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## Alabama Governor Sees Advent Civil Rights in the South Says No Threat to Southern Culture

BIRMINGHAM. (ANP). Exactly one week after a three-judge federal tribunal ruled in Mobile that Alabama's Boswell amendment was "unconstitutional," another attempt to bar Negroes from voting cropped up. Saturday, Jan. 15, Atty. Horace Wilkinson, a state political leader announced he was drafting a proposal "eliminating the Negro entirely from the Democratic party in Alabama."

Meanwhile, former Gov. Chauncey M. Sparks startled political circles in Montgomery when he issued a formal statement declaring that "civil rights program for Negroes is coming and the south might as well get ready for it."

Both Negroes and whites alike were surprised, since Sparks had long been an outspoken advocate of segregation and separation, although he also contended for "equality."

From the viewpoint of the Montgomery Advertiser, local daily, the statement was arresting "because of him who uttered it. The statement will alarm or offend a formidable element in this state."

Its editorial comment on Jan. 15, continued: "But it comes from a thoughtful man. It comes from a man who was known for a generation as the 'Barbour County Bourbon.' And it comes from a man who is planning to ask the people of this state to re-elect him governor of Alabama presently."

"He apparently believes that Alabamians are aware or can be made aware that the so-called threat to southern civilization was always a fraud, and that changes are in progress the same as they have been since this was a seaboard republic. Maybe Sparks has miscalculated. It will be seen in 1950 for Sparks is betting the governor's chair that he is right."

## Philadelphia FEPC Processes 109 Cases in 6 Months

PHILADELPHIA. (ANP). One hundred and nine charges of unfair employment practices have been processed by the Philadelphia FEPC since it started operation on June 1, 1948, the commission announced this week.

In a report on the first seven months of the activities of the commission, Chairman Gerald F. Flood wrote to Mayor Bernard Samuel and all the members of city council that 65 charges had been satisfactorily adjusted, 14 were disposed of because of withdrawal and other reasons and 30 are still pending.

An executive director and staff were appointed after Nov. 1 and an educational program was immediately started. "The commission and staff have been meeting with various groups including employers, unions, schools, religious bodies and civic organizations," the chairman related.

Over 14,000 letters and posters were distributed among various groups. As a result of a large distribution of letters and posters the commission reported it has received numerous requests for information, educational material and assistance in setting up non-discriminatory employment practices.

The FEPC was created by an ordinance unanimously passed by the city council and approved by Mayor Samuel on March 12, 1948.

## Beats Vote Ban



ATTY. GEORGE N. LEIGHTON, Chicago, recently performed a Herculean job in prosecuting the case against Alabama's Boswell amendment for 10 Mobile County Negroes. The case ended last January 8, when a three-judge tribunal ruled the two year old law was unconstitutional. Leighton actively entered the case last March after a brief, prepared by him, was filed in Mobile by a white Chicago lawyer. (ANP).

## Mrs. T. Bowler, Ex-Lincolnite, Dies In Arkansas

Mrs. Tennessee Bowler, 28, a former Lincoln resident, died following an ailment for which she underwent surgery last January.

Mrs. Bowler was a resident of Lincoln for five years. She left last September to attend a beauty culture school in Little Rock, Ark. On becoming ill she returned to her parents' home in Hope, Ark.

She is survived by her husband, Leander Bowler and two children, Gwendolyn and Luwelen, and a sister, Mrs. Ralph Johnson of Lincoln.

## Friends Service Represented By Howard U. Dean

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP). Dr. William Stuart Nelson, dean of Howard university, fled to Paris Wednesday to attend a conference on International centers, sponsored jointly by the American Friends Service committee and the Friends Service Council of England.

Dr. Nelson has been active in Quaker work for some time, and spent over a year in India recently as a member of a Quaker team working in that country.

Dr. Nelson, a graduate of Howard university and Yale Divinity school, served as president of Shaw university, in Raleigh, N. C., for five years, and as president of Dillard university, New Orleans, for four years. He became dean of the school of religion at Howard university in 1940 and dean of the university last September.

## Yarborough To Antioch College

WILBERFORCE, Ohio. (ANP). Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of the Wilberforce College of Education and Industrial Arts, announced last week that approval had been given by the Wilberforce State college to Dr. Dean S. Yarborough, professor of sociology, to conduct classes in sociology at Antioch college.

## Mrs. Anna Smith, Long Resident, Taken By Death

Mrs. Anna G. Smith, 645 So. 20th, a resident of Lincoln for almost 35 years, succumbed at a local hospital January 26. She had only recently undergone surgery and was apparently on the road to recovery when she had a relapse that brought the end.

Mrs. Smith was born in York, S. C. (nee Burt). She married Rev. I. B. Smith, who died several years ago.

She was member of Quinn Chapel AME church where she was president of the Pastor's Aid club. She was also active in the Mary Bethune literary and art club and was a past Grand Officer in the Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are a brother, Charles Burt of Detroit; nieces, Florence Reid of Detroit and LaNelle Newton of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Adalaide Simington of Kansas City, Mo., and a nephew, Burt F. Newton of this city.

Funeral services were held at Quinn Chapel January 29 with Rev. J. B. Brooks and the Amaranthe Chapter, O. E. S., in charge.

## Dickerson Heads Illinois NAACP Legal Staff

CHICAGO. (ANP). At a board of directors meeting here in Chicago, Earl B. Dickerson was named to head the legal staff of the Illinois State NAACP last week. Dickerson is a former Chicago alderman and former president of the Cook County Bas association.

In announcing Dickerson's appointment State President Herbert L. Wright said the group needed a man of his caliber to lead the legal battle for civil rights and FEPC legislation in Illinois.

## FEP Law Would Emphasize Ability Not Race, Creed

Those of you who have read the Voice for the past few months are aware that Fair Employment Practices laws and ordinances are operating in the most industrialized states and cities of the nation and are successfully implementing the tenet that everyone should have the right to work and earn a living, that is, to pursue happiness. Laws are necessary to secure this right just as they are to secure the rights to hold property.

## New Board Member



Courtesy Lincoln Journal. MR. THOMAS R. PANSING, above, was one of eight persons elected to the board of directors of the Lincoln Urban League at its annual dinner meeting Jan. 26. Mr. Pansing, a city councilman and chairman of the Lancaster Young Republicans, was selected by a committee of leading citizens recently to receive the Junior Chamber of Commerce award for the one they believed to have contributed most to the welfare of this community in the past 12 months.

Others elected to the board include Mrs. Basilia Bell, Mrs. Fawntella Baker, Maurice Copeland, Wyatt Williams, B. G. Clark, Judge Edward Fisher, and James Fuller.

## Mrs. Tennessee Bowler Dies in Hope, Arkansas

Mrs. Tennessee Bowler, former Lincoln resident, died Monday at the home of her parents in Hope, Arkansas.

Among survivors is a sister, Mrs. Ralph W. Johnson, Lincoln.

## Dramatize the Wheatley Story



"The Story of Phyllis Wheatley" was dramatized last Tuesday on CBS by Muriel Smith, the star of Broadway's "Carmen Jones," and the well known actor, John Marriot. The script, depicting the achievements of the slave girl who became one of the most distinguished poets of colonial America, was written by the prominent Shirley Graham. (ANP).

The Lincoln Social Action Council's committee on FEP for Nebraska, headed by Ted Sorensen, has answered the question, "Why Have a Fair Employment Practice Law?" as follows:

"Legislation is a powerful educational method of democratic government needed to reinforce moral and constitutional obligations," says Mr. Sorensen. "The elimination of discrimination in employment is an educational step toward the abatement of prejudices in people's minds as well. The New York Commission reports new understanding by employers, employees and customers, working with minority group members for the first

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## Louis Demands \$400,000 for Title Bout This Summer

CHICAGO. (ANP). Heavy-weight champion Joe Louis will demand \$400,000 plus half of the gross receipts, and half the television, radio and movie receipts to defend his crown, a spokesman for the Bomber announced here this week.

According to Louis Mandel, his manager, and Truman K. Gibson, jr., his attorney, he is asking for these terms in connection with a possible title defense at Soldier field this summer.

They also added that the champion is still considering taking a \$500,000 offer from a circus to tour the nation with it for six months. Louis will make his decision in two weeks, Gibson said.

Who the Brown Bomber's next challenger for the title will be is still undecided. Louis claims that Joey Maxim is not the man, but he hinted that Elmer "Violent" Ray could be the opponent.

Both Ray and Maxim have been beaten by Walcott in decisive bouts more than once. Ezzard Charles has also defeated Ray. Charles will face Maxim next month, a bout which should decide just where Maxim does stand.

## CCNY Team to Be Guests of Tough Movie Actor Soon

NEW YORK. (ANP). When City College's basketball team invades Los Angeles next month with its two colored stars, the outfit will be guests at a dinner tossed by that illustrious alumnus of CCNY, Edward G. "Little Caesar" Robinson.

When Robinson used to be in New York City he frequently visited Harlem's night spots, including the now defunct Cotton club, for atmosphere. But being "Little Caesar," he took in the little spots as well.