

Dr. Gore Resigns at FAMU

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Florida State and the University of Florida.

"There had been talk at one time of merger when Dr. Gore left," a Regents representative said this morning. "But I believe that because of several events of the last year,

A&M will continue as a separate institution with a new president."

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FLORIDA's university system usually enforces a mandatory retirement age of 65, according to a Regents spokesman, but Gore had remained as president while state officials were pondering the future course of the university.

Although the Regents are not scheduled to meet again after today until Sept. 27, they will likely call a special meeting during the summer to select a new president for FAMU.

It was not immediately clear whether Gore would stay on after the Sept. 15 effective date of his resignation if no new president is named until late September.

Informal conversation between Regents members and staff members have reportedly brought up the names of Perry and Jenkins as possible presidents, as well as Dr. M. C. Rhaney, recently named dean of academic affairs.

As a young man, Gore was interested in journalism. He

worked on a newspaper at age 11 and later, as a journalism teacher, influenced such students as Ted Poston of the New York Post and Carl Rowan, syndicated columnist who was an assistant to President John F. Kennedy and ambassador to Finland 1963-64.

He became the first Negro Rector Scholar his freshman year in college and received all tuition fees until his graduation from DePauw University.

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HE RECEIVED a master's degree in English at Harvard and a PhD in school administration from Columbia.

He was the first Negro from a southern state to be chosen a delegate to the National Education Association and served as its vice president in 1952.

During his 18 years at Florida A&M, the campus has grown in both enrollment and size.

The Science-Pharmacy Building, a classroom building, building to house the demonstration school which he helped start, a football stadium, health

and physical education building, education and physiology complex, and music and fine arts complex have all been erected during his administration.

His salary when he became A&M president was \$7,500 a year. Effective today, it jumped from \$23,500 to \$25,500.

Gore and his wife, Pearl, came to Tallahassee from Tennessee A&I college at Nashville, Tenn., where he was dean and director of the graduate division.

It wasn't known today whether the Gores would continue to make their home in Tallahassee.

More than \$17 million have been spent in physical plant expansion since he became president.

Perry, son of a former A&M agriculture dean, is an agricultural economist who received his PhD from Cornell University.

He served the university here as director of research and grants before he was promoted last winter to dean of administration.

GIs Is Downed

WASHINGTON (AP) — An airliner carrying 214 U.S. servicemen to Vietnam is being held today on a Soviet island in the Pacific Ocean after being forced to land by MIG fighters.

The chartered DC 8 was on its way to Vietnam from McChord Air Base in Seattle, Wash., Sunday when, the U.S. government said, it strayed off course and was forced to land on Iturup Island, a part of the Kuril chain in the northern Pacific.

The State Department immediately contacted the Soviet embassy in Washington and urged the quick release of the plane, its passengers and the 17 crewmen.

A Japanese Air Force Radar Station said it began tracking the plane at 7:30 p.m. EDT Sunday and warned the pilot he was on a course that would cross the Soviet-held island.

The pilot replied, "We cannot alter our course," Japanese sources said, indicating the plane already was under MIG escort.

The sources said the plane was tracked another five min-

utes before it disappeared from radar screens at a position about 30 miles south of Iturup Island.

U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson said in Moscow he was told by Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin and First Deputy Foreign Minister Vsily V. Kuznetsov the incident is under investigation.

The Pentagon said the pilot of the chartered Seaboard-World Airlines jet, Joseph Tosolini, talked by radio with another American aircraft during the incident.

According to the Pentagon, the pilot of the Seaboard plane reported about 7:20 p.m. that MIG fighters had intercepted him and was forcing him to land at what appeared to be a MIG base on an island.

At 7:39 p.m., the Pentagon said, the Seaboard plane radioed that it had landed without

reached."

Wilson pledged that Britain would continue "with renewed confidence and renewed hope to work for further advances in disarmament." Johnson, in his remarks, referred to the long U.S. effort to start discussions on cutting back the costly nuclear arms race. Moscow had indicated last Thursday that the Soviets were finally ready for such talks.

"At this moment of achievement and hope," the President said, "I am gratified to be able to report and announce to the world a significant agreement—an agreement I have actively sought and worked for since January 1964.

"Agreement has been reached between the governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States to enter in the nearest future into discussions on the limitation and reduction of both offensive strategic nuclear weapons delivery systems and systems of defense against ballistic missiles.



ADMINISTRATION authorities said the exact time and place for the opening of U.S.-Soviet talks on curbing their missile and antiballistic missile competition has not been set,

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PREMIER GEORGES Pompidou said the election results showed "defensive reaction" of the people "against totalitarianism." The campaign talk of Gaullism of "totalitarian communism," coming after the great student and labor upheaval in May, brought an overwhelming response from the middle class. But Pompidou warned that the government still faces "difficulties which are going to be enormous, difficulties that are enormous."

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Familiar Faces Will Be Gone This Year

Four veteran employees of Florida A&M University were honored this summer upon their retirement from service to the school following a combined total of 91 years of service.

Senior in point of service was Edward Jones, a Leon County native who faithfully served the university for 44 years. Jones attended the Carnegie



Dr. Gore
...retires

The Academic Side

Institute of Technology, Hampton Institute and Florida A&M. He joined the university in 1924 and served as an instructor in painting and decorating.

Cleo B. Hayling retired from FAMU after 25 years of service. Mrs. Hayling attended New Orleans University, and joined FAMU in 1943 as a dietitian at the N. B. Young Nursery School.

Other familiar faces who will be missing from the FAMU scene this fall are those of Isaac Yant and Harry Johnson. Yant retired after 12 years with the university Maintenance Department, while Johnson served for more than a decade with the Department of Plants and Grounds.

All four retirees were honored at a banquet at which

university President Dr. George W. Gore Jr. praised their loyal service to the school. Several weeks later, Dr. Gore announced that he would retire also, effective September 15, following 18 years of service.

Calendar Of Events For A&M

QUARTER I	
Registration	Sept. 18-20
Classes	Sept. 23-Dec. 6
Examinations	Dec. 9-13
QUARTER II	
Registration	January 2-4
Classes	Jan. 6-Mar. 14
Examinations	Mar. 17-20
QUARTER III	
Registration	Mar. 24-25
Classes	Mar. 26-June 2
Examinations	June 3-7
QUARTER IV	
Registration	June 12-14
Classes	June 16-Aug. 19
Examinations	Aug. 20-23

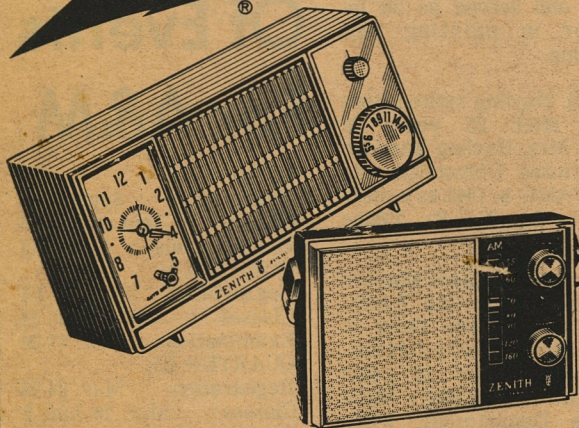
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Dr. Gore Confirms Resignation

By Times Staff Writer

PENSACOLA — Dr. George W. Gore Jr.'s resignation as president of Florida A & M University yesterday was confirmed with a plea that the Tallahassee Negro institution "continue for many years as a separate and autonomous state university."

"It is my fondest dream and sincerest hope," said Gore, that A & M "receive adequate state support to enable it to render needed service to higher education in Florida."

IT WAS A plea that Gore

has made often in the past. In May the Board of Regents adopted a resolution favoring "no change in the present role and scope" of A & M, but many legislators continue to push for a merging of A&M with neighboring Florida State University, now that all higher education has been desegregated.

A slender, bespectacled educator who has headed A&M for 18 years — Gore will be 67 this month — two years beyond the usual retirement age for state university presidents. He said he has been considering resigning for

some time. Now, he explained, "I felt it was time to assure my family that I was not going to move into another year, with all the pressures and problems."

HE SAID his future plans are not firm — "I don't care for fishing and I'd find it difficult just to relax in a rocking chair. I want to keep busy at something." He indicated he would continue in some fashion in higher education, possibly as a consultant.

REGENTS CHAIRMAN Chester H. Ferguson praised Gore for his "contribution to education and his dedication

to the development of opportunities for members of his race." He said Gore's distinguished leadership at A&M has been a strong factor in Florida's climate of racial harmony.

"NO MAN IN America today is a better educator," Ferguson said.

The chairman then proposed that Gore be named president emeritus of A&M. The regents approved unanimously, then stood with a large audience and applauded Gore who was barely able to manage a tremulous "thank you."

FERGUSON instructed Gore to name three faculty members to serve as advisers to a regents' committee headed by Vice Chairman Henry Kramer and including Mrs. Carolyn Pearce, D. Burke Kibler III and John Pace, who will start an immediate search for a successor. Ferguson said the choice should be made at the September board meeting, coinciding with Gore's departure, now set for Sept. 15.

GORE SAID he would play "no part whatsoever" in the

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Gore Confirms Resignation From FAMU

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selection of a replacement. He said that in his opinion there are several well-qualified persons already at A & M but added the Regents will have to decide whether to fill the post on campus or go looking elsewhere for "a new face."

Gore, an honor graduate of DePauw University of Greencastle, Ind., holds a master's degree in education from Harvard and a Ph. D. from Columbia. He came to A & M in April 1950 from Tennessee A&I college in Nashville, where he had been a dean.

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