

International News Briefs

WHITES-ONLY CLUB DROPS RACIAL RESTRICTIONS

CHICAGO — (NBNS) — The Loyal Order of Moose, dropping a constitutional tradition which dates back to the organization's founding in 1888, said last week during its convention here that it will delete a racial restriction on membership which excluded blacks and other minorities. The international organization has a membership of more than one million persons.

U. S. JOINS SUIT TO END BIAS IN 14 TEXAS PRISONS
WASHINGTON —

(NBNS) — The Justice Department last week joined a private class action suit brought on behalf of all Texas prison inmates that would offer officials of the Texas Department of Corrections to desegregate all 14 state prisons.

The motion to intervene, which was filed at U. S. District Court in Houston, charged that the officials have systematically discriminated against black inmates by operating racially segregated cells, cell blocks, and dormitories.

BUSING FOE CLAIMS NY LEGISLATORS ADD DRIVE TO ANTI-BUSING MOVEMENT

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — Former Texas State Sen. Wayne Connally, brother of

former Treasury Secretary John Connally and chairman of the nationwide anti-busing group, charged last week that a recent move by the New York State Legislature has added momentum to a drive to pass Congress and amend the Constitution through action by the states.

Earlier, the State Senate passed, 40-to-16, a resolution calling for the establishment of a constitutional convention to approve a proposed amendment that would forbid assignment of students to schools to achieve a racial balance.

SUPREME COURT SENDS WELFARE CASE BACK TO ILLINOIS

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — The Supreme Court last week

returned to Illinois for rearing a case to decide whether a federal court can order a state to make retroactive welfare payments to a class of persons wrongfully denied benefits.

Last November, a special three-judge federal court in Chicago ordered massive benefits paid to two Chicagoans by the Illinois Department of Public Aid. However, Illinois Attorney General William J. Scott took the case to the high court, which vacated the original lower court judgment and remanded it to the U. S. District Court for Northern Illinois "so it may enter a fresh judgment from which a timely appeal may be taken to the

court of appeals".

DEMOCRATS TO CHANGE '72 DELEGATE SELECTION RULES

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — After making major reforms in its delegate-selection process last year which enfranchised scores of new convention participants, the Democratic Party said last week it is considering revising the controversial 1972 guidelines during six regional hearings within the next three months.

Panel Chairwoman Barbara Mikulski said the conferences will be held June 8-9 in Milwaukee, June 15-16 in Boston, June 29-30 in San Francisco, July 20-21 in Atlanta, August 3-4 in Denver and August 10-11 in Baltimore.



PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia police identify Fred Burton (L) and Joseph Bowen (R) as the two

Holmesburg Prison inmates who stabbed to death the Prison's warden and deputy warden in the deputy warden's

office in Philadelphia 5/31. Both men have been charged in the past with police killings.

Mrs. Beulah Bradgon Lauded For Mission Work

Mrs. Beulah Bradgon operated a rooming house on 502 Fowler Avenue for 30 years. She did a lot of home mission at her house. Sometimes she would find old sick men on her porch. She would say: "Who sent you here"? He would say: "Somebody sent me here and

told me that Mrs. Bradgon would not turn me away". The night was not too dark and the weather was never too cold that her door was not open to help somebody. She has taken people in and cared for them in her house until they died. People would say "I wouldn't take that old man in my house who is sick". She would say "Well, they have to die somewhere". She is the widow of the late Rev. William Bradgon and a citizen of Durham. The variety

of work she and her husband have done for humanity is too much to mention. They have married many couples and buried people from out of their home trying to help them. They lived at 502 Fowler Avenue for 30 years. On April 20, 1972, she moved to Red Oak Avenue here in Durham. Mrs. Beulah Bradgon is to be commended for her outstanding Missionary work at her home and church. She is a member of Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church.

Blacks Are Still Unable To Close Housing Gap

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — Although the quality of housing significantly improved during the 1960s and more Americans not only live in less crowded homes but also own second homes, blacks have been unable to close a long-time housing gap, according to a new Census Bureau study released last week.

The study, which is a compilation of housing statistics gleaned from the 1970 national census, indicates that American homes are less crowded and have more of the amenities — bathrooms, plumbing, and air conditioning. The standard means of determining crowded housing is the number of homes containing more than one person per room.

In 1940, about 20 per cent of all homes in the United States were, measured by that standard, crowded. However, the 1970 census revealed that at present only eight per cent are crowded.

The study also shows that more and more homes are now equipped with air conditioning, washing machines, and freezers. The percentage of homes having air conditioning units increased from 12.4 per cent in 1960 to 36 per cent three years ago.

Significant improvements were also noted in the South, which, for years, had the largest supply of housing lacking plumbing. In 1960, for example, about 28 per cent of all Southern homes lacked full



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