

Jamaica NAACP Chief Looks Ahead

The new president of the Jamaica NAACP branch acts and talks big . . . and not just because he stands 6-foot-4 and weighs more than 225 pounds.

He is Richard Hansen, a 37-year-old St. Albans insurance agent who envisions big things the next two years in the Greater Jamaica area.

"Our major goals are improvements in education, housing development, economy, and drug abuse," stated the Harlem native who has made St. Albans his home the last 11 years.

Married and the father of two girls, Hansen dreams about a "network of Parent Associations that will serve as a watchdog committee over Jamaica schools."

He is especially concerned about the conditions at Shimer Intermediate School 142 in South Jamaica where a student boycott will start its eighth week when classes resume today.

"We're glad to have York College built in Jamaica," added the official. "Higher education belongs in Jamaica."

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HANSEN, A former board director of the St. Albans Civic Association, has been with the Jamaica NAACP for the past three years. He formerly was a third vice president for the organization.

The Jamaica NAACP has been studying Jamaica sites for the development of low and middle-income housing units. Plans are still tentative for this venture, noted Hansen.

The new look for Jamaica — which will include the tearing down of the Jamaica Avenue El and the construction of more stores and facilities — has the full approval of Hansen.

"The goals of this organization," he said, "are to provide a better and more fulfilling life for every member of this society, black, white or any other color. It is my determination to enlist the cooperation of every citizen in the community this branch serves in the effort to improve the quality of life for everyone."

"So long as one man, regardless of his color, religion or national origin, is denied the full rights due him as a citizen and a human being, no man is truly free."

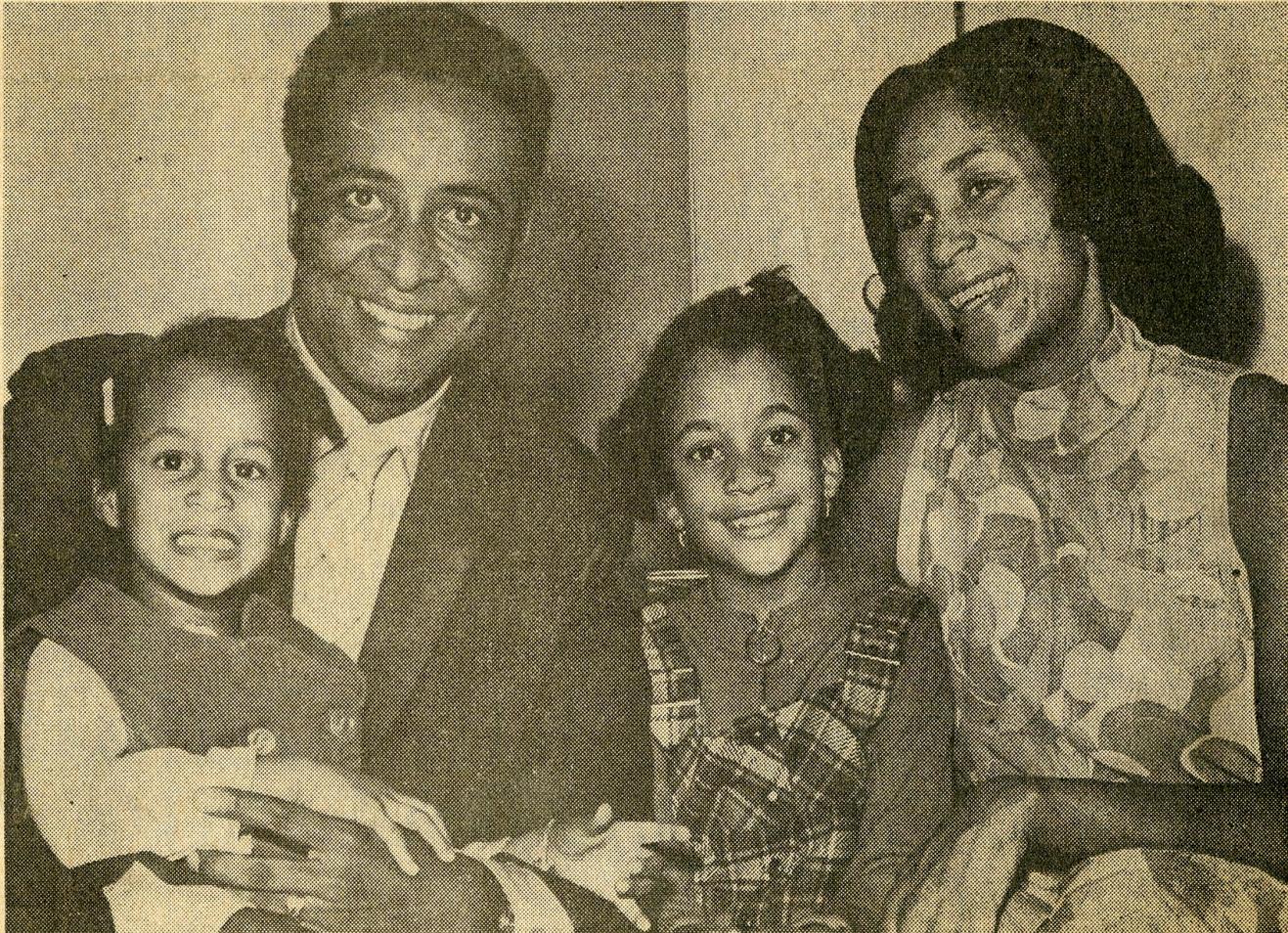
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A 1964 GRADUATE of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn where he majored in building sciences, Hansen spends much of his spare time participating in sports events. Tennis has his number one interest now, but he excelled on the basketball courts while growing up in Harlem.

He has one older brother, William, now living in the Bronx.

Other officers elected to two-year terms are Maurice Perkins, Mrs. Vivian Bailey, and LeRoy Kellum, vice presidents; Mrs. Mabel Nock, secretary; Mrs. Iris Pettiford Cox, assistant secretary; and Walter Ramsey, treasurer.

Hansen and the other officers will be installed Jan. 18 at NAACP headquarters in Jamaica.



Richard Hansen, new president of the Jamaica NAACP, is shown in his St. Albans home with his wife Juliette and two daughters, Dionne, 3, left, and Greer, 8.