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## So. Africa United Nations

PARIS.—The United Nations Human Rights Commission, passed by the UN Social Committee on a 9-0 vote here Tuesday, Dec. 7, received a stormy reception from the general assembly meeting Friday. The session which closed with proponents and opponents fighting to a deadlock, was characterized by charges and counter charges being hurled back and forth.

Strongest opposition was registered by the South African delegates, who accused those favoring the bill of rights of going "too far." Russia, silent up to now as to her views on the declaration, leaped in to accuse England and the United States of jointly being responsible for World War II, and to blast Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, member of the 53-nation social committee and head of the human rights commission, for the prominent part she played in drafting the document.

Earlier in the week, the declaration was approved by 29 members of the social group, including the U. S. representative, with no vote being cast against it. Seven nations, made up of Canada and the Slav bloc, abstained from voting. Twenty-two nations were absent from the session.

The final draft, now before the general assembly, represents two and a half years in ideological debate over each article contained therein. It was hailed by Mrs. Roosevelt as "probably the most important thing done by man for many years from a moral and spiritual point of view." She pointed out that although it was not binding on the UN, its "moral effect" would be great.

She predicted that censorship "cannot bar human rights" and that a "curious grapevine" would inform the Russian people of the bill of rights. "It is true that the declaration does not oblige a nation to change its laws, but any such document drawn up by 58 nations has a moral effect," she declared. "Little by little nations will change things as people ask their governments why they do not receive those rights."

"Even in countries where the press is government-controlled, information of the human rights set down in the declaration will seep through. The UN document is like the American Bill of Rights, which has influenced the United

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Human Rights Association

CHICAGO. (ANP). Atty. Sidney A. Jones, jr., was elected the 1949 president of the Cook County Bar association, during its annual meeting here last week. Jones succeeds retiring president, Nelson M. Willis, in the organization which represents approximately 300 Negro lawyers and a few from other racial groups in the city.

Also elected were Attys. James D. Crosson, Charles F. Lane, and Joseph E. Snowden jr., first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively; Lucia T. Thomas, general secretary; Theodore F. Crawley, financial secretary; William K. Hooks, treasurer; Carl T. Robinson, librarian, and James A. Greene, sergeant-at-arms.

Names to the board of directors were Attys. Jewel S. Rogers, Bindley C. Cyrus, William H. Huff, James B. Cashin, C. Francis Stradford, Nelson M. Willis, Zedrick T. Braden and Earl B. Dickerson.

After the meeting, the new president played host to the membership at a banquet. Judge Wendell E. Green served as master of ceremonies for the occasion. Attorney Lane is also General Counsel for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Jones is its Constitution Chairman.

States, although it is not always followed to the letter.

Hardest problems faced by delegates were to reconcile conflicting ideas on the relationship of man to state and the relative importance of liberty and security.

Most significant of the articles in the declaration were those pertaining to freedom of life, liberty and security of person; discrimination; right to free trial; equal pay for equal work; and rights to marry and divorce.

## Parents Burned In Blast Children Face Bleak Holiday As Home Wrecked



PICTURED ABOVE ARE CHARLOTTE, 5; Virginia, 10 and Diana, 7, children of Mr. and Mrs. Horance Venerable, whose parents have been hospitalized as result of freak blast.

Christmas morn will dawn and the three little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Horance Venerable, 1951 Vine street, will rise to a holiday voided by the absence of their parents.

Their plight is the result of an explosion in the basement of the Walter Washington home last Dec. 15, when gas, leaking from a defective pipe, was ignited apparently by a pilot light. The blast wrecked the house and furnishings and sent Mr. Venerable and his wife, Juanita, to St. Elizabeth's hospital for treatment. Mrs. Venerable received bad burns about the face, arms and legs from the flash. Mr. Venerable, who had not arisen at the time, received a deep cut on his foot as he was thrown from his bed. He also received burns in extinguishing the flames set to Mrs. Venerable's clothing. At the time of the unfortunate incident, Mrs. Washington was in the kitchen getting the children off to school. Venerable operates a record shop on 9th street.

Mr. Walter Washington, with whom the Venerables live, is employed at the YMCA and was at work at the time. The explosion virtually lifted the small house from its foundations, buckled floors and broke windows. Loss and damage was estimated at \$7,500.

## Mary Bethune Club Elects for 1949

The Mary Bethune literary and art club, has named its officers for the coming year. Mrs. William B. Davis was elected president of the group, which is a member of the Lincoln Inter-Club Council. Other officers are: Vice president: Mrs. James Fuller. Secretary: Mrs. Horace Cooke. Treasurer: Mrs. Clodine Adkins.

## Mizzoo Students Vote Admission Of Negroes

COLUMBIA, Mo. (ANP). The Council of the University of Missouri student government association voted last Wednesday to call a referendum on the Board of Curators' recent action in recommending limited admission of Negro students. The curators had recommended that Negroes be admitted to the graduate and professional schools of the university. The referendum is tentatively set for Jan. 18.

## Joe Louis Opens School In Chicago

CHICAGO. (ANP). Heavyweight Joe Louis, in Chicago for his Dec. 17 bout with Billy Conn at the International Amphitheater, took time out to open up his new Chicago School of Automotive Trades, Tuesday, Dec. 7. In the best tradition of premiere events, Louis went through the motions of the grinding of television cameras, flashing of photo bulbs and the patter of roving radio reporters.

Featured guest at opening of the school, which can accommodate 1,000 students, and is located at 610 E. 61st street, was Joe's former teacher, Miss Veda Schwader of Detroit, who suggested to the champ several years ago he should take up a trade because he was good with his hands.

On his six-round exhibition stint with Billy Conn, Joe remarked, "We both mean business. Sure, he's serious about the fight. He'll be in there trying, but I'll be trying too. I'll keep a watch on him."

## Lebanon Lodge No. 3 Renames Kelley Master

At its annual election Tuesday, December 14, Lebanon Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. (Prince Hall affiliation) renamed Mr. Jewell R. Kelley as Worshipful Master for the coming year. This will be his second term. Other electees were:

- Sr. Warden: Sam Kimbrough.
- Jr. Warden: Estelle Powell.
- Sec'y: John Irving.
- Treas.: William Hightower.
- Sr. Deacon: John Reed.
- Jr. Deacon: Howard Bean.
- Sr. Steward: Charles Bradley.
- Jr. Steward: Webster Fowler.
- Tyler: J. C. Wilson.
- Chaplain: Clyde Malone.

## Gibson Named Head of Local Alpha Chapter

The election results of Beta Beta chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, held recently at the Student Union, have been announced by Charles M. Goolsby, the fraternity director for the Iowa-Nebraska region. Successful candidates were:

- President: Ira Gibson.
- Vice president: Welcome Bryant.
- Secretary: Alfred Grice.
- Corresponding secretary: Ernest A. Jones.
- Treasurer: Robert Taylor.

Gibson was formerly Dean of Pledges in the chapter. The organization has about 200 chapters in accredited colleges and universities and about 10,000 members. Its motto: "First of all, the servants of all, we shall transcend all."

## President Gets Appeal

Dr. A. Powell Davies, Washington, D. C., Unitarian minister, has appealed to President Truman to appoint a Negro to his cabinet. A timely suggestion upon which it is to be hoped Mr. Truman will act.

## Champion and Potential Champions



Cortez W. Peters, national typewriting champion, with Joyce Reynolds, youthful typing marvel of Gary, Ind., and Bernard Johnson of Chicago. Joyce at 11 could type 130 words a minute. Mr. Peters says she has more natural ability than anyone he has met

during his long career in typing competition. Bernard, who is 10, started typing last July and in four months had climbed to 45 words a minute. Recently Mr. Peters typed 152 words a minute while wearing wool gloves. (ANP).

## GREETINGS AT CHRISTMAS

AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Rev. and Mrs. Melvin L. Shakespeare and The Staff