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Hearing On FEP Law Set For Feb. 19; Citizens' Group Meets With President Truman

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The public hearing on LB 69, introduced into the unicameral early in January, has been set for Monday, February 19 at the State Capitol. Although there are several similar laws dealing with collective bargaining are already a part of the State statutes, legislation is sought which will be more inclusive in offering to the individual protection in earning his daily bread.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, about 100 members of the Nebraska Citizens' Committee for Fair Employment Practices (NCCFEP) met at the Omaha YWCA to seek ways in which the public might be informed about the purposes of the bill. A study of employment practices in the state has been made by the Legislative Council during the past two years and it has been found that "unfair employment practices exist."

Addressing the group, Rev. Austin Miller, S. J., Creighton university sociologist said,

"I hate communism. I love America. But I'm not going to allow any blind spots in my thinking. We have problems here in America and we cannot be oblivious to their seriousness," Father Miller said.

Father Miller said a fair employment practices law would guarantee citizens their inalienable right to work and legislate against "external, immoral, un-American acts of job discrimination."

Chairman of NCCFEP is Dr. Leroy T. Laase of Lincoln. Vice-chairmen are Rev. John T. Markoe, S. J., Creighton University, Arthur B. McCaw, Omaha; Mrs. E. S. Munson, Lincoln and Mrs. A. C. Mattson.

Added to the executive committee were Donald Ravenscroft, Valentine; Rev. John F. McCarthy and Mrs. R. C. Woodruff both of Grand Island. Rev. Richard Carlson, Hastings; Ben Kuroki, York; Frank B. Morrison, McCook. Lincoln members of the executive committee also include Clyde W. Malone and Theodore C. Sorensen; from Omaha are Joseph Kaufman, the Rev. S. H. Lewis, Miss Ruth Campbell, M. M. Taylor and Frank Cronin.

Senator John Adams, sr., also attended the meeting.

Man Gets Top Post With Ford Motor Company

DETROIT. (ANP).—A Negro was promoted recently to a top post with the Ford Motor company. He is Lawrence Washington, 36, holding the job as head of the labor relations office of the production foundry.

He is said to be the first Negro to rise as far in American industry. In this position, Washington will take care of problems at a factory involving 11,500 workers.

His staff will include two labor relations representatives and five stenographers.

He was moved up from the post of labor relations representative.

A graduate of Talladega college in Alabama, Washington is married and has three children. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

He joined the Ford company in 1939 as a screw machine operator. In 1942 he was promoted to interviewer, and later as labor relations representative.



SCOTT GREENWOOD
Chairman For NNW For 1951

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Scott Greenwood, secretary-manager of the Nebraska Press association, has been appointed national chairman of the industry observance of National Newspaper Week for 1951.

Vic Portmann, manager of the Kentucky Press association and president of Newspaper Association Mangers, sponsors of the annual observance, made the announcement.

National Newspaper Week, founded by John B. Long, general manager of the California Newspaper Publishers association, was adopted as a project of the association managers at their 1931 convention. The observance is held each year during the week of October 1-8.

Greenwood became manager of Nebraska Press association in 1947. Prior to his association work he was active in the printing and publishing industry in Nebraska and Texas.

Other press association managers named to National Newspaper Week committee are Howard Palmer, New York Press association; Walter Johnson, Southern Newspaper Publishers association; Bill Canfield, Inland Daily Press association; Marjorie Belt, Maryland Press association; Vernon Sanford, Texas Press association; and Stanford Smith, Georgia Press association. Also named to the committee is Joseph A. Bernstein, Metro Associated Service, Inc., New York.

Bishop Wright Declares Press Great Aid In Building Up Race

ATLANTA. (ANP)—Bishop R. R. Wright, jr., head of the A. M. E. church in Georgia and chancellor of Morris Brown college, told editors and publishers who attended the Mid-Winter workshop of the Negro Newspaper Publishers association here Saturday, that the Negro press has been one of the most important instruments in building pride, respect, and dignity within the race.

He challenged the newspaper men to carry on the fight for democracy and freedom for all men, urging at the same time that they develop an international perspective. The Georgia bishop, who at one time presided over the A. M. E. church in Africa, told of the yearnings of Africans for freedom, and suggested that the American Negro

Young Teaches Group Work At Nebraska Uni.

OMAHA, Neb.—The Board of the Omaha Urban League has officially approved the request to the University of Nebraska that the Executive Secretary, Mr. Whitney M. Young, be permitted to teach group work in the Graduate School at the University of Nebraska, for this semester.

The Board stated, in making its approval, they felt this was a unique honor and an outstanding recognition of Mr. Young's ability. The University, in making its request, had pointed out that Mr. Young had been selected because he had the best qualifications for the position. The course will run from January through June and will meet one day a week which will be on Wednesday afternoon.

Simmons Admitted To Press Galleries

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Roscoe C. Simmons, columnist for the Washington Times Herald and Chicago Tribune, was accredited to the Senate and House of Representatives Press galleries last week.

Simmons became the third Negro member of the regular press galleries and the first to be admitted as the representative of a white daily paper.

Louis Lautier of the Negro Newspaper Publishers association was the first Negro to be admitted to the galleries in 1947 after certain technical rules of the Standing committee were changed by order of the Senate Rules committee.

The rule change was the result of an extensive fight carried on by individual reporters, certain newspapers, and organizations and finally by an open hearing in the Rules committee.

A few months following Lautier's admittance, Alice A. Dunnington of the Associated Negro Press was accepted as a member of the galleries. For nearly four years no other reporters was accepted.

press could inspire them and help them in their fight if circulation were extended to the African continent.

The religious leader praised the Negro press for its role in implementing the work and teachings of the church. The press, he said, takes up where the church leaves off in seeking a society of the "brotherhood of man," in which all men recognize and live as though all men are "created equal" and "born with certain inalienable rights."

The Christian church, Bishop Wright declared, sets up the favorable atmosphere of good will in which the Negro newspapers can begin to bring about the democratic goal. Without the attitude of good will instilled by the church, the same fate could befall Negroes here that befell Jews under Hitler in Germany.

ATLANTA. (ANP). Plans for special conferences and talks with President Truman and his various defense chiefs were made here last week at the Mid-Winter Workshop of the Negro Newspaper Publishers association.

President Dowdall Davis was named by delegates as the association's special representative to meet with President Truman.

In this series of meetings the NNPA hopes to encourage a national defense program which utilizes Negro citizens in every phase of activity without discrimination and bias.

January Graduate



MISS IONA ADAMS

Iona Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Adams, 2001 Vine Street, was graduated from Lincoln High School, January 16, 1951. She completed the three year course in two and one half years. This was accomplished by attending summer school and by carrying a full schedule each semester.

Iona left high school with her highest grades in typing and History. She has had six semesters of typing and three semesters of shorthand, with a major in English and a minor in mathematics.

She entered the University of Nebraska, January 29, 1951 in Business Administration. In September she plans to enter Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Executive Laymen Board In Houston

DALLAS. — The Executive Board of the Laymen Organization, of the 20th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church meeting convened in Houston, Texas, January 20. The meeting was called by the executive chairman of the Board, Mr. Roy Washington, Ennis, Texas. Objective of the meeting of Laymen of this state, May 30, 1951.

Messrs. J. H. Mackey, State President, Dallas, Texas, O. W. Kervin, State Secretary, Dallas, Texas, and J. W. Yancy II, Executive Secretary, Waco, Texas.

J. J. Smith, reporter for Texas Laymen of Dalls District.

Mayor Signs Anti-Bias Laws

LOS ANGELES. (ANP).—Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles last week signed the city's anti-discrimination measure, thus making it an official city ordinance.

Prominent Negro leaders from all over the city were guests at the ceremony.

This law outlaws segregation or discrimination because of race, creed, or color in any development planned by the city of Los Angeles.

Meetings also will be sought with these national leaders:

Charles E. Wilson, director, Office of Defense Mobilization; James C. Evans, civilian aide, secretary of defense; Clayton Fritchie, director of public relations for civil defense; Willard Caldwell, director of civilian defense, and others.

The NNPA voted for the following dates for special occasions:

Mar. 11-17, annual Negro Newspaper Week; Mar. 15-17, meeting of the board of directors of NNPA, Washington, D. C., and June 13-16, annual convention, New York City.

The meeting in Atlanta included a series of workshops on various phases of the newspaper business as well as banquets and special meetings with addresses from various national leaders.

On non-technical phases of the meeting, speakers included:

George Weaver, National Securities Resources board, on defense activities as they affect Negroes . . . Walter White, executive secretary, NAACP, on how the NAACP and the NNPA could work together in winning full citizenship for Negroes . . .

Frank Horne, U.S. Housing and Home Financing agency, on housing problems. . . Moss H. Kendrick, legislative assistant for National Education association. . .

Warren R. Cochrane, acting director of Racial Relations branch, U.S. Public Housing administration . . . Dr. William Boyd, Atlanta university professor. . .

Rufus E. Clement, president, Atlanta university . . . Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., presiding bishop, Sixth district, African Methodist Episcopal Church . . . Nell Jackson, southern field director, National Urban league. . .

Heading technical discussions were:

Wright Bryan, editor, Atlanta Journal, on the press in general . . . Arthur Daniel, circulation manager, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "Building and Keeping Circulation."

Chief Alkens, chairman, executive committee, Atlanta Negro Business league . . . John Sengstacke, publisher, Chicago Defender, "Building a Classified Ad Section," and others. . .

More than 25 publishers or editors, or their representatives attended the meeting.

The Atlanta Daily World was official host to the publishers, and the following institutions and organizations shared in extending courtesy to the group:

The Butler St. YMCA; Atlanta university; radio station WERD; the Atlanta Negro Business league; the Atlanta Life Insurance Co., and the Iota Phi Lambda Delta sorority.

On Sunday, some of the delegates went on a sight-seeing tour. Places of interest included Stone Mountain and Cyclorama.