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Gen. Eisenhower Presents Stand On Race Issues at Press Conference

ABILENE, Kan.—(ANP)—Many noted newspapermen and women last week attended Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's press conference here and heard the Republican presidential hopeful present his stand on vital issues facing the world.

Only a few representatives of the Negro press were at the meeting. Perhaps the reason for their absence was that very few colored people live in Abilene.

Gen. Eisenhower commented on two issues of interest to Negroes. In answer to the question: "Do you favor a compulsory FEPC," he said:

"The FEPC—when you use these initials, you are proposing, as I see it, a sort of shotgun question, because there are many things involved in it.

"I have no objection whatsoever to stating my unchangeable, my unalterable support of fairness and equality among all types of American citizens, and I believe that insofar as the federal government has any influence or any constitutional authority in this

field, all of its means, all of its expenditures, all of its policies should adhere firmly and without any kind of equivocation to that principle.

"I do not believe that we can cure all of the evils in men's hearts by law, and when you get to compulsory action in certain specific phases of this thing, I really believe we can do more by leadership and getting states to do it than to make it a federal compulsory thing.

"This I say with the utmost sympathy for anyone who feels himself to be a member of a group that has been depressed or unfairly treated; and I will say this: So far as my own personal influence can extend in this country, I shall never cease to fight for it . . ."

The other question relative to Negroes was asked by a woman who identified herself as Mrs. Smith of the Chicago Globe, a now defunct weekly newspaper published in Chicago. Her question was:

"Gen. Eisenhower, if you are

elected president, would you be willing to appoint to your cabinet some Negro of competence, such as Dr. Bunche?"

On this question the general was less specific. He said: "Well, first, you are jumping about two bridges to get to a particular spot. But accepting your question, I should say this: By no manner of means have I even given thought to the possibility of the people I should appoint to major positions.

"If I were confronted with such responsibility, I can only say that in all of the tasks I have held for and on behalf of our government in the past, I searched for the best I could find.

"Whether or not it would be best to use Dr. Bunche, I don't know, but I tell you this: Not only do I admire Dr. Bunche very much but when I was president of Columbia, we called him up and gave him an honorary degree—and we don't give out too many degrees there because we think a great deal of our honorary degrees at Columbia university.

News Association Admits Lincoln U. (Mo.) Pub.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ANP)—Overriding a motion to defer action until next year, the Missouri College Newspaper Association last week voted unanimously

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