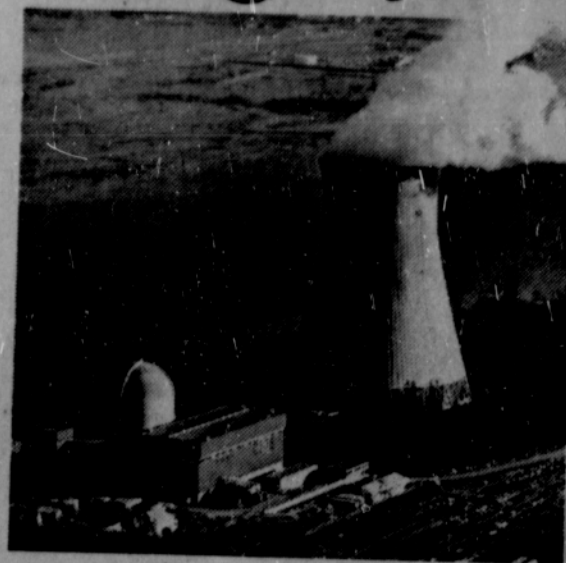
NEW YORK-The NAACP National Board of Directors on Monday, January 10, re-elected Roy Wilkins as Executive Director and Secretary of the Corporation for a term that will run through July 31, 1977, when he will retire. Benjamin L. Hooks, Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission was elected as his successor, effective August 1.

The Board's vote at its regular quarterly meeting on the elections was unanimous. The actions were taken according to the NAACP constitution, which requires the annual election of officers at the January meeting.

The official language of the Board's action states that Mr. Hooks "shall become Secretary and Executive Director with a term to begin on August 1, 1977, and until that time Benjamin L. Hooks shall have no official duty or status within the Association."

Until he assumes office, Mr. Hooks will have the title of "Executive Director-designate." This term, the Board said, "shall be used as a descriptive title only with the reference to Benjamin L. Hooks until such time as he assumes office."

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Inside Africa

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PNS/AN) - Two Black Americans are spending January in the Transkei - the controversial tribal reserve for South Africa's Xhosa people - for high-level talks that are part of a campaign to win American recognition of Transkei independence. The Transkei has been recognized by no other nation but South Africa since it was declared independent on October 28th.

The two Americans are J. S. Parker, a Washington, D.C. public relations agent who founded Friends of the Transkei, and Andrew Hatcher, an associate press secretary in the Kennedy White House. Hatcher now works for Sydney S. Baron & Co., a public relations firm that won a \$365,000 contract from South Africa last summer to promote its interests in the U.S.

Meanwhile controversy continues over South Africa's rule that all Xhosa people, whether in the Transkei or far away in urban centers, must become Transkei citizens. Critics charge this deprives them of political and social rights where they live.

Angry crowds appeared recently at the Bantu Affairs Commissioner's Office in Johannesburg, after Xhosa-speaking people were refused South African passports during the Christmas holidays. And 30,000 refugees who have fled the Transkei since October remain camped near Queenstown. Mostly subsistence farmers and their families, they say they did not want to lose South African citizenship and feared living under Transkei Prime Minister Chief Kaiser Matanzima.

West Germans accused of selling military equipment to South Africa. DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA - An official of the African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa said here recently that West Germany is cooperating with Israel to supply the South African Navy with missile-equipped patrol boats. The official said several of the boats are currently being built by Israeli experts in the South African port of Durban, and that engines for the boats are now on route to South Africa from West Germany.

Israel does not deny its military involvement with the white minority regime in Pretoria, but Germany, like the U.S. claims that it forbids military - though not civilian - trade. The ANC official said here that such a position is

hypocritical since so-called civilian supplies such as boat engines and American light aircraft are routinely put to military use by the South Africans.

South African play under siege in New York

NEW YORK - The publicist for a South African theater production currently playing here says the show might have to close down because of protest demonstrations. "Many people don't like to cross a picket line," says Barbara Glen of the Max Eisen Co., "and this one is very vocal."

Elombe Bargh, one of the protest leaders, calls the musical "Ipi Tombi" - which is playing to all-white audiences in Johannesburg - "South African propaganda." Protesters say the play, whose title is a Zulu phrase meaning "Where Are The Girls?", presents Black South Africans as "happy-go-lucky dinkies" interested only in sex and parties. The protest committee includes people prominent in New York theater and media, among them Marcia Ana Gillespie, editor in chief of the Black magazine Essence, and Hazel Bryant, president of the Black Theater Alliance.

No one is saying exactly how many persons have asked for ticket refunds as a result of the protests, but one South African journalist told Africa News, "If the play doesn't close down soon, we'll know it's being subsidized financially, perhaps by the South African government."

Mozambique tries to disprove soviet reports

MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE - Mozambique has taken U.S. Ambassador Willard de Pree and five other diplomats on a special tour to counter Western press reports that the Soviets are building a military base on Mozambique's Bazaruto Island. According to Mozambique's Radio Maputo, the diplomats saw nothing more than a colony of flamingoes.

Reports of a Russian base at Bazaruto have been denounced by Mozambique - which neighbors Rhodesia and provides a base for Black guerrillas fighting there - as part of a deliberate South African and Western "campaign to present Mozambique as a threat to peace and security in this area of the continent." When contacted by Africa News, the U.S. State Department said it had never charged that Bazaruto hosted a Soviet base, but added that de Pree's visit did not necessarily prove that a base did not exist.

According to Western diplomats based in Maputo, however, Rhodesia and South African media have previously fabricated reports to portray the Mozambican government as unstable and unpopular.

British News Service editor linked to CIA LONDON, England - The editor of an expensive British information service that has published articles attacking the present left-wing government in Mozambique has been linked to the CIA by the British newspaper, the Manchester Guardian. Robert Moss, editor of Foreign Report, which is published by the prestigious Economist magazine, is the author of a book the Guardian has revealed was commissioned by a CIA-funded company, Forum World Features. The book, "Chile's Marxist Experiment", was used by the Chilean Junta in its public relations operations.

Foreign Report last year reported several stories, widely carried in the South African and Rhodesian press, that were labelled pure invention by on-the-spot observers. Among them were a report that a Mozambican cabinet minister had been wounded at the Presidential Palace and a story that the whole government had been evacuated to Ilhaca island during the short-lived mutiny of several hundred soldiers in December, 1975.

OAU summit on Western Sahara may cause sparks

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA - According to Hakim Ibrahim, foreign minister for the desert guerrillas fighting to defeat Moroccan and Mauritanian troops occupying the Western Sahara, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) will soon hold a special summit meeting to discuss the growing war - only the second such summit in OAU history. Some Africans fear the meeting - should the OAU take a stand on the Western Sahara question - will be as divisive as the first summit on the Angolan civil war.

Morocco and Mauritania have been fighting the guerrillas, who call themselves the Polisario Front, since they occupied the phosphate-rich territory when colonial power Spain pulled out a year ago. Though the two countries insist the Saharan issue is closed and any OAU discussion would interfere in their internal affairs, Western correspondents visiting the region have reported the Polisario Front controls all but the heavily fortified towns.

Polisario successes - including guerrilla attacks on railroad lines, bombardment of Moroccan and Mauritanian-held towns and direct clashes with enemy troops - have forced both occupying nations to increase their military spending. Morocco is doubling its military budget, while Mauritania, a lesser partner in the war, has announced a 26 per cent increase.

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Veterans aid available

Veterans planning to use State educational aid benefits to attend school this winter should immediately contact their school registrar or veterans' counselor, a county service officer or the Department of Veterans' Affairs, H.C. Saffeld, Veterans' Affairs Director, said today. Application must be made before the end of the term to receive benefits.

Eligible are Korean war veterans and recipients of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Vietnam Service Medal. In addition, the veteran must have been an Oregon resident for one year prior to military service, must be an Oregon resident upon application and must have served 90 days or more during wartime or after July 1, 1968. World War

II veterans are no longer eligible for this benefit.

The benefit pays \$50 for each month of full-time undergraduate college or associate degree studies and up to \$35 a month for other studies. The benefit is based on one month's entitlement for each month of military service, up to 36 months. A veteran cannot draw State benefits for studies for which federal VA training benefits are being received.

There are 249 veterans currently enrolled in the program. Students in 1976 received a total of \$64,934 in benefit payments. Since the program started in 1945, payments have gone to 15,444 veterans in the amount of \$4,557,482 for an average payment per veteran of \$296.



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