

WORLD OF BOOKS

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 NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL
 KEEP THE FAITH, BABY, By ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR., Published by TRIDENT PRESS, New York, \$4.95.

A PICTURE OF Adam Clayton Powell from an ecclesiastical perspective is given in this new book.

For more than 30 years, Rev. Powell has been delivering sermons at the Abyssinian Baptist church in Harlem to a congregation of 12,000 people--one of the largest Protestant congregations in the country.

The book then is a collection of the most representative and provocative of those sermons. Reflecting, as they do, one of the lesser-known aspects of Dr. Powell's personality and career, these sermons are of the greatest importance to any understanding of the man who is perhaps the most controversial and paradoxical figure in U.S. politics today.

FEW HAVE any knowledge of Dr. Powell's activities as a preacher, and the fact that his sermons--far from being couched in the empty rhetoric of a demagogue--are concerned with the rational and practical problems of everyday living.

They stress above all the realities and possibilities of living peacefully and productively as a Negro in 20th Century-America. Speaking to and for the Negro population of New York, Dr. Powell preaches what he refers to as Practical Christianity.

The subjects of his sermons range from Palm Sunday to the massacre of Africans at Sharpeville by the South African government; yet, throughout them, he consistently emphasizes the responsibility of the individual.

IN HIS SERMON on "Christ in the Nuclear Age," for example, he contrasts the advance of technology with the problems of learning to use and to live with the powers that technology gives: "Life begins from within," he says, "not in gadgets, but in the discipline of principle, responsibility and hard work."

Similarly, on the subject of "The Search for Freedom," he says: "Political freedom may wax and wane and individual liberties may expand or contract, but none of these fluctuating conditions must be permitted to change our pursuit of freedom for inner selves."

UNITED STATES HISTORY. By DRS. RICHARD N. CURRENT, ALEXANDER DECONDE, AND HARRIS L. DANTE; Published by Scott, Foresman and Co., Glenview, Ill., 832 pp. \$6.76.

ONE IMPORTANT value of this text is that American Negro history is included throughout, along with two special sections, "The Changing Status of the American Negro," which reinforce the text by giving chronological capsule information about the Negro from 1619 to 1966.

Objective of this new text is to aid students in comprehending, analyzing and evaluating ideas, facts and issues in U.S. history so that they will be able to make historical interpretations and see historical relationships.

A vivid, graphic and chronological history of the country is presented from its exploration and discovery until the present.

CASHMAN JR. HIGH FASHION SHOW A SMASH HIT



Fashion displays from "Granny to the Mini Skirt" as presented by Cashman Jr. High School students last Thursday night in the School Gym provided several hundred parents and friends a Fashion Show of such imagination and performance it is in the books as Cashman's "First Annual Fashion Show" ... The delightful affair was sponsored by the school's P.T.S.A. and directed by teacher Mrs. D. L. Moore.

Mrs. David J. Shapior, a professional model did a stupendous job as coordinator for the show and gifts were presented to the girls who have shown the greatest improvement since the Club started ... New officers of the P.T.S.A. were installed prior to the presentation of the Fashion Show.

In photo left, Mrs. Moore, teacher-director is pictured with student models from left Wade Linklater, Jerry Gruedry, and Henry E. Moore ... Photo right shows "Roaring 20's model, Pamela Ambuehl being admired by student models Becky Garcia, Debbie Reinstadtler, and Renee Scott.

Commencement Schedule Of District High Schools

A RECORD NUMBER of graduates, estimated at 2,554, will receive high school diplomas in commencement exercises representing 10 different schools, officials of the Clark County School District have announced.

The number ranges from more than 700 expected to graduate from Western High School to about 30 students who are due to receive "sheepskins" from Moapa Valley High School in Overton.

Three schools--Clark, Valley and the Southern Nevada Vocational-Technical Center--will be issuing diplomas for the first time in their relatively brief histories.

Clark, located at Arville and Penwood and serving the Southwest section of Las Vegas, opened in the fall of 1965 as did its "sister" high school, Valley, located at Burnham and Eastern and serving the Paradise Valley and adjacent areas of Las Vegas. Both opened with grades 8-11 and no seniors. This class was added last fall with the eighth grade dropped. Next year these schools will operate with only grades 10-12.

SNVTC, located on the Whitney Mesa between Las Vegas and Henderson, and opened only last fall, draws students from all areas of the community who are interested in studying vocational and technical education courses. Entrance into the school for junior-senior students is by application only.

The present record of graduates of the local public school system was set two years ago with 2,245 Diplomas awarded. Last year there were 2,130 high school completions recorded.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS have estimated that within the next two years, at the present rate of growth, the total number of graduates will surpass the 3,000 mark which will double the 1,609 graduates recorded in 1964.

Las Vegas Convention Center will be the site four straight evenings of graduation ceremonies for Western, Clark, Las Vegas and Rancho High Schools and starting May 29.

Baccalaureate services for the five metropolitan senior high schools and Southern Nevada Vocational-Technical Center, all operated by the Clark County School District, will be held the night of May 28 (8 p.m.), also at the Con-

vention Center. Basic and Boulder City Highs have announced similar rites on the same evening, also at 8 p.m.

Three commencement exercises are scheduled May 29, one on May 30, two on the 31st and four on June 1. The end of the current school year for all students is June 2.

MEMBERS OF THE Board of School Trustees, elected citizens who control public education in Clark County, will be about as busy as graduates during this period since one of their official functions is to award diplomas to the estimated more than 2,500 graduates. Board members also will attend various Baccalaureate services.

Here is their schedule:

May 29

Western at Convention Center (Vice President Helen Cannon, Las Vegas and Charles Spath, Boulder City); Valley at Valley High School (President Clare Woodbury and Clerk George Wilkinson both Las Vegas); Moapa Valley at Moapa Valley High School, Overton (Dell Robison, Logandale and Glen Taylor, Henderson). All times: 8 p.m.

May 30

Clark at Convention Center (Mrs. Cannon and C. Donald Brown Las Vegas), 7:30 p.m.

May 31

Las Vegas at Convention Center (Dr. Woodbury and Wilkinson); Boulder City at Boulder City High School (Spath, Robison and Taylor). Both times: 8 p.m.

June 1

Rancho at Convention Center (Mrs. Cannon and Wilkinson); SNVTC at SNVTC (Dr. Woodbury and Spath); Basic at Basic High School, Henderson (Taylor); Virgin Valley at Virgin Valley High School, Mesquite (Robison). Superintendent of Schools James Mason will attend as many graduations as his schedule permits.

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