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## Race Newsman Admitted To Press Galleries

T. T. McWilliams Sr.



Rev. Trago T. McWilliams Sr. received an appointment this week as pastor of Christ Temple Church (Holiness) 702 Oakland Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. The appointment was made by Wm. A. Washington, Presiding Bishop of the Western Diocese.

Rev. and Mrs. McWilliams will leave Lincoln about April 1, 1947.

### GEORGIA

ATLANTA. (AP). The state supreme court in a 5 to 2 decision Wednesday held that M. E. Thompson is Georgia's governor and that Herman Talmadge's election by the legislature was illegal.

Talmadge, who assumed office with the backing of national guard officers and state troopers, announced that he would vacate both the executive office and the mansion "as soon as we can get the files out and our personal effects packed." Thompson will serve until January, 1949.

TALMADGE SAID in a statement to newsmen that he considered the people the court of last resort in political questions, and said the question "will be carried to the court of last resort." He did not elaborate further on the statement.

Talmadge said he would not

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### "BI-FOCAL VISION IN RACE RELATIONS"

Theme for Woman's Society of Christian Service

Race relations is one of the greatest ethical issues today and the tempo of bridging the gap between the democratic ideals and the practices of the American people needs to be increased, Mrs. Rubie Shakespeare, Editor of The VOICE, told members of the Women Society, Wednesday afternoon at the St. Paul Methodist church.

"We should spend most of our energy in the elimination of discrimination and less in trying to argue people out of their prejudices," she stated. She urged that her listeners follow the example of "the great Humanitarian"—Jesus Christ—in exemplifying in every day living the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The church should exert its full influence in the eradication of racial segregation and discrimination and to fight against whatever "implies for any group a 'ghetto pattern' of living," she stated. "If the church is to remain the champion of human rights," Mrs. Shakespeare explained, "it must take immediate steps to eliminate all racial segregation and discrimination."

She asserted that "there comes from every quarter evidence that the Christian church is becoming ashamed of itself and of the too often passive roles it has played in the realms of race relations."

Mrs. Izetta Malone gave highlights of the book "Portrait of a Pilgrim" by Buell G. Gallagher. Dr. Aaron McMillian, missionary to West Africa, also spoke of his work and about the positive side of race relations.

What is a culture? It is a careful knowledge of the Past out of which the group as such has emerged: in our case a knowledge of African history and social development—one of the richest and most intriguing which the world has known.

### GOOLSBY CITES GOALS OF SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL

Charles Goolsby, University student and member of the Lincoln social action council, spoke to the members of the Y.M.C.A. men's club Tuesday night.

GOOLSBY OUTLINED the work of the council in trying to promote the welfare of minority groups in Lincoln. He described the work of the council as "an honest attempt by citizens to make democracy work."

"Employment and housing are the serious problems of the minorities in Lincoln," he emphasized. One of the council's objectives in this regard, he explained, is to impress on the business men of the city, the productivity of hiring skilled members of minority groups rather than letting this manpower pool go to waste.

AT THE PRESENT time, Goolsby elaborated, the council in conducting a survey of business and the employment of minority groups in an effort to effect an Improvement.—Lincoln Journal

### Veterans Administration Press Release

Ashley Westmoreland, Veterans Administration Regional Office Manager at Lincoln, urged veterans in this vicinity not to write, wire or telephone to Kansas City if their subsistence checks are delayed.

"Through some misunderstanding," he said. "a considerable number of Nebraska veterans have concluded that the Veterans Administration office in Kansas City has something to do with the issuance of their subsistence checks. This conclusion is with-

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WASHINGTON—In an unprecedented move here Friday, the executive committee of the Periodical Correspondents Association voted unamously to grant membership in the Senate and House Press Galleries to P. L. Prattis, nationally-known newspaper man, as the Washington representative of "Our World" magazine. Mr. Prattis is also the executive editor of the Pittsburgh Courier.

The approval of Mr. Prattis marks the first time in the history of the association that a Negro magazine or newspaper writer has been given the privilege of sitting in the select Congressional galleries reserved for periodical representatives.

Meanwhile protests to Capitol Hill against the barring of Louis Lautier, a Negro newspaper correspondent, from Congressional press galleries, brought action from Senator C. Wayland Brooks (R., Ill.) chairman of the powerful Senate Rules Committee.

The Senator from Illinois called for a meeting of his full committee this week to consider the matter, after the NAACP and several white dailies had spoken against the action of the Press Correspondents Association, in denying Lautier admission.

The local branch of the NAACP sent a strongly worded telegram to House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. and Senator Brooks, asking them to see that Negro reporters are admitted to the galleries.

Commenting on Lautier's rejection, the Washington Post declared: "The present rule denies these newspapers (Negro papers) any representation in the galleries and thus makes extremely difficult for them the 'courageous, constructive reporting' for which

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