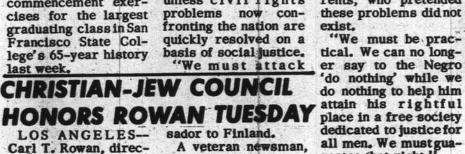
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## **GRADUATE HURLS CHALLENGE**

SAN FRANCISCO--A 22-year-old Negro challenged his elders and contemporaries to be "practical" in their approach to civil. rights problems at commencement exercises for the largest graduating class in San Francisco State College's 65-year history last week.

Thomas Bettis, selected to speak for the 2435 students who were awarded Bache-lor degrees, warned that "with the summer may come bloodshed" unless civil rights problems now confronting the nation are quickly resolved on a basis of social justice. "We must attack



Minneapolis Tribune from 1948 to 1961, winning numerous a-wards for his writing on the race issue and other topics.

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these problems directly and with all our hearts," Bettis told an attentive audience at the Cow Palace. "Let us not follow in the footsteps of our parents, who pretended

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"We must be practical. We can no longer say to the Negro 'do nothing' while we do nothing to help him attain his rightful place in a free society dedicated to justice for all men. We must guarantee that right.

Young Bettis left the rostrum after asking, "Do we accept this challenge or do we reject it?

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HONORS ROWAN TUESDA LOS ANGELES-Carl T. Rowan, direc-tor of the U.S. Inforsador to Finland. A veteran newsman, Rowan worked for the

mation Agency, one of the highest-ranking Negroes in the federal government, will address a 7:30 p.m. dinner at the Ambassador Hotel next Tuesday, June 16.

He will receive a National Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the NCCJ's annual brotherhood testimonial dinner.

his post, succeeding Edward R. Murrow, Jan. 21 by President Johnson. Rowan had served as deputy assistant. Secretary of State for Public Affairs and as Ambas-

