

Nebraska FEPC Proposal Quiz Reveals Student, Faculty Opinion

By Gene Berg

Mixed opinion was shown in comments made by university instructors and students when questioned Wednesday about the FEPC proposal to be brought before the Nebraska legislature Monday, Feb. 14.

The Fair Employment Practices Commission act calls for "the employment of all persons in accordance with their fullest capacities, regardless of their race, color, religion, natural origin or ancestry, and to safeguard their right to obtain and hold employment without such discrimination."

WHEN THE BILL goes before the labor committee of the legislature Monday afternoon, University of Nebraska students will present their views under the leadership of Ted Sorenson, recently appointed moderator of the UNESCO conference on the University campus. Student interest in the bill has been led by the Social Action committee, the YMCA and the YWCA Personnel committee.

Comments made to Daily Nebraskan reporters include:

Albin T. Anderson, assistant professor of history: "At one time a large part of the American people were so convinced that slavery was wrong that it provided one incentive for them to go to war in the interest of its eradication. It was, in effect, a positive affirmation that the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence meant what it said about human freedom and equality. To abolish slavery meant a repudiation of what a minority had come to call their rights."

"FEPC has a similar mission in our own day. It assumes that men are men, no matter what their color, what their creed, or their political preference might be. It takes a bold attack upon prejudice. Politically prejudice is an affront to our democratic tradi-

tion; religiously, it is a sin; socially and economically it is a disease which could well destroy our moral health. It is a shocking commentary upon our institutions and our ideas when we realize that Soviet Russia, a country whose morals we repudiate in so many areas makes prejudice punishable by law, while here in the United States the failure to exercise prejudice is punishable by law."

Charles Goolsby, graduate student: "I believe that the bill will be a great benefit to society through encouraging higher production. Every member of the state will have the right to become a responsible citizen. Many people would hire minority groups if the stigma attached to such hiring would be relieved."

Gordon Lippett, graduate student and YMCA official: "It is

the kind of bill with a principle behind it which real believers in democracy must follow. It also gives the individual discriminated against a chance to bring his case before an authority. Through this the employer will be forced to give more consideration about discrimination."

S. J. House, instructor in political science: "I think the bill is a beginning of the end of race prejudice. It will involve education, but we must begin somewhere. After a while I think it will work out, at least over a period of years."

Dr. R. V. Shumate, professor of political science: "The issue is all mixed up in emotion. To the person favoring it, the question is fair treatment to racial minorities. To those opposing it, the question is whether we should not discriminate or whether governmen-

tal action will help the race situation. There is often too great a tendency to attempt to solve someone else's problems. I can not see where FEPC is enforceable, because of the endless difficulty involved in carrying out its hopes."

Lonnquist Attends Corn Conference

John Lonnquist, corn breeder at the Ag college experiment station, will attend a regional corn breeding conference in Chicago on Thursday and Friday. All states in the north-central region will be represented. Plans for 1949 breeding programs will be discussed.

Nu Sigs Schedule Pre-Med Smoker

Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity will give its annual Pre-med Smoker at the State suite of the Cornhusker hotel Thursday, Feb. 17. The smoker will start at 7:30 p. m.

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