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The president of the Congo and the president of Howard University sat down together on a gold striped sofa yesterday afternoon and engaged in father talk.

Lt. Gen. Joseph Desire Mobutu, president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who speaks only French, kissed the two young children of Howard's president James E. Cheek and then pulled a plastic folder of color photographs of his own children from the pocket of his heavy navy blue suit.

This was at a late afternoon reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Cheek on 16th Street. Jimmie Cheek, 8, was introduced after his 5-year-old sister, Janet, was presented.

"Jimmie wants to be president of the United States one day," Dr. Cheek told President Mobutu.

Cheek also told the African leader that he will visit colleges and universities in Kenya, Sierra Leone, Ghana and the Congo in December when he makes a trip to Africa for the Board of College Entrance Examinations.

With the arrival of Mayor and Mrs. Walter Washington and Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president-emeritus of Howard, the talk turned to campus unrest.

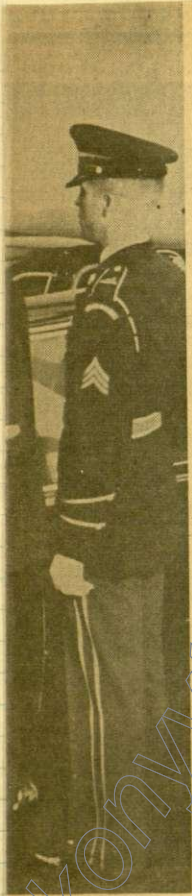
"Dr. Johnson came here [to Howard] when he was my age—36," Dr. Cheek said.

"He stayed 34 years and is a lot longer than I'm going to stay."

Both Mayor Washington who graduated from Howard in 1938, and ex-president Johnson spoke of their time on campus in their own words.

"Dr. Johnson told me about the turbulence when he was here," Dr. Cheek said. "It was nothing that I have faced and will have to face in this life."

"I learned to roll with the punches in my time."



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