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## Wesleyan Head Resigns, Accepts Cleveland Presidency

Dr. John L. Knight, Chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University, announced last Wednesday that the Board of Trustees had accepted his resignation, effective July 1st, in order that he may accept the Presidency of Baldwin-Wallace College in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Knight came to Lincoln from Salem, Oregon, where he was president of Williamette University. Since his coming in 1946, he has been an advocate of progress in education and an outspoken proponent of fair play and equal opportunity for all.

Last April, speaking to a group of Lincoln citizens, Dr. Knight said, "The protection of civil rights is a national problem which concerns all of our citizenry. The fact that we have so many citizens who profess democracy and yet who are not intelligently aware of the existence of many serious violations of civil rights in this country gives little promise for the continuation of that democracy."

But, going further, Chancellor Knight said that the existence of deplorable conditions should not make us unmindful of the many splendid advances which have been made under our democratic system or the possibility of rapid advance under its more complete realization.

When Chancellor Knight leaves this summer to accept his new post, Lincoln and Nebraska will have lost one of its most progressive religionists, educators and citizens.

## Bunche Won't Fix Blame In New Outbreak

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (ANP). Mediator Ralph J. Bunche refused here last week to place the blame on either the Israeli forces for the Egyptian units for the new outbreak of hostilities in the Negev section in violation of truce agreements. He told reporters that he was unable to say who fired the first shot in the renewed Negev fighting which was then entering its fifth day and spreading almost to the Egyptian frontier.

A report, bearing Bunche's signature but prepared by UN observers on the Egyptian side, tended to support complaints that Israeli forces had reopened hostilities.

However, Bunche said that the report contained only the Egyptian viewpoint since he was unable to include statements from observers on the Israeli side. This inability was laid to the fact that establishment of UN observers' posts in the Negev had not been permitted.

"I have no knowledge of any incidents which could be claimed as provocation for the fighting in the Negev," Bunche said.

## NAACP Honors Sponsor of Freedom Train

NEW YORK. (ANP). The NAACP awarded the sponsors of the Freedom Train, the American Heritage foundation, last week special honors for its tour of the past year.

Executive Secy. Watler White in presenting the award cited the foundation "for its contribution to the raising of the level of active citizenship by bringing together all Americans, regardless of race, creed or color, in rededication to our ideals of freedom and for enforcing a national policy of non-segregation at all exhibits."



—Courtesy The Lincoln Journal.  
CHANCELLOR J. L. KNIGHT.

## Court Postpones Action on the Carver Memorial

By Rob Roy Ratliff.

JOPLIN, Mo. (ANP). Claims of exception filed by both sides regarding awards made in the government's suit condemning land for a memorial of Dr. George Washington Carver, led to an order from the court delaying trial of the case for a possible six months.

Judge Albert A. Ridge of Kansas City issued the order this week passing the case over the January term of his court in Joplin. It is presumed that the matter will be placed on the docket for the next court term in May or June.

The action followed the filing of exceptions to awards made by a court-appointed commission for the 210-acre farm near Diamond, Mo., that the government is securing for the Carver shrine. Both the government and the defendants in the case disagreed with the awards.

The court order stated that the action was taken by stipulation of the persons concerned. Dr. Dawson W. Derfelt, present owner of the land, and the Empire District Electric company protested awards of \$34,650 and \$14,300 respectively. The protests stated in exceptions that the totals were grossly inadequate.

Counsel for the government contends that the two awards and an additional award of \$2,183.49 to

## Barney Ewell Honored By Home Town

LANCASTER, Pa. (ANP). Olympics star Barney Ewell was honored by his home town last week when his fellow citizens presented him a completely furnished six-room house.

Local admirers took Ewell, his wife and son to the new home, handed him the keys to the front door, and told the Ewells to move right in.

Funds for this gift were collected on Barney Ewell day last September at special ceremonies in his honor. One of his Olympics teammates, Harrison Dillard, took part in that program.

Ewell, at 31, ran second in photo finishes in the 100 and 200 meter dashes and ran on the winning U. S. relay team at the Olympics in London last summer.

Ewell was subsequently suspended by the AAU as a professional for accepting the gift, but Ewell said he was proud of the gift of Lancaster citizens and that he would accept the ruling.

## May Curb Power Of House Rules Committee

WASHINGTON. (ANP). A scheme to curb the powers of the house rules committee was planned for introduction by Rep. George M. Grant (d., Ala.) as soon as congress met Jan. 3.

His aim was to move that the committee cannot change any legislation that is referred to it. Representative Grant said he could not go so far as one group suggested, that of taking away all the rules committee's powers except that of fixing dates for bills to be debated.

Representative Grant planned to get his motion passed before the house passed on its own rules of procedure which are usually those of the preceding house.

At present the rules committee must pass on all bills before they get a chance to reach the house floor.

the New-Mac electric co-operative were "excessive."

The Empire District Electric company has requested a jury trial of the issues and the request will probably be honored when the case is heard.

The postponement will stretch the litigation over a year's period and will lengthen the time before actual work on the national shrine to the late Dr. Carver can begin. Officials have estimated that no work can begin until late 1950.

## Two American Women Plan to Dedicate Lives for One World

By Gladys P. Graham.

NEW YORK. (ANP). Two retired school marmes have declared their loyalty to "One World" as a reality, and have indicated they will dedicate the rest of their lives to the International Affairs Program of America.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who received a bronze plaque from the Jewish Philanthropic league of Brooklyn for her work in child welfare, has announced that she will devote the rest of her life to the success of the UN and the

continued improvement of international affairs.

Norma E. Boyd, one of the incorporators of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which was founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard university, and national chairman of the Non-Partisan council on public affairs for 10 years, is in accord with Mrs. Roosevelt. Miss Boyd has also come out with her declaration for a better and more workable international affairs program to which she had dedicated the full force of her energies.

## Ethiopians Want Italian Lords Responsible for African War to Be Brought to Trial for Crimes

LONDON—(ANP)—Ethiopia has made formal demands upon the U. S., British, French and Russian governments, to force Italy to surrender Marshals Pietro Badoglio, former Italian prime minister, and Rodolfo Graziani, former Italian governor-general of Ethiopia, for trial as war criminals, it was announced here last week by the Ethiopian legation.

The demand, made in notes to the four powers, asked that their ambassadors in Rome represent the Ethiopian government in discussions with the Italian government under the terms of the Italian peace treaty.

It also named ten other Italians said to have been listed by the UN war crimes tribunal last May as guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity during the war against Ethiopia and during the Italian occupation.

However, the notes stated that Ethiopia would only bring Badoglio and Graziani to trial "as the persons most responsible for the policy of systematic errorism during the occupation."

## Msgr. Wegner Chosen For U.L. Speaker



—Courtesy The Lincoln Journal.  
MSGR. NICHOLAS WEGNER.

Msgr. Nicholas Wegner will be the main speaker for the annual dinner meeting of the Lincoln Urban League on January 11, according to an announcement from the league made last week.

Msgr. Wegner succeeded the late, world-renowned Father Flanagan as director of Boys Town. He is well acquainted with the solution of social problems as evidenced by the successful operation of the democratic young men's community which has had three Negro mayors in the last two years.

## Walter Rife Succumbs to Stroke, Dec. 30

Mr. Walter Rife, 55, of 2001 "T" street, died Thursday, Dec. 30 as the result of a stroke suffered on the way home work. He was rushed to Bryan Memorial hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Mr. Rife had been a resident for Lincoln since 1926 and was employed by the Western Electric company. Since last June, he had also operated Rife's Cuddle Inn, popular ice cream center for young folks. He was born in Camero Junction, Mo., June 29, 1893. In 1926, he married Miss Lillian Buckner in St. Joseph where they lived until they moved to Lincoln.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist church and Lebanon Lodge No. 3 A. F. & A. M. (PHA). The lodge had charge of the services at the church and grave on Monday.

Surviving are his widow, Lillian, two brothers; Ernest, Lothrop, Mo., and Leonard; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Divers, Mrs. Loretta Smith and Mrs. James Gurm, all of Des Moines, Ia., 29 nieces and nephews and 8 grandnieces and nephews.

## \$100,000 Program Approved For Shorter College

LITTLE ROCK. (ANP). Delegates to the Arkansas-Oklahoma AME conference, meeting in Bethel AME church here last week approved a \$100,000 educational program for Shorter college.

The program calls for \$40,000 to be spent for a new building and equipment for the home economics department, \$50,000 for operational expenses of the college and \$10,000 toward purchase of housing and land adjacent to the campus.

Twenty-seven presiding elders, 700 pastors and 300 lay representatives attended the meeting, presided over by Bishop W. A. Fountain of Atlanta.

## Eric Williams to UN Commission For Caribbean

GUADALOUPE, West Indies. (ANP). Dr. Eric Williams, formerly of Howard university, who has been serving as acting deputy chairman of the Research council of the UN Caribbean commission has been named to serve again in the post until May, 1949.

Permanent officials could not be named at this time because some of the national sections had to await instructions from their governments. Williams, who is on leave from Howard, is expected to be named to the post permanently.

## Response to Questions

Questionnaires were sent to a number of families during the past week. Their names will be listed in the order in which the returns are received. Other questionnaires will be sent later.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fuller.  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jackson.  
Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Tarpley, Sr.  
Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Powell.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Adams.  
Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Brooks.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams.