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## Ends Discrimination in Housing

NEW YORK, N. Y.—"Equitable provision for eligible families of all races without discrimination," is part of the language of a resolution passed recently by the Housing Authority of the City of Pasco, Washington.

The resolution, a direct result of a community survey conducted by the National Urban League, ends discrimination in public housing in Pasco. The Urban League is the country's oldest and only interracial service agency working for equal economic opportunity.

The town's population has been mushroomed by the establishment in the Pasco-Kennewick-Richland area of the Hanford Works of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The survey of economic and social conditions were conducted by Dr. Warren M. Banner, director of the League's Department of Research, and Community Projects at the request of a tri-cities committee of civic leaders, who were concerned about the social problems arising out of over-taxed community facilities.

Dr. Banner spent January and February, 1951, making a careful examination of housing, health, education, recreation and group work, juvenile delinquency and

crime, the church, Negro enterprises, race relations, social agencies, the Atomic Energy Commission, and General Electric Company (the principal contractor). His report brought to light severe racial discrimination in the Tri-City area in housing and employment and made specific recommendations for correcting these conditions.

"That the Pasco Housing Authority follows a uniform practice in assigning tenants to units as they are eligible for vacancies, without regard to their race," was the recommendation which has borne fruit in Resolution No. 114, adopted by the Housing Authority.

Dr. Banner also recommended that private industries and labor unions which have not accepted Negro workers "be urged to review their policy and practices from the point of view of full utilization of available manpower and also to bring their practices into thorough accordance with the state fair employment practices law."

He further advised adult education projects with the co-operation of the Board of Education, and health and community clean-up projects organized by Negro leadership.

## Oklahoma to Include All Youth in "Y" Program

OKLAHOMA CITY—(ANP)—Colored youth of Oklahoma will be an integral part of the YMCA Youth and Government program Hi-Y model legislature when it convenes for the first time in December of this year, according to Matthew G. Carter, associate secretary, Southwest Area Council YMCA, with headquarters in Dallas.

The Youth and Government program in Oklahoma is being organized for the first time under the auspices of the area council here. The Texas program, four

years old, has never included colored youth as a part of the Hi-Y Model Legislature.

The youth government program, according to Carter, who spearheaded the drive, "is a sound educational approach to the problem of citizenship participation in democratic government by providing opportunities to high



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It was customary for some of the Indian tribes of Old Nebraska to pay each other extended visits. Dr. Robert C. Farb, professor of history at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, describes one such visit in the September issue of *Nebraska History*, the quarterly magazine issued by the state historical society.

This was the visit of the Winnebagoes to the Omaha in the winter of 1863-64. It was no ordinary visit, but a sojourn lasting more than a year and resulting ultimately in the transfer of the Winnebagoes to a reservation in Nebraska.

The Winnebagoes, once masters of lake and forest in the north country, found themselves after the Minnesota Indian uprising of 1862 at Crow Creek Agency on the hot, dry prairies of Dakota territory. When a drouth in 1863 completely destroyed their crops, they sent a delegation of five to the agency to request that 150 of the most destitute of their number be allowed to live with the Omahas until the Great Father in Washington made adequate provision for the tribe.

The Omahas agreed, but instead of 150 the entire Winnebago nation of more than 1,200 men, women, and children descended upon the hospitable Omahas. They didn't all come during the winter; those who died, however, stayed and the remainder came on during the next spring and summer.

So many guests on the reservation constituted a serious problem for the Omaha agent, Robert W. Furnas (later governor of Nebraska). He contracted with John Patrick of Omaha to furnish flour, school youth to study public issues, debate policies, write legislation and participate in the process of government through a model legislative program."

beef and salt for the Winnebagoes—the flour at 3¼ cents per pound, the beef at 8 cents per pound, and the salt at 4 cents per pound. Patrick was to furnish one pound of flour and one of beef per day for each Winnebago on the reservation. Salt was to be furnished at the rate of four quarts per 100 persons.

There was concern, too, that the presence of so many Winnebagoes might cause trouble between the two tribes. To forestall this, the Omaha chiefs, led by Joseph La Flesche, drew up a stringent set of regulations for their guests. Drunkenness was to be severely punished, as was "dancing to excess," gabbling, and setting fire to the prairie woodland.

To help the Winnebagoes support themselves, the Omahas gave them the privilege of cultivating 100 acres of bottom land. The government furnished the hoes and seed to those who wished to work, and a fair crop of corn was raised in 1864 despite the dry weather. Some of the Winnebagoes augmented their income by hiring out to neighboring farmers in Iowa as well as Nebraska.

Ultimately, the Omahas were persuaded to sell a part of their reservation to the government for the use of the Winnebagoes. Thus, what started as a visit ended as a permanent move. The Winnebagoes have remained in Nebraska to this day.

## Winters Sings Rigoletto

NEW YORK. (ANP). Last Friday night, Lawrence Winters made operatic history. He sang *Rigoletto* for the City Center Opera group, marking the first time in the opera's history a Negro had sung the role.

And more amazing, Winters took over the task with only nine hours notice. He filled in for the ailing star scheduled to do the work.

He acquitted himself with distinction and it is expected he will be given other opportunities to sing the same heavy part again this season. Already Winters had distinguished himself with his presentation of the "Messenger's" role in the mystic "Dybbuk."

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