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## Letterip

Dear Editor:

A bill to provide for fair employment practices in Nebraska (L.B. 117) will have a public hearing before the labor committee next Monday, Feb. 14.

Discrimination in employment lowers the wages and purchasing power of large groups in our society. This tends to drag down the productivity and general economic condition of the population. Surveys made show that there is a definite need for legislative action in this state to eliminate this trend.

To those who would oppose legislation in favor of education as a better means of achieving civil rights and improving intergroup relations, I want to point out that most educators and social scientists agree that both education and legislation are valid approaches to the goal and are, moreover, essential to each other. This was the opinion expressed by the president's Committee on Civil Rights, which has urged that this legislation be adopted in every state.

The proposed bill will not force Nebraska's employers to hire a certain quota from minority groups but will only prevent them from rejecting potential qualified employees on the grounds of race, creed color or ancestry. Being geared to needs in Nebraska, the bill does not go as far as successful bills in other states, most of which call for the creation of a commission.

The record of achievement of such legislation elsewhere is one of the best arguments in favor of this bill. New York, the state having the longest experience, reports spectacular success. Many New York employers who had previously opposed the passage of the bill now back it enthusiastically. Seven other states also report success.

Those who would like to have this bill brought out of committee and finally made into law can help by expressing their opinions and writing to their state senators and the Labor committee at the State House.

Sincerely,  
John O'Hare

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## From the Front Page

BY BRUCE KENNEDY

**WHOLESALE PRICES** took another dip Wednesday but this time falling below the levels of the closing days of the OPA. The sharpest break in a year, the drop included prices of wheat, pork, fuel and many other foods.

Experts predicted that the government might resume its move to buy some commodities to support prices. However, it is believed that this drop will not immediately affect lower retail prices.

**GIVING THE KIND** of speech that many Republicans think he should have used during his presidential campaign, Governor Thomas Dewey addressed a Lincoln Day dinner in Washington Tuesday night. Dewey said that the Republican party is split wide open; and in his opinion something should be done about it. Perhaps Mr. Dewey was one of the many readers of Harvey Newbranch's editorial, "God Hates a Coward."

**RUSSIA'S** well-practiced habit of preventing any sort of settlement on any sort of issue was used successfully again as the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Deputies convened for the third try at writing the long-delayed Austrian Peace Treaty.

Despite Premier-Marshall Tito's disagreements with Russia last year, the Soviet renewed support of Yugoslavia's territorial claims on Austria. Stalin's intentions of peace made last week could have been converted into hard action during this meeting. But Western Powers were probably right when they doubted the sincerity of the Soviet chief.

**AS STUDENTS** at Nebraska were sloshing around in the melting snow Wednesday, Wyoming, Idaho and Northern Utah were swept again by strong winds and cold waves. Railroads and highways were closed as the drifting snow halted transportation in the far west. Nebraska, however, escaped most of this new onslaught and enjoyed a touch of spring.

**A NEW JET BOMBER**, the B-47, streaked across the nation Tuesday to establish a new record for a transcontinental flight. Averaging about 607.2 miles an hour, the bomber traveled the 2,289 miles from Moses Lake, Wash., air base to Andrews Field, Md., in 3 hours 46 minutes. Quite a change from the speed of the "Old Ford" of years ago.

## New AUF Allocation . . .

A portion of the funds raised by the AUF drive will be given to the United Negro College Fund. This marks a new allocation for the AUF, and we heartily commend the AUF officers for adding the UNCF to their list of organizations which will benefit from the drive.

Many a citizen who condones segregation tries to rationalize his prejudice by advocating separate but equal schools for Negro students. The result is that throughout the U. S. we have a number of separate schools. The matter of equality, however, seems to get lost somewhere along the way.

True equality will come only when enough of the racial prejudice which blots the nation's record is erased so that all colleges will be open to any individual who meets the academic requirements. Until then, we must improve the present situation and work for the ideal of true equality by providing students of the Negro colleges with the best educational facilities possible.

Citizenship, morally defined, is not to be borne by one race or religious group. Citizenship is a responsibility for all, not a privilege for the few. One cannot expect the Negro to be "like everyone else" as a citizen as long as he is not regarded "like everyone else" in educational, economic and social spheres.

The United Negro College Fund plays a vitally important role in the maintenance of Negro colleges. A report on the fund states that these institutions "have small endowments. They have no wealthy alumni. They receive few large gifts. Their students, because of meager family incomes, can pay less than half the cost of their education."

It was the editor's pleasure last summer to meet a student from Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.) who was able to give a first-hand report on the conditions which exist in that particular Negro college. The few books that the library does have, he reported, are in such bad condition—the pages are so torn and soiled—that they are almost illegible. Other conditions of the college can equal those of the library. Yet the students of Lincoln U. are as intent (if not more) as other American college students on getting a college education.

To Nebraska students we make an appeal that they concern themselves with the betterment of the American educational system and show their willingness to do something constructive about it—and GIVE to the ALL University Fund drive.

## NU Bulletin Board

Thursday

**Union Ping Pong tournament** has been postponed to Feb. 15. Registration will continue this week.

**Filings for the Junior-Senior Prom King and Queen** close Friday at 5 p. m. Any senior man or junior girl with an overall average of 4.5 as of Sept. 1, 1948, may file at 202 Administration.

**Any organized house** with rooms for students attending the UNESCO conference please contact the UNESCO office.

**Monthly meeting of Nu-Meds** in Union at 7 p. m.

**UNESCO executive meeting** in Room 305 of Union, 7 p. m.

**Phi Chi Theta** initiation in Ellen Smith hall parlors. Pledges at 7 p. m. and actives at 7:15 p. m.

**Bridge tournament** playoffs at 7 p. m.

**Meeting of prospective teachers**, 4 p. m. in Love Memorial Library auditorium.

**Intervarsity Christian Fellowship** meets in Room 315 in Union at 7:30.

**Sigma Tau** dinner meeting, 6 p. m. at Union.

**Trident** will hold its first closed meeting, 7 p. m. in Room 107, Armory.

**The Christian Science organization** will hold its weekly service in Room 313 of the Union, 7 p. m.

**Sigma Delta Chi** meeting, 309 Burnett, 7 p. m.

- Coed Pollies Tryout, 7:15
- Kappa Delta, 7:30
- Alpha Xi Delta, 7:45
- Delta Delta Delta, 8:00
- Chi Omega, 8:15
- Gamma Phi Beta, 8:30
- Kappa Alpha Theta, 8:45
- Alpha Omicron Pi, 9:00
- Alpha Phi

## Vets Get Free Medical Aid

Hospitalization and out-patient treatment provided by Veterans Administration are not available to members of veterans' families, VA said Wednesday in response to a number of inquiries.

Only ex-servicemen and women, if discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, are entitled to hospital treatment under the priority system.

First preference will be given to emergency cases, second preference to those suffering from injuries or diseases incurred in or aggravated by military service and third preference to those who state under oath they are unable to pay hospital charges for treatment of nonservice-connected disabilities or illnesses.

Out-patient treatment is available only for veterans with service-connected disabilities. Each veteran's eligibility must be determined by VA before treatment can be authorized.

## IM Cage Slate

- 5 p. m. ROTC vs. Toward; AIEE vs. Architects, 7 p. m. Zeta Beta Tau vs. Phi Kappa Phi (B); Brown Palace vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon (B); Alpha Tau Omega vs. Phi Gamma Delta (B); 8 p. m. Farm House vs. Beta Sigma Phi (A); Delta Upsilon vs. Alpha Gamma Rho (A); Beta Theta Pi vs. Sigma Chi (B).

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