



# Third Annual Commencement

by Dean Anderson

On Friday, June 5, 288 students took part in Harper's third annual commencement exercises. An outdoor ceremony was held in the north parking lot of the school in temporary facilities especially erected for the graduation.

It was felt to be of utmost importance that the ceremony be on Harper soil. Previous commencements were held at a high school and it was therefore extremely hard for Harper graduates to take real pride in their graduation.

Summer graduates also participated in the ceremony, even though they will not complete their degree requirements until the end of the summer session.

Receiving degrees or certificates were 160 men and 128 women. Of the 234 June graduates, 99 received

Associate of Arts degrees, 60 Associate of Science degrees, 65 Associate of Applied Science degrees, and 10 received certificates.

Of the summer graduates, 26 received the A.A. degrees, 5 A.S. degrees, 3 A.A.S. degrees, and 20 were certificate recipients.

Members of the faculty were present at the ceremony, dressed in graduation gowns with the colors of their respective alma maters.

The graduation began with a procession of the graduates followed by an invocation given by Reverend Mark Kuntson. A President's welcome was given by Dr. Robert E. Lahti, which was followed by two choral selections by the Concert Choir, Jerry F. Davidson, conductor.

The commencement address was given by Nicholas H. Holt, Associate Director of the Chicago Cen-

ter for Urban Projects, Inc. Holt is also the director of the Urban Fellows program, in which he works with men in the business community for periods of six months. During this time he shows them many of the problems in the urban environment and recommends solutions. It is then hoped the businessmen will initiate company action to rectify the problems.

Holt promotes this method of solving urban difficulties by stressing that it works within the systems of the present society and is not revolutionary in nature.

After the commencement address, Dr. Lahti presented the graduates and Mr. James J. Hamill, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, conferred the degrees upon the graduating Class of 1970.

