

## **"We Shall Overcome", two-day conference on civil rights movement of the 1960s (news release and media advisory)**

**April 1, 1982**

Professor Kenneth Clark, the distinguished psychologist whose research influenced the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education*, will be the featured speaker at a two-day conference April 16 and 17 at the University of California, San Diego that will examine the historical legacy of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

All sessions of the conference will be held in Sumner Auditorium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. They are free and open to the general public.

Clark, Professor Emeritus at the City University of New York, will speak Saturday evening, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.

His address is entitled "Looking Back at the 60s and Forward in the 80s."

Clark, the author of "Dark Ghetto," "The Pathos of Power," and other books, will join 13 other distinguished scholars, lawyers, educators, and journalists during the two-day retrospective.

The conference will begin Friday afternoon, April 16 at 1 p.m. with a panel discussion on higher education and the student movement of the 1960s.

William J. McGill, former chancellor at UC San Diego and President Emeritus of Columbia University, will reflect on his experiences during the decade. McGill will be joined by Harry Edwards, professor of sociology at UC Berkeley and author of "The Revolt of the Black Athlete."

On Friday evening at 7 p.m., the conference will turn its attention to the question of the relationship between the nation's political and economic establishment and the civil rights movement. Harris Wofford, former White House counselor to John Kennedy on civil rights, will share his reflections on the presidency and the struggle for racial justice during the early 1960s.

Joseph Rauh, Jr., former secretary of Americans for Democratic Action and former general counsel to the United Automobile Workers Union, will examine the role of labor and liberals during the formative days of the movement.

Finally, Roger Wilkins, former columnist for the Washington Star, will explore the relationship between the press and civil rights.

On Saturday morning, the conference will focus upon civil rights in action. James Lawson, former advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., will discuss the theory and practice of nonviolence; Maulana Karenga, professor of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, will discuss the theory and practice of Black Nationalism, while Vilma Martinez, former chief counsel to the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, will talk on the Hispanic community and civil rights.

Clark's main address will be preceded by a Saturday afternoon session that will examine key figures in the civil rights movement. David Garrow, author of the recent best-selling book on Martin Luther King and the FBI, will discuss King's leadership style. Nancy Weiss of Princeton University will examine the role of Whitney Young and the Urban League; Victor Wolfenstein of UC Los Angeles will contribute a lecture on Malcolm X, and Clayborne Carson of Stanford University will discuss Bob Moses and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

For more information contact: Paul Lowenberg, 452-3120

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"WE SHALL OVERCOME"

A RETROSPECTIVE ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT OF THE 1960s

Session I: Higher Education and the Crisis of the 1960s

Reflections on UCSD and Columbia William J. McGill President Emeritus of Columbia University and former chancellor, UC San Diego Vox Populi at Berkeley Harry Edwards Associate Professor of Sociology, UC Berkeley

Session II: The Establishment and the Movement

Presidential Politics and Civil Rights Harris Wofford

President Emeritus of Bryn Mawr College

Labor and Liberals Joseph Rauh, Jr. Rauh, Silard and Lichtman, Washington, D.C. The Press and Civil Rights Roger Wilkins Senior Fellow of Joint Center for Political Studies

Session III: Civil Rights in Action

The Theory and Practice of Nonviolence James Lawson, Jr.

Pastor of Holman United Methodist Church, Los Angeles

The Theory and Practice of Black Maulana Karenga Nationalism Associate Professor of Black Studies, CSU, Long Beach Hispanic Strategies Vilma Martinez Regent, University of California Response August Meier University Professor of Kent State University

Session IV: Civil Rights Leadership Styles

Martin Luther King David Garrow Associate Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina

Whitney Young, Jr. Nancy Weiss Associate Professor of History, Princeton University Malcolm X Vistor Wolfenstein Professor of Political Science, UC Los Angeles Bob Moses and SNCC Clayborne Carson, Jr. Associate Professor of History, Stanford University

Session V: Keynote Address: "Looking Back at the 60's and Forward in the 80's"

Kenneth Clark Professor Emeritus of Psychology, City University of New York

MEDIA ADVISORY

EVENT: UC SAN DIEGO TO HOST TWO-DAY RETROSPECTIVE ON HISTORY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

DATES: Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17, 1982

TIMES: Session I: Higher Education and the Crisis of the 1960s Friday 1-4 p.m.

Session II: The Establishment and the Movement Friday 7-10 p.m.

Session III: Civil Rights in Action Saturday 9-11:30 a.m.

Session IV: Civil Rights Leadership Styles Saturday 1-4 p.m.

Session V: Keynote Address: "Looking Back at the 60s and Forward to the 80s" Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Kenneth Clark, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, City University of New York

LOCATION: Sumner Auditorium at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego

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SPONSORS: UC San Diego Department of History and Third College The public is invited to attend all sessions. Admission is free.

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