



Truman Wants Rights Laws

Broad Social Program For Country Handed Congress; Stabilized Economy Sought

President Truman delivered his annual "state of the union" address to a joint session of the Congress on January 5th. Appearing before the highest legislative body in the land for his fourth such address, this year Mr. Truman brought his message for the first time as president by election.

He began, "The state of the union is good." Then followed requests, which in general asked the now Democratically-controlled Congress to enact into law the many reforms he proposed during his campaign last fall. Some senators expressed surprise that the president should try to keep his campaign promises in what has been termed a "keep faith with the voters" move.

Mr. Truman asked for broad economic controls to halt inflation, stabilize some prices and an increase in the taxes for corporations and upper income groups. He also asked the approval of a 75-cent-an-hour minimum wage for industrial workers. The government has abandoned the "trickling down from the top" theory of prosperity in favor of an economy based on general prosperity.

He also asked for approval of the government building of additional means of production to increase materials now in short supply. Universal military training to strengthen the defense establishment.

He clearly urged the passage of his civil rights proposals presented to the last Congress—anti-poll tax, anti-lynch, fair employment practices, etc.

The president then asked for federal aid to education, the continuation of subsidies to farmers and aid to low rent housing programs. He also included increased social security benefits and a plan for prepaid health insurance.

Response to the President's message was varied. Some senators agreed with parts of it but pledged "last ditch" opposition to other parts, particularly the civil rights provision. Whereas, twenty years ago his message would have received with some alarm, last week it was "old hat" to Wall Street and trading increased slightly following its delivery.

Charles Boyer, Liberal Actor, Is Honored by France

NEW YORK. (ANP). Charles Boyer, the liberal French actor who bars any form of racial discrimination at his performances received a signal order here. Mr. Boyer, star of "Red Gloves," was awarded the title of Chevalier de la legion d' Honneur, Tuesday at the French Embassy by Ambassador Henri Bonnet.

Kansas-born Lorenzo Fuller, baritone recently from the Finian's Rainbow cast, and the Detroit choir-singer Annabelle Hill (last seen in New York at Cafe Society downtown), will open with Alfred Drake, in "Kiss Me Kate," at the Century theater.

Dean Dixon, conductor of the American Youth orchestra, presented the interracial group in the third of the four concerts scheduled for young people at the Brooklyn academy of Music, Jan. 8.

Mt. Zion's Pastor



—Courtesy of The Lincoln Journal.

REV. WILLIAM I. MONROE.
The Rev. William I. Monroe, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 13th and "F" Street. He comes to his Lincoln pastorate from the Second Baptist church in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Rep. Dawson to be Honored at Dinner January 21st

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Citizens from all over the nation will honor Rep. William L. Dawson of Illinois Jan. 21, at a testimonial dinner in the dining room of the Department of Interior.

Chairman of the dinner committee is Dr. Marshall Shepard, recorder of deeds. He will be assisted by Mrs. Christine Ray Davis, secretary, and Emory B. Smith, treasurer.

Sen. Howard McGrath, chairman of the National Democratic committee, and Sen. Scott Lucas of Illinois will be honorary co-chairmen, Dr. Shepard announced.

A partial list of sponsors includes:

Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas of California and her actor-director husband, Melvyn Douglas; Mrs. India Edwards, women's division, National Democratic committee; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president, National Council of Negro Women. Leslie Perry, NAACP; Dr. W. H. Jernagin, Booker T. McGraw, James Loeb, Dean Susie A. Elliot, Asst. Atty. Gen. David Bazelon.

Under Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, Miss Sidney Wilkinson, Dr. Frank R. Jones, Lt. and Mrs. Dennis Nelson.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, Gov. William H. Hastie, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, and Mrs. Ann Arnold Hedgeman.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for the lovely cards, flowers, encouraging letters and those who volunteered and gave their blood during Mrs. Moody's recent illness.

—Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Moody.

Fern Colburn Heads Penna. FEPC Committee

PHILADELPHIA. (ANP). Fern M. Colborn, who has been active in church and community affairs for a number of years, has been named chairman of the executive committee of the State Council for a Pennsylvania FEPC, chairman of the Council, Clarence E. Pickett, announced this week.

Miss Colborn will head the steering group of the State Council but will retain her present position as Assistant Secretary of the Division of Social Education and Action of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S.

A member of the Council since its founding last June, Miss Colborn has been serving as a field representative helping to organize and advise community groups for FEPC. The Council hopes to secure the passage of a fair employment practices law by the Pennsylvania legislature in 1949.

Senator Douglas Has Negro Girl On His Staff

CHICAGO. (ANP). For the first time in the history of the U. S., according to reports, a U. S. senator has hired a Negro to his staff.

Newly elected Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois has as a member of his Washington staff Marguerite Ingram, a graduate of Roosevelt college in Chicago. Although she is the first Negro, to be a member of a senator's staff, several Negroes have worked on the staffs of representatives.

Lincoln Univ. is Member of National Athletic Assn.

JEFFERSON CITY. (ANP). Lincoln university in Missouri is among the 13 universities and colleges voted active membership in the National Collegiate Athletic association during the past year, it was announced here last week by head football coach and athletic director, Raymond Kemp.

Official word of Lincoln's acceptance based upon application made last spring came from the association's secretary, Kenneth L. Wilson, in Chicago.

The NCAA, which has 264 active members among colleges of the country, has in addition to the promotion of athletics, a chief aim of exercising control over aid to athletes, Mr. Kemp believes it would be a good thing for the university and possibly raise the general level of athletics at the institution.

Mrs. Wm. Glenn Is Member of Clerical Pool

Returned to the Clerical Pool for the Nebraska legislature is Mrs. Dorothy Glenn of Omaha. Mrs. Glenn is well known to Lincolniters since she is beginning her third tour of employ in the pool, having served during the tenure of the younger Senator Adams in 1937 and again later.

Mrs. Glenn is the wife of Mr. William Glenn, publisher of the Omaha American Record, a weekly newspaper.

Peterson Sworn Into Office; Tells State's Progress

Nebraska Bill For F.E.P. In Preparation

Last Friday a bill to eliminate discrimination in employment was tossed into the hopper for new bills in the legislature by Sen. John Adams from Omaha's Fifth District. Senators have twenty days after opening day in which to introduce new bills from the floor.

The information filed was sent to the Legislative council where the reference bureau seeks out any duplication in existing laws and thence to the bill drafting committee that does the actual writing of the bills. This assures uniformity in the form and language of our state laws. When written, the bill will be sent to the senate where it will be read by title, given a number and then assigned to one of the standing committees for consideration, in this case probably the Judiciary or Labor committee. On passing the committee, it is introduced into the legislature for consideration.

Liberian Envoy to Attend Truman's Inauguration

MONROVIA. (ANP). The Honorable William R. Tolbert has been named as special envoy and personal representative of William V. S. Tubman, President of Liberia, to attend the inauguration in Washington of President Truman.

Mr. Tolbert, who is from Montserrat county, is chairman of the Ways and Means committee, the Inauguration committee. As chairman of the former committee, he was primarily responsible for the successful party tendered President and Mrs. Tubman on the birthday of the President, Nov. 29 by the national legislature. Before entering the legislature, Mr. Tolbert served as government disbursing officer for a number of years.

Mrs. Roosevelt Will Be Speaker At Youth Council

NEW YORK. (ANP). Because of her fearless, world-wide fight for human rights, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has been asked to address the annual national convention of the American Council on Youth which is scheduled to convene Feb. 1-5, at the Commodore hotel here.

The council, composed of young leaders of the arts, sciences and professions, named Mrs. Roosevelt the "Most Outstanding Woman of the Year" for her sincere crusade for the extension of basic human rights.

Several hundred people assembled in the beautiful west Senate chamber of the state capitol Thursday, January 6, including the legislature and their ladies, the various state officers and members of the Supreme Court, to see and hear Val Peterson sworn into office the second time for governor of the state and to hear his message to the people on that occasion.

In beginning his second administration, Governor Peterson observed that substantial progress has been made in the past two years in solving some of the state's most pressing problems—roads, schools and conservation, among others.

The issue of the State's roads must be met "affirmatively," he declared and called for redistricting of schools. Citing the 1.1 mill levy for state institutional buildings, he pointed out that it had received much praise as one of the most farsighted programs undertaken by Nebraska government. The governor pointed out the great advantage that would accrue to citizens of the state with the Missouri River development program, which would not only increase the amount of irrigable lands in the state, but would also bring many new industries within its borders with the increase hydro-electric power.

After asking for a special study of the State civil service system, he closed with the hope that needed repairs would be allowed for by this session of the legislature.

Associate Justice Edward F. Carter administered the oath of office to Mr. Peterson in the absence of Chief Justice Robert G. Simmons, who was ill.

Sleeping Sickness Cure Brings New Day for Africa

LONDON. (ANP). Discovery of a drug to cure sleeping sickness of all kinds in cattle, horses, camels and other animals was looked upon here Thursday by the British colonial office as heralding a new day for the African continent, particularly in the areas of the Sudan, Kenya, Uganda and West Africa.

The drug, developed by British scientists headed by Drs. D. G. Davey and F. H. Curd, is a white crystalline powder called "antricyde," which can be injected into animals with a syringe.

The sleeping sickness is technically known as trypanosomiasis, and is carried by the tsetse fly. The curing and prophylactic effect of the drug would turn 4,500,000 square miles of desolate African hinterland into one of the world's great cattle regions. The area has been closed to economic development partly because of the ravages of the sickness spread by the tsetse fly. It reportedly is capable of nurturing more cattle than Argentina, which handles 35,000,000 head.