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Nebr. Nurses Seek Legislative Act Urban League Elects New Members to Executive Board

The Nebraska State Nurses Association have a bill, LB 200 which will soon come before the Legislature. This bill provides for examination, licensing, and regulation of the Practice of Professional Nursing.

When one realizes that Cosmetologists are licensed to beautify the ladies, Barbers are licensed to cut hair, and Veterinarians licensed to treat dogs, cows, horses, and all other animals, the Nurse, on whose competence a life is dependent, needs no such requirements.

What protection does the professional nurse that has gone to school for 3 years to obtain her training so as to treat those in need of her services competently and efficiently have, when all that is necessary is a white uniform and a Registered Nurse's title to obtain employment in a field

where one might be unqualified?

The practice of professional nursing means services performed by a graduate registered nurse who for compensation or personal profit performs any professional service requiring the application of principles of the biological, physical or social sciences and nursing skills in the care of the sick, in the prevention of disease or in the conservation of health.

Senator John Adams of Omaha, Nebraska, is in favor of this bill 100%. Miss Ada Coffey, a graduate of Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, and working part time at the hospital in Pediatrics, while studying for her Bachelor of Science Degree at Wesleyan, says that for the protection of The Nurse, The Patient, and The Public, the passage of this bill is imperative.

FEPC Killed by Committee

Opposition Says Education, Not Legislation, Needed

By Burt F. Newton

Meeting the same fate of similar bills introduced by Senator John Adams in two previous sessions of the Nebraska Legislature, the fair employment practices bill introduced in this session by Senator John Larkin was killed by the Labor Committee following a public hearing at the Capitol Monday afternoon.

Opposition to the FEP bill came from Nebraska industry but it was almost a favorable opposition.

M. G. Jones, speaking for Associated Industries of Nebraska, said he favored the aims of the bill but he did not think a law was necessary. He said that he believed that time and education would bring about the desired results. He stated that his organization had offered to co-operate in every possible way with proponents of FEP to work through a program of education to get better working conditions for minority groups.

Jones quoted Senator John Adams' statement made to the press several weeks ago. Adams had said that he would not offer an FEP bill at this session "because of the remarkable progress in the past year by industry" in solving discrimination problems.

Earl Luff, president of the Lincoln Steel company, said that he had told the head of an organization representing Negroes in Lincoln to send him some men. When no one showed up after several days, he said he called the organization and was told that all Negroes in Lincoln were satisfactorily employed. Luff cited this as one of his reasons for believing that an FEP law in Nebraska was not needed.

John E. Cleary, executive director of Nebraska Small Business Men's Association, said that an FEP Bill was unnecessary. He cited the progress that had been made and told of members of his organization that were working with the Urban League in an effort to improve conditions.

H. L. Van Amberg, vice president of Omaha Stock Yards, stated that his organization and the meat packing industry were among the largest employers of Negroes. He recognized the need for improve-

ment in working conditions for Negroes but did not feel that FEP was the answer.

Prior to the hearing Associated Industries in a bulletin to its membership charged:

"This bill if enacted, could only result in the harassment of honest employers, which in turn, would spread and promote intolerance and resentment—the very things the proponents claim they want to stop. Again such a law would provide an impenetrable screen for every subversive individual or group to hide behind."

Senator John Larkin, Jr., Omaha insurance man who introduced the bill after Senator John Adams announced that he would not introduce a bill at this session, gave two reasons for offering the legislation:

1. Numerous cases of discriminatory practices in industry in Omaha and Lincoln had been brought to his attention.

2. The Republican platform called for action on civil rights and President Eisenhower had called for action on the State level. Seymour Kaplan, Omaha, director of the Anti-Defamation League, traced the history of FEPC in his argument for passage of the bill.

Lawrence McVoy and Mrs. Robbie Turner Davis, both of Omaha, offered themselves as examples why fair employment practices is needed. Mrs. Davis and McVoy have graduate degrees but are unable to get jobs in Omaha commensurate with their skills.

Leo Hill, of the Northwestern Metal and Iron Works in Lincoln, stated that passage of fair employment bills in the United States will do away with one of the favorite Communist issues. He told of his travel in ten foreign countries during the past year and said that discrimination in America was always one of the first issues discussed with him.

Senator John Adams pleaded with his fellow members to allow the bill to reach the floor of the Unicameral where the entire Legislature could pass on the bill.

Also speaking in favor of FEP legislation were Gordon Preble, American Federation of Labor,



URBAN LEAGUE BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS—Officers of the newly elected Urban League board are (from left, seated) Mrs. Joe Lytle, president; Mrs. George Randol, secretary; Mrs.

Howard Molden, second vice president; (standing) Asa Waters, first vice president; Sidney Alexander, executive secretary of the Urban League; and R. T. Malone, treasurer. (Journal Photo.)

Mrs. Joseph Lytle was elected president of the Lincoln Urban League at a board of directors' meeting Wednesday evening, February 25.

She succeeds R. T. Malone, who was named treasurer. Mr. Malone had been president during the past six years.

Other officers elected at the

Urban League directors' meeting were Mrs. Robert Molden, second vice president; Asa Waters, first vice president, and Mrs. Helen Randol, secretary.

The meeting was the first for six new directors. They were:

- Mrs. Louis Horne
- Leo Hill
- Ray Bartlett
- Asa Waters
- Miss Helen Pickard
- Harry Peterson

- Mrs. Fawntella Baker
- Lowell Boomer
- James Wadkins
- Mrs. James H. Dean
- Arthur Patrick
- Mrs. Basilia Bell
- Joseph Fenton
- Mrs. Ritha Banks

Sidney H. Alexander is executive secretary of the Urban League.

Child Guidance Guild Sponsors Discussion

Wednesday, March 11—Student Union Ballroom—8 p.m.

The Lincoln and Lancaster County Child Guidance is sponsoring a panel discussion on the understanding of children entitled:

"CHILDREN ARE HERE TO STAY"

The panel will consist of: Dr. D. Stewart MacDonald, executive director of the Child Guidance Center, as moderator.

A psychiatrist—Dr. Roy C. Knowles, Director of the Mental Health Center, Sioux Falls, S. D.

A psychologist—Dr. Herbert H. Humphreys of the Nebraska Psychiatric Unit in Omaha.

A pediatrician—Dr. John M. Thomas, Omaha.

A social caseworker—Miss Mary Jane Young, casework supervisor at the Child Guidance Center.

A Lincoln father—Elwood N. (Jack) Thompson.

The public is invited and there is no admission charge. Questions may be sent in ahead of time to the Child Guidance Center, 1517 H Street, and there will be ample opportunity for questions from the floor.

Anton Muench, railway clerks, the Rev. John Cyrus, Omaha Presbyterian pastor, and Dr. Frank Court, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church here.

Senator Larkin, in a summation for his bill, said: "Discrimination definitely exists in Nebraska. There has been some improvement, but the progress just isn't

Calendar of Coming Events

The children's movie this Saturday, March 7th in the assembly room of the Main Library is a Comedy called: Francis. This movie is all about the talking mule. Showings are at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

"The YWCA has arranged a series of three Lenten Meditations on LIVING OUR FAITH to be given at the YWCA from 10 to 10:45 on Friday mornings.

March 13—Dr. Carl C. Bracy, Chancellor, Nebraska Wesleyan University.

March 20 — Mrs. Gordon Schroeder.

March 27 — Mrs. John F. Wichelt.

These services are planned with the idea of strengthening a working faith and giving women a sense of adequacy for the problems of our day.

All women are welcome to attend without further notice."

A series of public speaking classes for adults were started Monday evening, March 2, at the Public Schools Administration Building at 720 So. 22nd. Mrs. Anna Lohmeier, University of Nebraska graduate, is the instructor.

The classes are being offered under the Lincoln public schools' general adult education program. There is a small weekly charge. Further information may be obtained from Ona R. Wagner, director of adult general education, at the Public Schools Administration Building.

fast enough for the times."

The Omaha Urban League named Senator Larkin's father the citizen making the most important contribution to racial relations in

Former NU Student Up For Appointment

SANTA Fe, N. M. — A former student at the University of Nebraska for two years, Alva A. Simpson, Jr., of New Mexico is being widely supported for appointment to the post of U.S. Indian Commissioner in the new administration.

At present state director of the New Mexico Department of Public Welfare, Simpson formerly served as United Nations Deputy Chief of Mission and Chief of Health, Care and Maintenance for the International Refugee Organization in Italy and Greece. He was responsible for 170 Displaced Persons Camps of up to 12,000 population a camp and was head of a unit of 3,800 employees. He was in administrative charge of hospitals, welfare, vocational rehabilitation.

A Westerner by heritage, birth and residence—his forebears were pioneers—Simpson has long been interested in assisting Indians to become integrated into the general American community; he helped the Navajo-Hopi Rehabilitation Program by testifying before the U. S. Senate Committee last year.

At the University of Nebraska, Simpson played football and was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

Omaha in the past year.

Further consideration of fair employment practices legislation at this session will require a favorable vote by 29 members of the 43-member Unicameral.