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'Be An Experimentalist!' Chancellor Addresses Group On Brotherhood

By Rubie W. Shakespeare

"All races have joined to make our culture what it is today," said Dr. Reuben G. Gustavson, chancellor of the University of Nebraska as he addressed the congregation of the College Chapel Sunday, Feb. 6, on the occasion of the annual observance of Brotherhood week. The Chancellor said that he was thrilled about the idea of Brotherhood week, but averred "that there is something tragic about it, that we wait for a week in which we try or pretend that we are brothers. I prefer to think of it as an ideal to be attained by constant work."

The Bible, he continued, is basically about protecting the dignity of human beings and if that point is missed, the essence of human brotherhood has been missed. Dr. Gustavson called for healthy relationships between groups. "We are healthiest when we are unconscious of our physiological functions," and so he said it should be with group interaction.

"Be an experimentalist!" he urged. "I am not so critical of the south and its treatment of the Negro as I am of those areas where there has been opportunity to learn better and prejudices still exist. Be experimental in your approach regardless of prejudices heaped upon you from childhood, and you will make amazing discoveries that you will treasure a lifetime."

The services were under the direction of a student deputation team that included Miss Florence Arnold, soprano and Mrs. Eugenia Brown, pianist, of the YWCA and Bill Reuter and Charles Goolsby of the YMCA, who lead the worship program.

In presenting the Chancellor, Mr. Goolsby paid tribute to him as an educator, scientist, administrator, world citizen and humanitarian.

Dr. Bunche Tells Progress of Rhodes Talks

RHODES, Off the Coast of Greece. (ANP). Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting Palestine mediator, reported that his efforts for peace were progressing here on the little island off the coast of Greece.

The latest development was the signing of a permanent ceasefire agreement by Israel and Egypt, last week. The peace document, sent to the UN council in Lake Success, N. Y., read: "No element of the ground or air forces of either party shall advance beyond or pass over the line now held by foremost elements of its ground forces, and no element or naval or air forces shall enter or pass over the waters adjacent to the coast line now held by either party for any purpose whatsoever."

Dr. Bunche said that there were many difficulties still to be ironed out, but that he hoped the present peace would succeed.

Thought For the Week

Selected By

Mrs. Golden Brooks

Some people never look up until they are flat on their back.

'To Speak Here



MR. LEO BOHANAN.

Mr. Leo Bohanan, Executive Secretary of the Omaha Urban League will be a speaker for the regular meeting of the Lincoln Council of Church Women to be held at Elm Park Methodist church Feb. 15. He will discuss "Racial Prejudices—America's Problem" at 10 a. m. and will participate in a panel discussion in the afternoon.

Scout Week Helps Emphasize Good Character

Feb. 6 to 13 is Boy Scout week, according to Mr. Joseph Adams, Scoutmaster of Troop 60. "The Boy Scouts is one of the great character building organizations in America," Mr. Adams said. "It gives every boy an opportunity to learn how to take care of himself, to become a more reliable citizen and at the same time he has a whale of a lot of fun doing it."

Mr. Adams says that any boy who is 12 to 16 is eligible for membership. Boys may register at the Urban League or at 2215 "S" Street.

Troop 60 will be among those participating in Boy Scout day when Scouts take over various parts of the city government.

Negro History Week Proclaimed

Gov. Val Peterson Tuesday proclaimed Feb. 8 to 15 as "Negro History week" and recommended "thoughtful observance" to the people of Nebraska.

"The history of the American Negro represents progress which prophets without foresight declared to be impossible," Peterson said in his proclamation.

He said Negro leaders are winning recognition in business, the arts, sciences, professions, and public life.

Sen. J. Adams to Deliver Annual Lincoln Address

Sen. John Adams, Sr., Omaha, has been selected to deliver the annual Lincoln Day message to the Nebraska unicameral legislature tomorrow, February 11.

The selection of Sen. Adams is doubly significant in that it is his first term in the legislature and he is the only Negro member.

In an interview with a Voice staff member, Sen. Adams said he planned to point out that Lincoln was a tool of providence, for although he did not believe that Negroes would make fit soldiers, he issued his first emancipation proclamation in order to put 200,000 Negro men in the field for the Union army at a time when it was suffering stinging defeats. These troops were responsible for accomplishing Lincoln's primary purpose—the preservation of the union.

The ceremonies, scheduled to begin at 11 a. m., will be formal with all governmental departments attending, the Secretary of State, the Governor, Val Peterson, and his secretariat, the members of the Supreme Court and all constitutional officers. The speaker, elected by the Senate, is the first Nebraska Negro so honored.

Gov. Stevenson Backs FEPC Bill For Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (ANP). One of the first acts of Gov. Adlai Stevenson as he began his term of office was the announcement that he would support an FEPC bill for the state in the current 66th Illinois general assembly. The announcement, made last week, was in line with the governor's campaign promise to press for an FEPC law.

He disclosed, however, that no republican members of the assembly have asked to be included as sponsors, but said he intended to talk with some of the G. O. P. representatives concerning the measure.

Veterans Should Plan to Renew Convert GI Insurance in 1949

Explaining that the original GI term insurance contracts of several thousand World War II veterans in Nebraska will expire in the next 12 months, the Veterans Administration today urged veterans to consider plans for renewing or converting their policies.

According to Ashley Westmoreland, Lincoln regional office manager, the National Service Life Insurance which ex-servicemen acquired while in the armed forces is limited to an eight-year term. Those who entered service in the months prior to and just after the Pearl Harbor attack will reach the expiration date of their insurance in 1949 and early 1950.

Westmoreland said these veterans, who will receive notices from VA prior to the date of ex-

FEP Hearing Date Set For Feb. 14th

February 14th has been set as the day for hearing by the Labor Committee of the Nebraska legislature for LB 117—a bill to establish fair employment practices in Nebraska.

The law is badly needed to implement fairer practices in employing persons of various minority groups. The right to work and earn a decent living honestly is an inherent right in American idealism.

What Can We Do

Mr. Dale Weeks, president of the Lincoln Urban League and Charles Goolsby spoke informally to students at the Westminster Foundation Sunday. Mr. Weeks, in pointing out what the individual could do about discrimination said, "Treat members of minority groups the same as you would any other."



LCCW Planning Noontime Period For Devotions

The Lincoln Council of Church Women are planning a series of preparatory services leading up to the World Day of Prayer, observed in nearly every country on March 4, this year.

Today at noon the LCCW is sponsoring services at St. Paul church which have been planned by Mrs. Rubie Shakespeare. The program will include special music by Mrs. Izzetta Malone and Miss Peggy Bayer of the University School of music.

Other devotional services are planned for noontime on Feb. 17, 24 and March 3.

Pastor of Grace, Quinn Chapel to Exchange Pulpits

In observance of Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 14, the Rev. J. B. Brooks of Quinn Chapel AME Church will exchange pulpits with the Rev. R. A. Trowbridge, pastor of Grace Methodist church. Junior choirs will accompany both pastors to render special music for the services.

A survey conducted recently showed that persons in minority groups with high school and some with college training, employed as Pullman car porters, dining car waiters, janitors and messengers are not being used in the fields in which they have been trained, but are forced to take jobs that are open to members of their race. For instance, one man who has training as a brick layer is a janitor, a man with college training as a druggist is a waiter in a hotel, a woman trained in the WAC as a secretary is a maid.

Fair employment law would remove social stigma from employers that desire to hire qualified persons of minority groups. Nebraska should go on record this year favoring the full use of every person to contribute his share in an economy of full production and full buying power.

Moody Urges Public Support Of Neb. FEP Bill

"Every leading Negro organization in Lincoln has received a letter this past week," said Rev. Robert L. Moody, President of the Lincoln branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "The letter: was issued jointly by the Social Action Council and the local branches of the NAACP." He continued saying that the letters called upon each individual citizen and each organization to give their fullest support to the Fair employment practices bill (L. B. 117) which has been introduced in the unicameral legislature by Senator John Adams Sr., of Omaha.

"Please write to Senator Adams or your own representative in the legislature," he continued, "and let them know that you are behind this bill and believed that it is both needed and desirable. If you know of any incidents not already reported, which might illustrate the need of this measure, please let these law-makers know."

Uni. YM, YW, Favor FEP Law For Nebraska

At its regular meeting last Wednesday, the University YMCA cabinet voted to support L.B. 117, "A bill for the elimination of discrimination in employment." A copy of their resolution was forwarded to the labor committee and individuals are writing their senators to support the measure.

Similarly, the University YWCA personnel committee has endorsed the fair employment law, according to Miss Ruth Shinn, executive secretary, and is seeking the support of other YWs for the legislation.

Mr. Willard Gaeddert, president of the Lincoln Social Action council is a member of the Mennonite church, one of the historic peace groups of Protestantism.