

**EXPECTS NO TROUBLE**

(This article appeared in the DENVER POST, considered one of the nation's finest daily newspapers, during the recent National Convention of the NAACP in the Colorado city, and is indicative of the excellent coverage accorded the convention by the Denver press.)

# Negro Woman Relishes Chance as Envoy

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It's no secret that President Johnson expects a little political capital from his recent appointment of a Negro woman as ambassador to Luxembourg.

But this doesn't bother the woman in question, Patricia Harris. As far as she is concerned, part of her job is to help end racial discrimination and if the President and other Democrats gain politically from her appointment, that's all right with her.

"I don't mind a bit," she said in a Denver interview Thursday, and "I am delighted to have it stated and restated that I am a Negro woman." DEE-lighted is the way she says it.

"One part of my job is helping to eliminate racial discrimination, to say to the white community that that is a thing of the past. If my being appointed helps do this, I'm delighted. I want everyone to know I'm a Negro and I don't get tired of being reminded that I'm a Negro. You see, I break the stereotype and that's important."

Mrs. Harris, an associate professor of law at Howard University—with predominantly Negro students—in Washington, D.C., was in Denver for an address Thursday at the convention of the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People. She is the nation's first Negro woman ambassador, appointed by President Johnson in May. She will be sworn in July 9 and she and her husband, William, also a lawyer, plan to leave for Luxembourg, the 999-square-mile nation in the heart of Europe, August 26.

Her husband plans to take a job, probably for a private firm, in Europe, but precisely what he'll do "isn't clear yet," Mrs. Harris said. They have no children.

She said she expects her being a Negro will cause no trouble in her new job. "I can't conceive that in this day and age this is a significant factor at all," she said.

She said she's looking forward to the "total experience" of being an ambassador. The way she looks at it, she said, the U.S. government is getting two for the price of one—besides carrying out the official functions as ambassador, she'll do what the ambassador's wife usually does in lines of entertaining.

She said she doesn't mind this—she likes to entertain. "I give rather talky parties," she said. But she's not so certain about the price end of it.

"I am frankly not sure what my salary will be," she said. "I think it's \$26,000 (annually). That's one thing I haven't looked into."

Mrs. Harris will take a year's leave of absence from Howard and it may be extended, she said. She has taught there four years, her only teaching experience. Her law degree was earned at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Before she joined the Howard faculty, she was with the Justice Department for about 15 months. She was executive secretary of Delta Sigma Theta, a college-based sorority; with the American Council on Human Rights, a civil rights organization, and the Chicago YWCA.

She enjoys teaching, she said, "more than anything I've ever done in my life."

As Luxembourg ambassador, she'll follow one of the most famous woman ambassadors of all time, Perle Mesta, who was there from 1949 to 1953. Mrs. Mesta gave a tea in Washington for Mrs. Harris last month, but the two haven't had much of a chance to really talk about the nation and the job. Mrs. Harris agreed, though, that it's possible she'll be the subject of her own "Call Me Madame." (That was the Broadway musical and movie based on Mrs. Mesta's days as ambassador.)

"I'm a substance-oriented person, though," she said. "I must be judged on the basis of my job as an ambassador. And if this makes a story or a play, I'm delighted."



Denver Post Photo  
PATRICIA HARRIS

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In 1945, Mrs. Hoggard became the first Negro teacher to be employed in the State of Nevada.

Mrs. Hoggard has taught locally at Westside, Matt Kelly and Highland schools. She was co-chairman of a 1964 teachers committee for "In-Service Training," which explored educational needs of the culturally deprived child. She later attended a UCLA seminar on teaching the disadvantaged child.

A member of the executive committee of the Southern Nevada Teachers of English and Foreign Languages and a former officer of the Las Vegas Classroom Teachers Assn., Mrs. Hoggard has made important contributions to her community. She served two terms as secretary of the Clark County Chapter, American Red Cross, and has been active in NAACP affairs as a member of the Las Vegas branch executive board.

She is the wife of prominent businessman J. David Hoggard and the mother of three sons.

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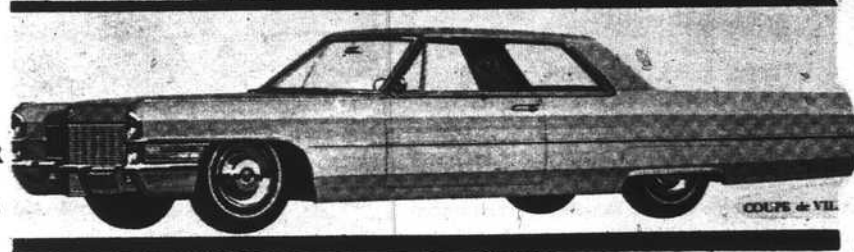
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