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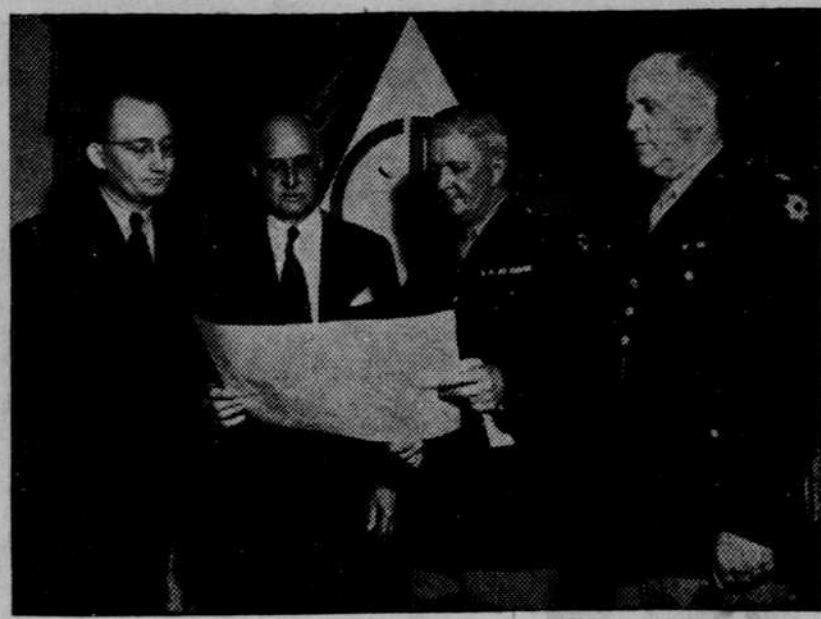
## Honor Award to Nebraska Power

The National Security Award, the first to be granted to any electric company in the Seventh Service Command, was presented this week to the Nebraska Power Company.

This coveted award is granted to certain American industries by the Office of Civilian Defense, Washington, D. C. Nebraska Power was chosen to receive the award in recognition of the maintenance of superior standards of protection of its personnel, property and services against hazards that would interfere with the war effort.

"This evidence of appreciation of our efforts to help America's war program, inspires us to continue in our duties with the same high degree of proficiency," said President J. E. Davidson, when accepting the award. "We know that our duties are vital to the war effort... that the maintenance of uninterrupted electric service is vital to Victory!"

### NPC. RECEIVES NATIONAL SECURITY AWARD



Left to right: C. H. Rhoades, coordinator, Nebraska Advisory Defense Committee; J. E. Davidson, president Nebraska Power Company; Major Gen. C. H. Danielson, commanding general, Seventh Service Command.

In a colorful ceremony Monday afternoon at the service headquarters building, the Nebraska Power company received the National Security Award of the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense, presented by Major Gen. C. H. Danielson, commanding general, Seventh Service Command.

C. H. Rhoades, coordinator of the Nebraska Advisory Defense committee, also complimented the company for being the first electric service company in the nine states of the Seventh Service Command to receive this honor.

Roy Page, vice president and general manager of the power company, spoke for the officers and directors

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your employees and fellow workers, and second, to safeguard production, services and property."

General Danielson emphasized the importance of legistics which he said was simply the art of moving men, weapons and supplies to the right point in sufficient quantities to win battles.

"Not one of those moves could be made," he said, "until adequate electric power was provided. So every power plant is in the very first line of our supply program. That's why a high degree of efficiency must be maintained in our war plants, and to do it, both workers and plant require care and protection. You have done an outstanding job in that connection."

Teamwork also was emphasized by J. E. Davidson who expressed himself as feeling great pride, but no surprise that the employees of his company had qualified for this award.

"When the war crisis came," Davidson said, "our company went all-out for victory. Protection of our company's property against impairment of electric service to war industries was one of their important war duties."

Paying tribute to all American industries and the American system of free enterprise and individual initiative as important factors in speeding the day of Victory, Davidson saluted the 158 company employees serving in the armed forces, and pledged continuance of those remaining on the home front to back them up by providing the best possible electric service for war industries and civilian needs.

"The National Security Award will be a treasured memento of our efforts in helping to win the victory in this war for defense of our homes, the preservation of the American way of life, and restoration of justice and freedom in the world," he said.

"This award is both rare and difficult to get," Frank Fogarty, who compared it with the Army-Navy E award in the war production field and in a small way, to decorations given to soldiers.

"No one of us would presume to put ourselves in a class with the men bearing the brunt of battle, yet you, too, are soldiers, and are being decorated as good soldiers of production and service," Fogarty said.

He complimented the Nebraska Power Company as one of the major factors in securing war industries in this area, such as the Martin Bomber plant, ordnance plant and others, all of whom first asked about the local power supply. Always the reply has been: "The Power is here," Fogarty said.

The services of J. E. Davidson as organizer and head of the Omaha civilian defense organization also brought praise from Fogarty. "To this job," Fogarty said, "Mr. Davidson brought his genius for organization and talent for leadership that has characterized his other civic labors in Omaha."

Leadership is what we expect of the power company because we always have had it," Fogarty said, adding that many in the audience were familiar to him because so many employees of the power company have worked with him in numerous civic activities.

"But best of all," Fogarty concluded, "you have done your jobs well and delivered the power which has enabled other Americans to build more than 100 thousand airplanes and 20 million tons of shipping a year, and to increase American production six times and step up deliveries to the armed services seventeen times in two years."

Warning that the job was not done until the war is won, he expressed confidence that no Nebraska Power company employee will "for one minute relax the vigilance that has won for you the National Security Award."

### Shrine Circus May 31 To June 7th

55 BIG ACTS IN SHOW AT  
OMAHA'S CITY AUDITORIUM

Omaha's city auditorium will be headquarters for the fifteenth annual Shrine circus, the week of May 31 to June 7, and again, as in previous years, the event is expected to attract many visitors from outside.

Located in the heart of Omaha's retail shopping district, the Auditorium last year proved an even more popular circus headquarters than the Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum which housed the circus in previous years. Shrine officials concluded after the show's close.

Rink Wright, veteran producer and director, will have that post again. He has been in charge of Shrine circuses since their first one, 15 years ago. Mrs. Wright will assist him in assembling the 50 acts and two hundred performers that will make up the program. Animal acts and clowns will be a part of the attraction.

Performances will be presented each night of the engagement, except Sunday, and there will be two matinees.

### Negro Farmers Enlarge "V" Gardens

Despite the shortage of manpower, Negro farm families are not only planting more gardens this year to help assure an adequate wartime food supply, but they are also enlarging their gardens, and planning better gardens, according to reports received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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ment, many believe that this year's NNPA Convention will be one of the largest ever held. Pertinent problems affecting Negro newspapers as a group will be reviewed and plans will be made for future NNPA policies.

Potentate of Tangier Temple, Bernard E. Johnston, is general chairman and Dr. F. F. Whitcomb is circus manager.

There will be three rings of colorful entertainment, and the show, according to its sponsors, promises to be "one of the best the Shrine has ever offered." Due to war restrictions, they point out, it is probably the only circus that will show in the vicinity this year.

### INTENSIVE PLANS BEING MADE FOR NEGRO NEWS- PAPER PUBLISHERS MEET IN NEW YORK JUNE 15-17

New York City, May 18—Intensive plans are under way for the 5th Annual Convention of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association which will be held in New York City on June 15, 16, and 17. Today, John H. Sengstacke, NNPA President, and Howard H. Murphy, NNPA Secretary-Treasurer, met with Dr. C. B. Powell, Chairman, NNPA Committee on Arrangements for the Convention, and worked out final physical details for the Association's June Annual Meeting.

Discussion Groups are Planned  
An unusual feature of this year's meeting will be Discussion Groups which are to be led by members of the Association who are experts in advertising, circulation, business management, editorial and promotion phases of newspaper operations. More Than 45 Participating Newspapers Expected

It is anticipated that more than 45 publications will send representatives to this year's meeting. On the basis of interest and com-

### URBAN LEAGUE WOMEN SURVEY SCHOOL SPACE

Chicago, May 17 (PPNS)—The women's division of the Chicago Urban League has launched an investigation of seating space in the public schools near the Negro community. The study is designed to ascertain the facts regarding overcrowding, the amount of space elsewhere available, and the effect of "restrictive covenants" on school facilities. Mrs. Leon Edleman is chairman of the committee making the survey which has the approval of Mayor Edw. J. Kelly's interracial committee, headed by Dr. Robert Weaver.

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