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## Fed. Govt. to Study Riot

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Action in the Cicero riot of July 11-12 took a new turn, Thursday, when Atty. Gen. Howard McGrath announced from Washington, D. C. that the federal government will conduct a grand jury hearing on the trouble.

In the meantime, the Cook county grand jury which Sept. 18 indicted six persons, none of whom actually rioted, in a highly criticized action, failed to issue a promised long statement on the reasons for its action.

Instead of the promised "bombshell" report on the riot, the retiring grand jury of 23 white persons came out with a simple one paragraph statement announcing that it had issued two true bills and 23 no bills.

One true bill charged Cicero Police Chief Erwin Konovsky with failing to exercise his duties in enforcing the law during the riot. The other named five persons including three Negroes, accusing them of "conspiracy to injure property... by causing a depreciation of the real estate market price" through rental of the apartment in question to a Negro, Harvey Clark, Jr.

The intervention of the federal lukewarm enthusiasm by Negro leaders fighting the county indictments.

## 4 Fraternities Sever Relations With Parent Group

STORRS, Conn. — (ANP) — The anti-discrimination policy set forth in 1949 and put in effect this fall at the University of Connecticut has resulted in 4 of 18 fraternities at the university severing relations with their national offices.

The fraternities are Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Chi.

Albert N. Jorgensen, president of the university said in 1949 that beginning in September of 1951, the use of university-owned buildings and property would be denied to organizations governed by constitutions containing clauses that discriminated against racial or religious groups.

The 1949 proclamation came a month after a referendum held by the student Senate on a proposal to strike out all discriminatory clauses in the constitutions or bylaws of all groups on the campus. Some 38 per cent of the student body voted and passed the proposal 1,267 to 210.

## July Race Riots To Be Probed

WASHINGTON. Attorney General McGrath said he is ordering a federal grand jury investigation of the July race disorders in Cicero, Ill., which developed when a Negro family tried to move into a white neighborhood.

Rioting involving an estimated 3,000 persons broke out and was brought under control only after the national guard was called out. The riots wrecked the apartment building so badly it is still unoccupied, McGrath was told.

The Cook county grand jury indicted the chief of police for not controlling the mob, and the owner of the apartment house, the attorney who represented the Negro tenant, and others on charges of conspiracy to cause a riot.

The FBI also investigated, and McGrath said that, on the basis of its findings, he will bring the case before a jury.



**ROBERT B. CROSBY**  
Robert B. Crosby of North Platte, former lieutenant governor, states that he is encouraged with his early campaigning for the republican nomination for governor.

## Red Cross Bows To Segregation

BIRMINGHAM. — (A.P.) — The American Red Cross last week bowed to Birmingham racism and announced that it would continue to segregate Negro blood from white because it did not wish to disobey local segregation laws.

The local chapter of the NAACP previously had condemned the practice of having colored persons give blood on a certain day, and called it absurd and undemocratic.

Frank W. Sheppard, head of the blood bank drive, took refuge in city laws and said:

"The Red Cross does not want to be put into the position of disobeying the laws of the city."

Although admitting that there was no difference in blood, Sheppard defended Red Cross action in marking the blood Negro or white as a means of offering physicians and persons who are to receive the blood of choice of blood.

History shows that the press has been uniformly on the side of the common people.

Wyoming had a newspaper in 1869 before it became a territory.

The Civil war developed an appetite for news among the people.

## Proclamation for National Newspaper Week

A free and responsible press is one of the foundations of the United States government. It is guaranteed in the first amendment of the Constitution. Without a free press our liberty would be doomed.

The American people must never forget that the newspapers light the way of freedom. It is fitting that the attention of all of us should be called to the part newspapers play in a government of free men.

THEREFORE, I, Val Peterson, Governor of Nebraska hereby proclaim the week of October 1 to October 8, 1951, as

**NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK** and urge all Nebraskans to hold fast to their faith in a free press, one of the principles of freedom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Lincoln, this 24th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-One.

VAL PETERSON

## Community Chest Campaign Set To Start October 11th

Drive Starts Goal for 1952 is \$352,684

### To Send Team To Olympics

NEW YORK.—With its sights set at \$250,000 for sending the best American horses and riders to Finland to compete in next summer's Olympics, the U.S. Equestrian team today (Sept. 25) launched a nationwide campaign to raise funds to prevent any break in traditional American participation in Olympic equine events.

Stiff eliminations now being conducted at Fort Riley, Kas., are determining membership of the U.S. team, which will be an all-civilian, all-amateur squad for the first time in history. With the U.S. Army team disbanded after the 1948 Olympics, trained horses have had to be contributed and the best riders picked from 10 zonal trials to compete in the finals early next month.

"At a time when the world looks toward the U.S. for leadership, we feel it would be disastrous to fail for the first time to send an equestrian team to the Olympics," Whitney Stone, executive committee chairman of the team, said today in New York in announcing the drive. "Ever since the Olympics introduced equine competition in 1912, we have been represented by riders and horses who have won high honors. We cannot afford to default now."

The U.S. Equestrian Team, Inc., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Warrenton, Va., is the official agent for selecting the American team. Last year's members, which included two women for the first time, won seven firsts and 29 other ribbons, including the coveted International Perpetual Challenge Trophy. The team will give its last U.S. preview to the Olympics at the National Horse Show starting October 30 in New York.

Last year's team, all of which are competing now at Fort Riley, comprised Mrs. Carol Duran, 33, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Norma Matthews Lauer, 28, Sacramento, Calif., and Arthur McCashin, 42, Pluckemin, N. J.

### Mrs. C. R. Meeker Directs AME Choir



—Photo By Randol  
**MRS. CLEO ROSS MEEKER**

When the Nebraska Conference Branch Woman's Missionary convention met in Kansas City last week, six delegates to the Quadrennial convention held in Memphis, Tennessee, July 7-14, reported to the society of one of the most successful meetings of the organization.

The music was of special significance and Lincoln can be justly proud of the accomplished concert artist and organist, Mrs. Cleo Ross Meeker, who served as director of the Combined Choirs for the Quadrennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Meeker arrived in Memphis two weeks before to help shape up the more than one hundred voices which represented virtually all the AME Churches in the Memphis vicinity. Rev. H. McDonald Nelson, pastor of St. James AME Church, was chairman of the music committee for the host churches of Memphis.

Nebraska-born, Mrs. Meeker has pursued a successful music career since her early youth here in Lincoln, where she completed high school work and later university studies in music at Nebraska University. She did graduate work at Nebraska, Minnesota University, and Columbia, and has filled a number of concert engagements in many sections of the country. Presently she is identified with the public schools of Tulsa, Oklahoma where she serves as director of the Dunbar School Choral Club and Senior Choir of Mt. Vernon A.M.E. Church, and the "Sweetheart" of The Tulsa Civic Male Chorus, one of the most outstanding organized group of male voices in the southwest.

Mrs. Meeker is daughter of the late Nimrod Ross.

### Notes of Interest

Word was received Monday morning by Fred Bradley, 826 C street, of the death of his father, Prof. James Bradley of River Falls, Ala.

Mr. Bradley left immediately with uncles, Zell and Green Bradley of Omaha for River Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howard of Omaha were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson at the T.C.U.-Nebraska game Saturday.

A silver anniversary of successful campaigns and the continuation of a nationwide record will be at stake in Lincoln's 1952 Community Chest drive which opens Oct. 11.

For each of the past 24 years Lincoln has filled its Red Feather quota and this year will be shooting for a quarter century of success. This constitutes a record among U. S. cities with Community Chest programs.

Going into its 30th campaign, the Lincoln Community Chest shows a successful completion to 26 of the past drive. The program was initiated in the city in 1923.

the Red Feather in Lincoln is shown by the fact that in the first drive 6,786 subscribers contributed \$96,885 to the fund. Last year 27,383 persons gave a total of \$302,985. With the exception of a war year, 1945, last year set a new record in Lincoln Community Chest participation.

The goal for 1952 has been set at \$352,684 with 28,000 to 30,000 persons expected to contribute. About 1,700 volunteer workers will assist in the campaign. If this year's goal is reached it will mark a record high in the city's Red Feather activities.

Since being started in Lincoln about \$5,300,000 has been contributed to the Chest. In addition, the Community Chest organization has collected about \$1 million for Red Cross campaigns during the past nine years.

An indication of the growth of the Chest. This year, for the first time, a joint Red Cross and Community Chest solicitation will be held for groups of employes wherever the employes and firms wish to combine the drives.

Executive Secretary Louis W. Horne, who has directed Lincoln Community Chest since it was started, explains that the 1952 quota represents a 15 percent increase over last year's. Nine percent of this is due to increased costs and the remainder to larger amounts for the United Defense fund which includes the U.S.O. and Korean relief.

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## Monte Irvin A Candidate

NEWARK. — (ANP) — Monte Irvin, slugging outfielder for the New York Giants, has been designated candidate for election to the New Jersey Assembly from the Newark section. Irvin, married, father of two children, is a Lincoln university grad and has the honor of being one of its greatest all around athletes.

Last August, Irvin was honored at the Polo Grounds when he was presented a car and other gifts.

He is the first professional baseball player to enter politics. Since he is running in his native state, it should not be difficult for him to win. Everybody knows monte and likes him, so his election should be a cinch.

The two world wars increased the appetite for foreign news in the United States.