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## African Methodist Approves Judicial Council

CHICAGO (ANP)—Sparked by a layman, a minister and a bishop and prodded by two days of heated and explosive debate, delegates to the 34th Quadrennial Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church voted Thursday to form a judicial council designed as a body of final appeal even from the powerful Bishops Council.

This new body will consist of 17 members, either a layman or an elder from each episcopal district. It will act as the highest ruling body in the church.

Other business activity during the past week included the reading of reports of various general officers and the election of three general officers.

Passage of the bill setting up the Judicial Council, beginning with this General Conference, climaxed a series of noisy demonstrations spreading over three days under three different presiding bishops.

Activity for or against the proposal was so intense that it delayed the elections of general officers for more than 24 hours and it pushed the election of bishops back until possibly late Friday night or Saturday. It also added the election of Council members to the program of the General Conference.

Basically, the radical program of setting up the Judicial Council offers these changes in the present organization of the AME Church.

**CHANGES MADE BY NEW LAW**  
The Bishops Council has been shorn of its judicial powers, and is replaced by the Judicial Council. The section of the church Discipline giving these powers to the Bishops Council will be deleted from the Discipline, and a new section, The Judicial Council, will replace it.

Membership of the new body will consist of nine elders and eight laymen, each of whom serves terms of eight years. At this general conference, laymen shall be elected from odd numbered districts except the 13th, and elders will be elected from the even numbered districts and the 13th.

Members from the 1st through 9th districts will serve eight years, and those elected from other districts will serve four years. After this members will be elected from these districts in question at every other quadrennium, thus

## Our Honor Roll

Mrs. J. B. Bonds  
Mrs. Roscoe S. Hill  
M. E. Webb  
Dr. F. H. Mason  
Mrs. Thelma DeWitney, Seattle  
Mrs. N. B. Scardrick  
Mrs. Mary Dunn  
Donald A. Brunson  
Mrs. Lucy W. Minor  
Mrs. Florence Gant, Higginsville, Mo.  
Rev. F. F. Moton, Kansas City, Mo.

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giving the Judicial Council a staggered membership.

Each district by majority vote of its delegates at the Quadrennial will nominate one member and one alternate (neither of which has to be a delegate to the General Conference). From these nominees, the General Conference will elect one from each district to serve on the Judicial Council. The alternates will serve only in case of death to the regular member.

The Judicial Council will elect its own officers, a president, a vice president, and a secretary. It shall provide its own rules of procedure.

No member of the Judicial Council may hold a general office or serve on any church board or any administrative or connective office. Members must be at least 35 years old and have been a member of the church in good standing for at least eight years.

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## Ruth Shinn Wins Two Scholarships

Ruth Shinn, executive director of the University of Nebraska YWCA for the last four years, has received two scholarships for advanced study at Yale divinity school in New Haven, Conn.

Miss Shinn has resigned her University position effective at the close of the present school year. No successor has been chosen to fill the campus YW position.

In addition to a full tuition scholarship from Yale University, Miss Shinn has been awarded an \$800 grant from the YWCA for advanced study. The grants are made to professional YW workers who intend to remain in the field.

Miss Shinn plans to study for two or three years in religion in higher education, theology and social ethics.

## Kerr Anti-FEPC

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, expressed doubts to the wisdom of a compulsory fair employment practices committee at the Federal level.

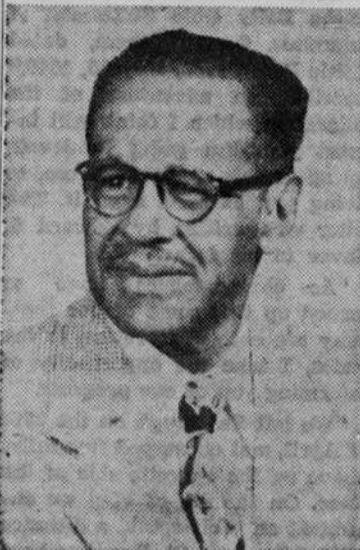
The Oklahoma senator said at a news conference last week that, if nominated, he would support such a program if the party platform endorsed it at the national convention in July.

When asked if this decision applied to the entire civil rights plank in the 1948 platform, Kerr replied that he had always doubted the wisdom of a federal FEPC. He added that the purpose of fair employment practices is basic under the Constitution and the concepts of freedom, liberty and justice for all Americans.

He said he did not interpret the 1948 platform as calling for a compulsory FEPC. "I don't find that language in it," he added.

Kerr's position on FEPC was made public to newsmen at the formal opening of his campaign headquarters at the Willard Hotel.

## National Urban League Names Sixth President



P. G. PORTER

P. G. Porter of the Nebraska Conference of the AME Church was named Saturday to the newly created Judicial Council, the highest ecclesiastical authority in the church. Mr. Porter, a former school teacher, lives in Olathe, Kan.

## Nebraska Doctors Get 50-Year Pins

Five Nebraska doctors were singularly honored for their long service in medicine by the Nebraska State Medical Association Wednesday evening (May 14) at the Hotel Cornhusker in Lincoln where the association held its 84th Annual Session.

The five physicians were Drs. W. L. Albin, Lincoln; L. C. Bleick, Omaha; Dr. D. T. Quigley, Omaha; John Reid, Pilger; and Philip Sher, Omaha.

They received pins commemorating 50 years of medical practice in ceremonies held during the annual banquet. Each of these doctors has been in practice 50 years. This marked the third year members of the medical association who have been in practice a half century or more have been honored in this manner.

Harold S. Morgan, M.D., Lincoln, President of the state medical association, said:

"We of the medical profession are extremely proud to honor our older members in this fashion. We are grateful for the many fine contributions they have made to the art of healing. Without the successful pioneering they and their contemporaries have made in medicine and surgery, much of the progress we now know would not have been accomplished."

"In honoring these men, the Nebraska State Medical Association is concurrently paying tribute to the 'Golden Age of Medicine' which they helped to foster and perpetuate," Dr. Morgan declared.

## Wash. U. Admits Negroes

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(ANP)—Qualified Negro students now will be admitted to all departments of Washington university.

This announcement last week was told to principals of local Negro high schools here. The university previously admitted colored students only to the graduate schools.

The decision to open all departments to Negroes was approved by the board of directors. The various principals of schools affected by the decision were called to a meeting and informed of the change in policy.

## ROBERT W. DOWLING

(Biographical Sketch)

DOWLING, ROBERT W.—Born, New York City, 1895; residence, 990 Fifth Ave., New York City. President, National Urban League, 1133 Broadway, New York City, elected May 15, 1952.

President and director, City Investing Company, 25 Broad St., New York City.

President and director, R. E. Dowling Realty Corp.

President and director, Wall & Hanover Street Realty Co.

President, American National Theatre & Academy.

President, Citizens Budget Commission.

Vice president and director, Starrett Corp.

Chairman of the board, Lopert Films Distributing Corp.

Chairman, Citizens Zoning Committee.

Trustee, Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank.

Director, Fellows Medical Co.

Director, City Bank Farmers Trust Co.

Director, R. H. Macy & Co.

Director, Station WOR

Director, Home Title Guaranty Co.

Director, Equitable Office Bldg. Corp.

Director, Hilton Hotels Corp.

Director, Hotel Waldorf-Astoria

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Robert W. Dowling, president of the City Investing Company, 25 Broad St., and one of the nation's top business and civic leaders, became the sixth president of the National Urban League, when the board of trustees met Thursday, May 15, at the Hotel Commodore.

Presiding at the unanimous election of Mr. Dowling, Lloyd K. Garrison, retiring president, lauded his successor's acceptance of the call to be of greater service to the nation's oldest interracial service agency which has 60 affiliates in 30 states and is principally concerned with achieving equal economic opportunity for Negroes in all fields of endeavor.

"Despite the fact that he is one of America's busiest men," said Mr. Garrison, "Mr. Dowling accepted without hesitation our nomination of him for the presidency, and I am sure that under his influence, the Urban League movement will reach even greater heights in the future than was envisioned for it by my illustrious predecessors."

First president was Edwin R. A. Seligman, 1910-1913. Succeeding presidents were Mrs. Ruth Standish Baldwin, 1913-1915; L. Hollingsworth Wood, 1915-1941; William H. Baldwin, 1941-1945; and Lloyd K. Garrison, 1947-1952.

The National Urban League was organized in 1910 with Dr. George E. Haynes as director and Eugene Kinckle Jones, now retired, as field secretary. From an organization with two employees in New York and a total budget of \$2,500 in 1910, it has grown today where it has 60 affiliates in 30 states; maintains national headquarters at 1133 Broadway with Lester B. Granger as executive director and 45 employees; and has a 1952 budget for headquarters operation alone of \$252,000. In addition to national headquarters, it maintains a Southern Field Division in Atlanta, Ga., and a Western Field Office in Pasadena, Calif.

## Church Women Install Officers

The Lincoln Council of Church Women met Tuesday at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Meeting theme was "Peace Through Fellowship." Chairman was Mrs. George E. Lewis.

Dr. C. Vin White spoke at the morning session on "Spiritual Security for Today's Families." Mrs. John F. Wichelt presented the devotionals.

"Fellowship" was the theme of a panel discussion in the afternoon. Mrs. M. C. Leonard served as moderator. Others participating were Mrs. Rex Knowles, Mrs. Sara Walker and Mrs. Fred Dewese.

Installation of new officers by Mrs. P. C. Swift concluded the program.

## Notes of Interest

Mrs. Sallie Brown has announced the marriage of her daughter, Carrie to Hershel Vance of Muskegon, Michigan. The marriage took place in Muskegon on Mother's Day. The couple will reside at R2 Twinn Lake, Muskegon, Michigan.

Mrs. Raymond Gaines and her daughter, Cheryl spent several days visiting Mrs. Gaines' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thomas.