



BROTHERHOOD AWARDS—Robert E. Holmes, center, of Edison and Mrs. Guida West of Metuchen display plaques presented to them at Metuchen-Edison Racial Relations Council awards dinner last night. With them are, from left: Trenton Mayor Arthur J. Holland who was featured speaker; Arthur Lerner, new president of the council; and Rabbi Paul Levenson, outgoing president.

Brotherhood Awards Dinner:

Two Selected for Brotherhood Awards

METUCHEN—Mrs. John West of Metuchen and Robert Holmes of Edison have been named recipients of the Metuchen-Edison Racial Relations Council brotherhood awards and will be honored at the second annual awards dinner on March 3 at The Pines.

In making the selections, the awards committee judged nominees on the basis of service, personal involvement and awareness of the need for better human relations in their community, state and nation. Clubs and organizations were invited to submit the names of candidates from their membership rolls.

Worthy of Award

Rabbi Paul Levenson, president of the Racial Relations Council, announced the winners and said: "No two people in our area are more worthy to receive the council's brotherhood award. We've known both these fine people and served with them and seen their dedication in action."

"Guida West has galvanized hundreds of people in her church and her community to take the problems of housing discrimination seriously. Bob Holmes has been the conscience of Edison for many years. Without his resolute, determined voice in the council chambers of the town-

ship, great tragedy could have occurred in North Edison Urban renewal."

Mrs. West, whose name was submitted by the First Presbyterian Church, was cited for her record of achievement and her participation in the area of racial freedom and justice. She is a charter member of the Racial Relations Council.

At the time of the Covenant



MRS. JOHN WEST

of Open Occupancy signing, she was one of the leading spokesmen for the effort, visiting groups and organizations in the church and community.

Mrs. West was invited by the Session of First Church to organize a Church and Society Committee to extend the mission of the church in the area of social concern and has served as its chairman for a year-and-a-half. As a result of her success on the local level, she was appointed to the Commission on Religion and Race of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., in the Synod of New Jersey and serves as its corresponding secretary.

Aided Job Corps

According to the citation, "Mrs. West has never turned down a request for help or an invitation to speak, lead and represent in this important area of social concern. During the past year, she worked for weeks to help the South End Residents Association organize and bring their problems before the proper borough officials. When the Kilmer Job Corps Center opened last year, she began to marshal community interest and concern in the operation."

A member of the League of

Women Voters, Mrs. West was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She holds a BA in mathematics from Barnard College and an MA in sociology from Columbia University. She became a United States citizen in 1961 and now lives at 32 Linden Ave. with her husband, John, a chemical engineer with the Hoffman-La Roche Co., and daughter Laurie, 6, and son Paul, 5.



ROBERT HOLMES

Holmes is a senior lab technician at Esso Research and Engineering Co. in Linden and resides at 921 Inman Ave. A member of the Oak Tree Presbyterian Church, his nomination was endorsed by the North Edison Civic Improvement Club.

The awards committee noted that Holmes' awareness of the problems facing North Edison led him to a position of leadership in his appointment as chairman of the Mayor's Special Committee.

Winner Lauded

Lauding the award winner, Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics said: "In the scope of his activity and dedication, Bob Holmes represents not only the Negro community or the white community, but serves the best interests of Edison, the entire community."

A charter member of the Racial Relations Council where he serves on the housing committee, Holmes is also chairman of housing for the Citizens Advisory Committee of Edison.

A member of the Board of Directors of the Urban League of New Brunswick for the past two years, he currently serves as its second vice president. He is a past president of the North Edison Civic Improvement Club.

'STRUGGLE FOR POWER'

Editor, The Times:

One of the greatest theologians of our times, Reinhold Niebuhr, said decades ago that dominant groups never relinquish their superior position voluntarily and only grant a measure of justice when power is raised against them.

In this time of tension in our town, it would do well for thoughtful citizens to reflect on this insight. We are, I believe, evidencing a struggle for power in an institution of our society right here in our town. To some of us it is frightening because we do not understand the struggle for Black Power whatever form it may take.

As whites, concerned about eliminating racism, we must try to understand, as Dr. Robert Batchelder, Director of the Center of Urban Ethics, has pointed out so clearly, that Black Power advocates "seek to build and consolidate economic and political power in the hands of the Negro community, hoping thereby to exercise increasing influence and control over events and decisions affecting the daily lives of Black Americans . . . To the extent to which this strategy succeeds and Negroes achieve a greater stake in and responsibility for the communities in which they live, the sense of despair and powerlessness that breed rioting will decline." In other words, whites who deplore and are understandably upset by the unrest in our High School, should make every effort to understand the goals of the Black Student Union movement in this perspective, and support them wherever possible, rather than to view this phenomena as a specter to be done away at any cost.

GUIDA WEST

(Mrs. John M.)

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Domestic, World Questions To Be Aired at High School

Vietnam and Chicago, the far right and the far left, all will have their day at Millburn High School tomorrow.

Students of the school will be given the option of attending either regularly scheduled classes or any or all of the special discussion periods.

Guest speakers at the discussion periods are to include:

Leonard Weinglass, a defense attorney at the Chicago conspiracy trial.

Donald Crowell, a township resident who will be representing the John Birch Society.

David Troung, a college student in this country

and son of imprisoned South Vietnamese political leader Dr. Troung Dinh Dzu.

State Senator James Wallwork, a township resident.

Mrs. Guida West, representing the National Welfare Rights Organization.

Ann Boylan and Elsa Wahler, representatives of the Woman's Liberation Movement.

Ralph Spielman, a former Millburn High School student and now a student at Kent State University.

Also expected to take part in the discussion session are representatives of

the New Jersey chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and of the local post of the American Legion.

The ground rules for tomorrow's sessions were laid at a series of meetings during the past two weeks between students and representatives of the school administration. It is understood that the students originally asked that classes be suspended on May 29 in order that discussions could be held relating to national and international issues. Administration officials would not accede to that request, but suggested the "optional-class attendance plan."

Fall Mobilization Against Hunger

Peace and welfare activists joined local churches this week in a new coalition to battle war and poverty on the state level, according to Mrs. Guida West of Montclair.

Mrs. West, research chairman of New Jersey Friends of Welfare Rights, shared the trichairmanship of the Fall Mobilization Against Hunger at its Thursday planning meeting at the Church of the Crossroads, East Orange, with welfare and peace leaders. They are Mrs. Marion Kidd of Newark, finance secretary of New Jersey Welfare Rights; and Mrs. Dorothy Eldridge of Nutley, director of New Jersey SANE.

"We must focus public attention on how our increased national military spending combined with local welfare cuts impoverish the poor, while big business receives enormous subsidies," Mrs. Eldridge told the mobilization planners.

Church sponsored, the mobilization will be three-pronged, planners agreed:

—Nov. 6, church vigils will be slated at several New Jersey locations, their theme: bread, justice and peace, with petitions to Gov. Cahill specifying grievances, such as the denial of payment for transportation to medical facilities to mothers of sick children.

—Nov. 14, Feed the Hungry Drive at participating churches will modernize traditional Thanksgiving charity with an appreciation of the rights of the poor to self determination. Food requirements and distribution centers will be set up by welfare consumers themselves.

—Nov. 20, Welfare, Not Warfare Conference at the Church of the Crossroads, East Orange, will feature nationally-known speakers and workshops to explore vital issues such as free school lunches and Title I, how welfare recipients can benefit from federal money to fill gaps from budget slashes.

The growing mobilization support in-

cludes the American Jewish Congress, Institute of Social Relations of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey Council of Churches, Newark Christian Center, League of Women Voters of New Jersey, United Church of Christ Welfare Priority Committee, Essex County Legal Services, World Federalists, Newark Christian Center, American Baptist Convention, Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry of Newark, Union and Morris County Friends of Welfare Rights.

Fall Mobilization weekly planning meetings are scheduled for Thursday mornings at the Newark Christian Center.

Intercultural Association to open new season Oct. 2

MONTCLAIR — The Intercultural Association will open the new season on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the YWCA, 159 Glenridge Ave., at 8 p.m. with a talk by the Rev. Dr. Howard Schomer, recognized

authority on Indochina. He will speak on "Who Makes Peace?"

The Rev. Dr. Schomer is world issues secretary of the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Dr. Schomer is responsible for interpretation of basic public, political and