

## Stewart Exhibition Featured

# Black Arts Tennis Tourney Set

George Stewart, seven times singles champion of the American Tennis Association, will be featured in an exhibition match as a highlight of the Reston Black Arts Festival's Invitational Tennis Tournament to be held Sunday and Monday, Sept. 1 and 2.

The tournament will bring together topflight players in Reston and the Washington metropolitan area. Irving R. Holmes, Jr., is tournament chairman and may be reached at 860-1678, by interested entrants.

Stewart, a legendary figure in ATA tennis circles and now a program director for the District of Columbia Recreation Department, will join Doris Gilmore in a mixed doubles exhibition against a yet unnamed Reston team, at 3:30 p.m. on

Sunday, Sept. 1.

### Two-Day Tournament

The competitive play will begin on Sunday, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m., at the Southgate Tennis Courts. Two events will be featured, the men's and women's singles, with trophies for the winners donated by the Reston Employment Service. The Monday program will also begin at 10 a.m.

This free event is new for the sixth annual Black Arts Festival: everyone is invited to see the matches.

### Seven Times Champion

Stewart was seven times men's singles champion of the ATA before retiring from competitive play.

Stewart, who dominated ATA tournaments during his heyday, won the title for the first time in 1947 and the last time in 1964. Over that period, he captured

championships in 1948, '51, '52, '53 and '57, in addition to teaming with a partner for several doubles titles.

The ATA is the national association of black tennis clubs and for years member players were restricted to ATA competition. Thus Stewart never had an opportunity to gain such international fame in the tennis world as Arthur Ashe. Veteran observers,

however, insist that he would have easily made the grade had the opportunity been his as it was Ashe's.

Now retired, Stewart is developing a new identity in the tennis field by handling tournaments from the administrative end as program director for the D.C. Recreation Department and helping develop youngsters in the game of tennis.

## Registration Ends For RYAA Soccer

Final registration for Reston Youth Athletic Association soccer will be held on Sept. 6 and 7. This will be the last chance to register before the season commences.