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## Ask Negroes Be Admitted

### Students Vote 2 to 1 to Let Tan Americans Study at MU

COLUMBIA, Mo. (ANP). By a count of 4,156 for to only 1,847 against, students of the University of Missouri voted in favor of admitting Negroes to the university, last week.

A total of 6,003 students, 60 percent of the student body, the largest number of students ever to participate in a school ballot, voted in the poll.

As a result of this poll the student council decided to request the Missouri General assembly to amend state laws to allow Negroes to enroll not only at the university but at other state colleges.

The council sent its recommendations to the university board of curators, Gov. Forrest Smith, the president of the state senate, and the speaker of the house. The ballot read:

"Do you support the proposed change in the Missouri law as proposed by the board of curators of the university?"

The curators recommended several months ago that Negro students be admitted to the university. They would be admitted in courses not offered at Lincoln university in Jefferson City.

Students voted yes or no on the question for three days. In a previous poll a year ago of only 2,851 students they voted 8 to 1 in favor of Negroes taking part in athletics and extra-curricular activities.

Before the voting last week, the YMCA and YWCA sponsored a campaign to acquaint the students with the issues involved. Two-man committees composed of a student and a faculty member or clergyman spoke before organized groups on the campus.

### First Negro WACs Graduate From Virginia Center

WASHINGTON — Graduation exercises for the first 62 Negro women to complete the basic phase of regular army training were held February 2 at the Women's Army Corps Training Center at Camp Lee, Va. These women represent 23 states and the District of Columbia.

The principal address was delivered by Lt. Col. Eliz. C. Smith, commanding the WAC Training Center. Guests for the ceremonies included Big. Gen. R. C. Graham, camp commander, Dr. Luther H. Foster, president of Virginia State College and Dr. Granville Norris of Petersburg, Va.

### Dr. Hoover to Indiana Hospital Trustee Board

INDIANAPOLIS. (ANP). Gov. Henry Shrickler of Indiana announced the appointment last week of Dr. James J. Hoover of Terre Haute to the board of trustees of the Central State hospital located here. Dr. Hoover has practiced medicine in Terre Haute for more than 25 years and operates the Hoover sanitarium in that city.

### Thomas Mason, Well-Known Nehawkan Is Ill at Vets Hospital

Mr. Thomas Mason of Nehawka, Neb., well-known in fraternal circles as a Nehawka mail-carrier, and as a War I vet, was admitted to Veterans Hospital Feb. 21. He is reported very ill.

### Uni-YMCA, Hillel Foundation and NAACP In Meet

By Dorothy Greene

In the auditorium at Love Library on Feb. 23, the University YMCA, the Hillel Foundation and the College NAACP sponsored a discussion of the contributions of minority groups to culture with Charles Goolsby moderating.

The first of three speakers was Rabbi Joel Zion of Temple Emmanuel, Denver, Colo., who spoke on "The Contributions of Judaism." Rabbi Zion brought out many interesting facts about the war between the Israeli and the Arabs. He stated that it was not the Israeli that started the war but vice-versa, and pointed out the fact that Israel, which is already overflowing with people, has taken in many DP's and given them homes.

Mr. Willard Gaeddert, physics professor, spoke on "Negro Scientists." In the field of chemistry he mentioned George W. Carver, whom we all remember as a great humanitarian as well as a scientist and the deviser of different ways for making use of sweet-potatoes and peanuts. He also mentioned J. Ernest Wilkins, math wizzard who got his Ph.D. at 18 and is now doing research for the American Optical Co., and Dr. Drew who contributed the method for storing blood plasma.

Mr. Joseph Ishakawa spoke on "Contribution of Negro Art." The main point in Mr. Ishakawa's talk was that there is no such thing as "Negro art." He stated that some persons think that Negro artists are primitive, but, he pointed out, artist's work cannot be determined by their race. Joshua Johnston was thought to be the first Negro artist in America. A slave, he did quite a few portraits of the friends of his master. Jacob Lawrence is the top Negro artist in the country today.

### Model UNESCO Helps Student See World Problems

Staff and U. of N. News Service  
Students at the University of Nebraska were both teacher and pupil Feb. 16-18 as they staged a lesson in international relations with a model UNESCO in the Coliseum. Dr. Frank E. Sorenson, University staff member. Continued on Page 3.

### Sings



ETTA MOTEN  
Whose concert in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, recently was an outstanding success.

### Mo. Boxer Dies After G.G. Kayo

MOBERLY, Mo. (ANP). Charles Byas, 20, a Lincoln (Mo.) university student, died here on the way to a hospital last week after being kayoed in a Golden Gloves bout.

The student fighter died after a bout with William Holmes of Kirksville State Teachers college in a 175-pound novice elimination tiff. He never regained consciousness after being knocked out.

Before the bout, Byas had been declared physically fit by the school physician before leaving Lincoln, Charles M. Hoard, dean of men, announced from Jefferson City. He was also examined and okayed in an examination just before the bout.

Dr. Henry K. Baker, tournament physician, said Byas died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Coroner Tom Barnes said he probably died from a "series of blows to the head." He listed the incident accidental death.

## Students from 47 Colleges, Universities Adopt Resolution Favoring Civil Rights; Sent Congress

Feb. 25 and 26, students from 47 colleges and universities in nine midwestern states gathered in Lincoln to attend the University of Nebraska's annual debate and discussion conference. During the numerous debates, the issues of the various civil rights laws were tossed back and forth.

One of the outstanding figures among the speakers group was Mr. Lawrence Howard of the Drake university team. Howard, son of a Des Moines publisher and attorney that keynoted the Henry Wallace convention last summer, has made an outstanding record in Iowa as a speech student. He was nominated for Alpha Phi Alpha man of the year in 1948 for his many activities.

During the model UNESCO conference at Drake, he presided. Recently he was elected executive secretary of the Crocker Street YMCA in Des Moines.

Howard chaired a panel on Friday and presided at the general session of some 293 students on Saturday afternoon. After heated debate, the group passed the following resolution and voted to send it to the congress, the legislatures and schools of the states represented.

Whereas: We recognize that there are no scientific bases to justify discrimination in the realm of racial, political, or religious areas;

Whereas: we recognize that a basic economic problem has been indicated in the discriminations today which threaten minority groups with the abridgement of:

## Oregon Senate Body Okays Substitute FEPC Bill 5 to 2

SALEM, Ore. (ANP). A substitute fair employment practices measure was given the green light by the senate labor and industries committee here last Wednesday in a five to two vote. The measure would be administered by the

state labor department with the assistance of an advisory committee.

The original measure, authored by Sens. Richard L. Neuberger and Thomas E. Mahoney, both of Portland, provided for the administration of the law to be handled by a special committee. They were the two casting negative votes.

The approved measure prohibits employment discrimination on grounds of race, color, creed and national ancestry or origin. Its adoption rested upon the contention by Sen. Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville, that the labor department could handle the job for \$25,000 for the biennium rather than the \$48,000 provided in the original bill for a special committee.

### Ex-BWI Official Is Student at U. of N.



OSCAR HARRIOTT  
(Second in a series about foreign students on Lincoln campuses.)

One of the most interesting conversationalists I have met for some time is Mr. Oscar Harriott, who is now a junior at the University of Nebraska majoring in pre-medical sciences. Before coming to the United States in September 1946, Mr. Harriott served as Deputy Public Health Administrator for the British island of Jamaica, which has a population of about two million. This was the top position in public health for a layman.

Mr. Harriott explained that he had come to America to gain a medical education because there is a crying need for doctors in the island and he would be able to render much broader service to his people in that capacity. During the last ten years, his government has been much concerned with the community treatment and control of such tropical scourges as yaws, hookworm and schistosomiasis (blood parasite infection). Mr. Harriott had a good share in the direction of these projects.

Speaking to Lincoln citizens recently, Mr. Harriott told of the social structure in Jamaica and how the British ended slavery there in 1838 by purchasing all Continued on Page 2.

### AKAs Observe Founders Day With Omaha Tea

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority members observed their annual Founders Day with a tea at the Northside YWCA in Omaha, February 20.

The sorority, which was begun by a group of coeds at Howard University under the leadership of Lucy Slough, has now grown into an organization of over 5,000 college women and has been a strong influence for democracy through its non-partisan council in Washington in the last ten years.

In the receiving line were Sorors Robbie Turner Davis, Regional Director and national board member, Thelma Hancock, Ruth Solomon, Doris Newland, Della Jones, Ione Hanger and Ruth Patrick Thomas.

Mrs. Maude Coggs of the Lincoln group attended the affair which was arranged by Sorors Jewell Miller, Linda Skinner and Ethel Moseley.

Pouring from the silver tea service at a table beautifully decorated with pink carnations and green leaves, the sorority colors, were Sorors Betty Vonner and L. E. Lennox.

### Art Show to Have Some Negro Works

When the Nebraska Art Association opens its 59th Annual Exhibit of Contemporary Art at Morrill Hall on Sunday, March 6, citizens will have the opportunity of viewing one of the most complete art shows to be assembled in the U. S. this spring. The outstanding collection has been assembled by Mr. Dwight Kirsch, U. of N. Art department head.

Among the list of outstanding painters and sculptors include such renown artists as Eldzier Carter, Ellis Wilson and Jacob Lawrence. The exhibit is scheduled to close April 3.

### Dr. J. H. Ward Elected Officer of 'V' Board In Indianapolis, Ind.

INDIANAPOLIS. (ANP). Dr. Joseph H. Ward, former commandant of the Veterans hospital at Tuskegee was elected recently to the vice presidency of the board of directors of the Indianapolis metropolitan Y.M.C.A.

This is the first time a Negro has served in this position.