

JAMES EDWARD CHEEK

James Edward Cheek is the dynamic and influential President of Howard University. Born in Roanoke Rapids, he was educated at Shaw University, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and Drew University. After a few years of teaching, Dr. Cheek became President of Shaw University in 1963, and in 1969 assumed his present post.

Boundless energy, concern, and compassion--these characteristics Dr. Cheek has evinced in labors on an impressive variety of national and international boards, commissions, and public service organizations. He has demonstrated great ability to harmonize conflicting ideas and ideologies as he deals with groups of all ages, both sexes, and of various races. He was a Special Consultant to the President of the United States on Black Colleges and Universities in 1970.

As President of Howard University, Dr. Cheek has been able to increase funds, in a time of general stringency, for faculty and facilities; a magnificent "new edition" of the historic Freedmen's Hospital has been erected. Howard University trains a very high proportion of the outstanding black professionals for this country and provides vital education for students--potential leaders--from abroad. For his wise leadership at Howard and for his resourceful efforts in the solution of the pressing educational and social problems of our age, this University now applauds President Cheek.