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Facts About Racial Bias In Employment Aired At Omaha Hearing on Jobs

The pros and cons about the need of a fair employment practice legislation in the state were aired December 17th at the second and final hearing of the subcommittee of the Legislative Council. The meeting, held in the district court room brought out that both sides admit that there are discriminatory practices and that they should be eliminated. But there was no agreement on methods. Keystone of the opposition was represented by S. Allen Seline, Lincoln, Nebraska. He said that it was the opinion of the industrialists that a law was not the way to solve employment problems.

Among those from Lincoln appearing for the proposal was Dale Weeks, Wesleyan economics professor and President of the Urban League board. He cited local business men who favor such legislation because then they could hire the best qualified applicants. Charles Goolsby, appearing as regional director of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, urged such a law as "needed for the protection of the opportunity to work at any vocation one wishes to choose, prepare for, and pursue."

Clyde Malone, Lincoln Urban League executive secretary, reviewed the discriminatory patterns of local employment, pointing out that some personal managers interviewed here are in favor of such legislation.

A number of Omahans presented case histories and statistical evidences of discrimination and urged FEPC legislation.

Marion M. Taylor, industrial secretary of the Omaha Urban League, who made a comprehensive survey of employment practices throughout Douglas county. He stated such legislation would not work to anyone's disadvantage, "if it (did), Negroes would not be so selfish as to want the law." He further pointed out that the percent of Nebraska Negroes employed in skilled and semi-skilled jobs is much lower than in neighboring states or for the nation as a whole (6% of those employed).

Others testifying in favor included Leo Bohanon, former Senator Foster, Rev. S. H. Lewis, Atty. Ralph Adams, Elizabeth Pittman, James Harris (C. I. O. council), Mrs. Morris Pepper of the National Council of Jewish women, and other representatives of labor, civic and industrial groups.

The meetings were quite orderly and impartial. However the testimony of Warren Batterson, secretary of the Nebraska Communist party, came under verbal attack from Ted Sorensen, Lincoln Social Action council president. He said his hope was that support of the communist would kill the chances of such legislation and make fuel for world propaganda against America and Nebraska.

The subcommittee is made up of Senator Carroly, chairman, Sen. John Adams, Sen. Tom Adams, John Larkin and Hugh Carson and Dr. Roger ... mate, research director for the Legislative council.

NAACP Fund For Hassell House Starts

"This week the drive for funds to repair the house of Mrs. Ida Hassell will get into full swing," said Mrs. Basilia Bell, president of the Lincoln branch of the NAACP. "Now is the time for us to spread the spirit of Christ. This week all organizations will be approached for contributions to the fund. Several hundred dollars will be needed to repair the damage," she concluded.

All contributions should be sent to Mrs. Robert Moody, NAACP treasurer, 2123 T street, Lincoln.

Anna H. Williams Recital A Success

Mrs. Anna Hayden Williams, lyric soprano, was the object of sincere approval for about 150 persons who gathered to hear her Friday, December 16th. "Marvelous," "wonderful" were the expressions heard as the talented singer presented classic and standard group concert selected from her wide repertoire.

The accompanying skill of Alice McCord Wilson and the pianistic ability of Charles Dudley, U. of N. music student, were also objects of favorable comment. The program, sponsored by Mt. Zion Baptist church, included:

- Come Unto Him Handel
- O Sleep Why Dost Thou Leave Me Handel
- My Heart Ever Faithful Bach
- Che fiero costume Legrenzi
- Ecstasy Duparc
- Erstarrung Schubert
- Air of Solomi Massenet
- Magnalia Dett
- Impromptu Reinholdt
- Polonaise Mac Dowell Op. 46 No. 12
- Miss Charlene Dudley
- The Trees Have Grown So Burlingame
- A Blood-Red Ring Coleridge Taylor
- My Man's Gone Now Gershwin
- Give Me Jesus Hall Johnson
- Witness Hall Johnson

Magazine Cites Scholarship Service Founder, 9 More Women Leaders, For 1949 Achievement Awards . . .

NEW YORK, N. Y. (ANP). Mrs. Felice N. Schwartz, 24, founder and co-executive vice-chairman of the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students, was named a Young Woman of the Year and awarded a 1949 Merit award for signal achievement by Mademoiselle magazine last week.

The awards were presented for the seventh consecutive year to 10 young women in their twenties and early thirties who have already made a distinctive mark in their fields and are expected to achieve even greater heights, according to Mademoiselle's editor-in-chief Betsy Talbot Blackwell. The presentations in a ceremony at the Park Lane hotel.

GOP Plans To Help C. R. In Bid For Comeback

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Senate GOP members are being urged to wrest the civil rights ball from the Democrats and use it to stage a comeback as the major political force in the United States, it was learned here last week. The suggested strategy is that the GOP beat the Democrats to the punch in pushing civil rights program to enactment in the next session of Congress and then take political credit for it.

Churches List Xmas Programs

A quick survey of the Christmas programs in a few Lincoln churches last Sunday showed the following services scheduled.

Newman Methodist

Sunday, December 18 the Sunday School entertained itself with a turkey dinner, in the church basement, after services. The food was prepared under the chairmanship of Emma White and Norma Dunn. In the evening the choir and school presented its program under the direction of Mrs. Mary McWilliams.

Quinn Chapel, A.M.E.

The Chapel Sunday School will have its Christmas exercise and Christmas tree on Friday, December 23. The program will be under the direction of Dorothy Greene and Betty Wilson and will include numbers by the children's choir. Nuts and candy treats are planned for the youngsters. The regular Sunday services will feature Christmas music by the choir.

Mt. Zion Baptist

On Christmas eve at 7 o'clock the Mt. Zion church will be the scene of its Sunday School exercises. Gifts will be exchanged about the tree. Special music on Sunday will be provided at the regular services by the choir.

Christ Temple

At 7:30 Rev. T. T. McWilliams, sr., will present the Christ Temple Sunday School in its Christmas exercises. Union Services are planned at Christ Temple for Monday morning, December 26 at 10 a. m., to complete the week end holiday.

Church of God in Christ

The Sunday School of Denton Chapel (20th and U) will be presented Sunday evening, December 25 at 6:30. Mrs. McKinley Tarpley and Mrs. Carl Chappell will direct the program.

Northside Church of God

The Christmas program of the

Although this is supposedly a new "base-broadening" strategy being developed by republican leaders, the idea is but an amplification of the strategy used in the recent New Jersey elections.

In New Jersey, Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll won re-election over his democratic rival Elmer H. Wene, primarily because of his insistent and successful fight for civil rights for all citizens of that state.

In the defeat of the democratic slate, Driscoll showed clearly that he had captured a large block of Negro votes—a remarkable feat as it was the first time since 1928 that a G.O.P. candidate for a major office had accomplished such a thing.

The governor launched a series of state civil rights reforms, ranging from a ban on discrimination in the national guard to abolition of segregation in the military or in the public schools, because of "religious principles, race, color, ancestry or national origin."

It had been the contention for years among a large segment of congressional republicans that Negroes, weaned away from the G.O.P. fold by the Roosevelt New Deal, would continue to vote democratic coalition.

But the New Jersey election upset this theory and gave a strong talking point to G.O.P.-ites who have long bucked the policy. They insist that the G.O.P. could rise again to power by making good its traditional civil rights pledges, and thus not only encourage support by Negroes but other large minority groups as well.

During the last congressional session, senate G.O.P. leaders argued that the democrats were merely "running a bluff" on FEPC, that they were out to show

Northside Church of God will be presented at 7:30 p. m. on Sunday at the church. Barbara Moody will be in charge.

All pastors and congregations extend greetings, wishes for a holy celebration of Christmas, and warmly invite you to their services.



—Courtesy of The Lincoln Journal.
W. M. Kelley

Jewell Kelley Heads Masonics Third Time

At the election meeting of Lebanon Lodge No. 3 A. F. & A. M. (PHA) December 13, Jewell Kelley 2641 So. 9th street, was re-named Worshipful Master for his third consecutive term. Mr. Kelley is widely known for his activity in fraternal, church, civic and scout offices here. Other officers are:

- Senior warden, McKinley Tarpley.
- Junior warden, Fred Nevels, sr.
- Secretary, John Irving.
- Treasurer, William Hightower.
- Chaplain, Rev. John Humbert.
- Tyler, James Wilson, sr.
- Senior deacon, Harry Peterson.
- Junior deacon, Carl L. Houston.
- Senior steward, John Miller.
- Junior steward, Jessie Burns.

mainly that they couldn't shut off a filibuster and to lay the blame for the program's failure on the G.O.P.

The republicans dared the democrats to call up one of the less controversial civil rights measure and guaranteed they could produce enough cloture votes to pass it.

Now the argument is that the G.O.P. should take the leadership from the democrats by marshaling every republican vote possible for cloture, but their ranks are almost as badly split as the democrats on the FEPC issue.

Sen. Irving M. Ives (r., N. Y.) sponsor of an FEPC bill in the 80th congress which was substituted last session by the McGrath version, recently declared:

"The 1948 republican platform very definitely urges legislation to end discrimination in employment. Republicans should support the McGrath bill and do all that they can to see that cloture is invoked in event of a filibuster."

Troop 60 Takes Overnight Hike For 2nd Class

Scouts of Troop 60 and their scoutmaster Joseph Adams enjoyed the tang of woods on Saturday on an overnight hike and encampment at Bear Scout Camp Minis Kawa where they passed requirements toward Scout Second Class. Included were White-

ory board of 158 colleges. It operates in co-operation with 14,000 high schools, with all American nonsegregated colleges, universities, nursing schools, teachers' colleges, technical institutions, graduate schools, and with the student race relations groups on these campuses. Its co-executive vice-chairman is Richard L. Platt.

Also presented with 1949 Merit Awards by Mademoiselle were: Margaret Foster of Great Britain, 27, prima ballerina; Honor Surrer of London, 23, artist; Geraldine Kunkle of New York City, 29, pianist; woman; Julie Harris of New York City, 23, actress; J. J. Noble of Indiana, 24, member of the Indiana State Legislature; Ches Armstrong of New York City, 30, teacher; Helen G. Adams of New York City, 27, opera singer; Repliege of Lewiston, Mont., 26, county attorney; and Mabel, the ticktacktoe-playing lady robot invented by 19-year-old Robert Haufe of Pasadena, Calif.