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Negro Representatives Introduce FEP Bill in Missouri Legislature

Jefferson City, Mo. —(ANP)—
In a precedent shattering move, two Negro members of the Missouri legislature, William Massingale (D., St. Louis) and James McKinley Neal (D., Kansas City) put the issue of outlawing job discrimination squarely before that body on Wednesday of last week. Massingale and Neal introduced the FEP bill after a careful study of the New York and California measures which they used as guides in drawing up their proposal.

The act provides penalties against unions and employers who discriminate against workers because of race, color, religion or national origin, and is the first time legislation of this nature has ever been introduced into a Missouri assembly.

The authors of the bill would place the administration of the measure in the hands of a fair employment practices commission of five members, to be appointed by the governor, with power to investigate and hear charges. In addition, the commission would be given the authority to order the hiring or reinstatement of persons discriminated against with or without back pay. Decisions of the commission would be made subject to review by an appropriate court with the limitation that review must be completed within five months.

Massingale and Neal have already felt the sting of discrimination at the public lunch stand in the capital building. They were also offered a segregated office. Both have redeclared their intention to oppose such undemocratic practices as long as they are in the assembly.

Campus News



by Jeanne

Malone

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson of the University of Nebraska as guest speaker at the annual Lincoln Urban League dinner Wednesday night expressed his views toward racial prejudice.

Dr. Gustavson asserted that racial prejudice was worse than either religious or class prejudices because the victim isn't responsible for the color of his ancestors.

Chancellor Gustavson's attitude toward racial democracy gives a ray of hope to Negro students attending the University. Perhaps some of the prejudices practiced on the campus especially in residence houses and in competitive sports will be eliminated.

This week's interviewee was Miss Oneda Eloise Jones, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. C. C. Jones of Omaha.

While a student in Technical high school Eloise was a member of Girl Reserves and participated in graduation exercises when she graduated in June of 1946.

Miss Jones was crowned Queen Auroa XVI in the annual Coronation celebration, June 3 sponsored by St. Phillipps Episcopal church, of which Eloise is a member.

Last fall Miss Jones matriculated in the University of Nebraska and is majoring in Home Economics. She plans to specialize in textiles.

What's Doing in Alliance!

Beatrice Motley, reporter

Mrs. Ben Nelson recently returned from a visit in Omaha and a short stop in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nickens entertained a few guests in their home at a party Thursday evening, January 23.

Mrs. Bert Harris Jr. arrived in Alliance Wednesday, January 22, after a visit to relatives in Washington.

Virgil James R. Motley, departed from Alliance Sunday, January 26, to enter into the Rocky Mountain A.A.U. Boxing Tournament in Denver, Colorado.

Edgar Sayers is reported as doing nicely. He hopes to recuperate sooner than the doctors have predicted.



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