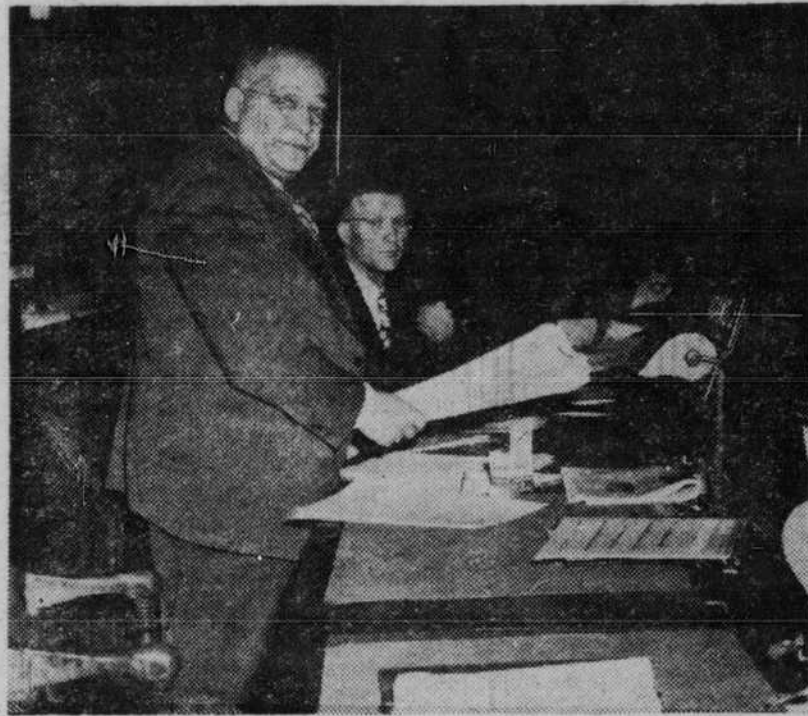




## Dawson Head of Expense Committee

### Sen. Adams Presents FEP Bill



—Randol Photo

SEN. JOHN ADAMS, SR. (right) is shown presenting a bill for fair employment practices in Nebraska during the Thursday morning session of the Nebraska legislature. The bill would make it illegal for employers to refuse to hire a qualified person because of his "race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, and is designed to safeguard the right "to obtain and hold employment without such discrimination."

### Gustavson Head Of State 'March Of Dimes' Drive

Dr. R. G. Gustavson, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska and State MARCH OF DIMES Chairman, for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has announced that the 1949 appeal officially opened all over the nation Friday, January 14. Chancellor Gustavson, internationally known research scientist and educator, is a member of the national Medical Advisory Committee of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

"It is my very profound conviction," said Dr. Gustavson, "that the National Foundation is carrying on a tremendously important job in research, education and in taking care of patients. For this reason it is with a deep sense of responsibility that I have again accepted the appointment as State Chairman."

The National Foundation's only source of support, stated Chancellor Gustavson, is the contributions of the American people to the MARCH OF DIMES campaign each year in January. "But," urged the state leader, "please don't take the MARCH OF DIMES title too literally. It is only a symbol. It takes dollars... DOLLARS and many of them, to accomplish the all-out program conducted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis."

The campaign dates are January 14-31. One half of your contribution goes to finance research; training of professional personnel in fields bearing both upon research and treatment; and, for emergency aid in major epidemic areas. Gustavson said. The other 50 percent, he announced, stays in the county where contributed to assist local patients needing that help.

"Your contribution now," concluded Chancellor Gustavson, "as liberal as your heart and mind may dictate, will help to bring hope to today's victims and will,

### Lincoln U. Prexy Named in World Reference List

JEFFERSON CITY. (ANP). Dr. Sherman Scruggs, president of Lincoln university is among eight residents of this city to receive the recognition of having his biography in "World Biography."

This book is the world's largest international biographical reference book and lists sketches of 40,000 living men and women distinguished in the arts and sciences, politics, education, literature, commerce and industry, military and naval affairs, and other fields of endeavor.

### Freedom House's New Year's Message

NEW YORK. (ANP). The New Year's message from officials of Freedom House here Saturday urged that American people seek during 1949 "improvement in certain civil rights, end of racial discrimination and abolition of the electoral college." Freedom House is a liberal center established as a memorial to the late Wendell L. Willkie.

Signers of the message included Robert P. Patterson, president of Freedom House and former secretary of war; Leo Cherne, the Rev. George B. Ford and Dr. Harry D. Gidson, vice presidents; Herbert Bayard Swope, treasurer and George Field, executive secretary.

### S.C. Teachers OK Survey of Schools

COLUMBIA, S. C. (ANP). Negro teachers approved recommendations of the State Education Survey committee to study education in the state of South Carolina, last week, with the condition that more qualified Negroes be in the survey group.

by financing research and education, hasten the day when polio will no longer be a threat to the health and happiness of those we love."

### George Randol Sings for Local Benefit Show

Mr. George Randol, noted actor and concert singer and director of the Cirquet theatre here, was a participant in a Jewish benefit show Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Cornhusker hotel. Appearing also on the same program was a sextet of girls from the Urban League glee club, under the direction of Mrs. Eugenia Brown. The girls assisted Mr. Randol in a special arrangement by Mrs. Brown of the Hebrew song "Israel."

Mr. Bob Bretland accompanied at the Hammond organ and Mrs. Brown at the piano.

### Jane Molden Is First Negro Girl At Princeton Sem.

Miss Jane Molden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Molden of Weeping Water, Neb., was honored this fall with being the first Congregationalist conference. She received the award for her work as a group leader in the church's summer camps in the state.

According to the "Congregational Record," the conference publication, Miss Molden is the first Negro girl to attend the Princeton Theological Seminary where she is studying for her masters degree in Sociology. She did her undergraduate work at

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### H. Humphrey Addresses 34th General Convention of A. Phi A.

ATLANTIC CITY. (ANP). Thirty-six states and Jamaica, B. W. I., sent delegates to the 34th general convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, recently held here at the New Jersey Avenue school. Thousands of people of both races attended the public meeting which was held at the Casino Music hall on the Boardwalk, opposite the Steel Pier, to witness a colorful program at which Belford V. Lawson jr., general president, presided.

Raymond W. Cannon, former president of the fraternity, introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, the man who spearheaded a genuine Civil Rights platform in the democratic party.

In his address, Senator Humphrey stated: "I am sure that President Truman is sincere in his Civil Rights proposal, and will have something to say about this in his 'State of the Union' address. If it is in there I will be one of his ardent supporters, and if it is not in there I will be one of his early callers."

He further related that as mayor of Minneapolis, he put through a city FEPC and appointed Raymond W. Cannon a member of the commission.

"The FEPC has worked well in Minneapolis, and there is no reason why it should not be just as successful when adopted nationally," the senator declared.

Honorable Joseph A. Altman, mayor of Atlantic City, gave the welcome address. Other program participants were Father John

### Succeeds Rep. McCormack, Ok'd For House Majority Leadership

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The 81st Congress started off with a history making episode as it swung into high gear Monday. It made history when it appointed for the first time, a Negro to head an important house committee.

The way was officially cleared Friday for Congressman William L. Dawson (d., Ill.) to serve as chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in executive departments. Congressman John W. McCormack (d., Mass.) ranking member of the committee stepped aside, clearing the way for Congressman Dawson.

### NAACP Names Five Directors At Annual Meet

NEW YORK. (ANP). Five new members were elected to two-year terms as NAACP directors at the 40th annual meeting of the association in Willkie Memorial building here last week. In addition, Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Howard university, was appointed consultant on the UN and colonial problems, to replace Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, who recently left the NAACP to take a new post with the Council on African Affairs, Inc.

The five new board members are Drs. Joseph A. Berry, Tuskegee VA hospital; and Ulysses S. Wiggins, vice-president, New Jersey State NAACP conference; Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin; A. Maceo Smith, FHA race relations advisers, and Walter Reuther, international president, United Automobile Workers, CIO.

According to Walter White, the association now has a membership of nearly 500,000 in 1,551 active branches in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii.



SENATOR HUMPHREY. Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

Logan, Rawn Spearman, Dorothy Height, president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, John A. Brodhead, president of the American Teacher's association, Willie James and John Henry Hester.

The social side of the convention featured an Alpha reception, two formal parties, and a closed formal banquet. James C. Evans, Advisor to the Secretary of Defense, delivered a stirring address at the closed banquet.

The officers elected for 1949, are Belford V. Lawson, jr., Washington, D. C., general president; Maceo Hill, midwestern vice-president; James A. Colston, southern vice-president; Edward W. Brook, eastern vice-president; A. Maceo Smith, southwestern vice-presi-

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Representative McCormack said he intended to take this step from the time he was re-elected as majority leader. He expressed his opinion that Dawson would make a good chairman, performing "his duties with ability, with dignity, and with courage."

Congressman Dawson served as assistant to the chairman of the Democratic National committee during the campaign and headed the citizens committee for the re-election of President Truman.

He was elected to Congress in November, 1942. Before coming to congress, the Chicago representative served as Democratic committeeman from the second ward, alderman of the second ward, and state central committeeman of the First Congressional District.

Representative Dawson was born in Albany, Ga., in 1886 and came to Chicago about 1906. He is a graduate of the Albany, Ga., Norman school and Fisk university. Attended Kent college of law and was graduated from the Northwestern University Law school with an LL.D. degree. Dawson hopped bells and met trains in Chicago during the summer months to help defray his expenses through Fisk university where he graduated magna cum laude. He also worked to help pay his expenses through law school.

He enlisted in World War I, and served as first lieutenant with the 365th Infantry in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and in the Vosges mountains where he was wounded and gassed.

The congressman is married to the former Nellie M. Brown, and the father of a 21-year-old daughter, Mrs. Barbara Ann Morris, and a 23-year-old son, William L., Jr.

Dawson told reporters that he was honored but is not particularly interested in the fact that he is the first Negro to serve as chairman of a house committee, all he is interested in is doing a good job.

The new committee head will be honored at a testimonial banquet to be given by Washington citizens in the Department of Interior on Jan. 21.

### U.S. Book Exchange Will Serve Needy Countries

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The United States Book Exchange, Inc. began business officially Jan. 1. A private corporation sponsored by ten national library organizations, five national councils of professional and scholarly organizations, the Smithsonian institution and the Library of Congress, it will act as a central clearing house for both domestic and foreign library materials offered for exchange.

Africa is benefitting from this effort for Booker Washington institute, Kakata, Liberia, will re-

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