

GOP Senators Give Standing Ovation

With formalities ended, Senator Percy had an opportunity to stand back and listen to the College Singers perform. He was so impressed with their appearance and the message that he requested that they perform for the Senate Republican Policy Committee then at a luncheon in the Capitol. When the Singers had concluded their concert, the Senator whisked them away to the luncheon. The some 25 GOP Senators in attendance gave them a standing ovation after their brief presentation. In the words of one of the singers, "Singing for Senate leaders was probably the greatest thrill of our visit." The College Singers were also struck by the graciousness of Senator Percy, their host.

That afternoon the College Singers explored Washington on foot, then made final preparations for their evening appearance at the National Baptist Memorial Church. National Baptist had been selected because of its large, international, interracial membership. The concert, sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance, drew a near capacity midweek audience.

Ambassador Njine Hosts UN Concert

The next morning, November 26, the College Singers headed by bus for New York City and the United Nations. There as guests of Cameroonian Ambassador to the UN, M. Michel Njine, these talented young people performed for enthusiastic UN delegates and secretariat members. In remarks afterwards, Miss Angie Brooks, President of the UN General Assembly and guest of honor at the performance, summed up the response to the Singers in Washington, New York and across North America. "The College Singers," she said, "are Ambassadors not only for Cameroon but for all Africa."