

# The Long Arm of Coincidence

DID SOMEONE SAY THAT HISTORY DOES NOT REPEAT ITSELF?

Consider the following strange coincidences in the careers and tragic deaths of two great Presidents -- Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy:

1. Both of these Presidents, Lincoln and Kennedy, were concerned with the issue of "Civil Rights".
2. Lincoln was elected in 1860 and Kennedy was elected in 1960.
3. Both were slain on a Friday and in the presence of their wives.
4. Their successors, both named Johnson, were Southerners, Democrats and had previously served in the U.S. Senate.
5. Andrew Johnson was born in 1808 and Lyndon B. Johnson was born 1908.
6. John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839 and Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939.
7. Both Booth and Oswald were slain before they could be tried for assassinating Lincoln and Kennedy, respectively.
8. Booth and Oswald were both Southerners favoring unpopular ideas.
9. Both Presidents and their wives lost children through death while residing in the White House.
10. Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theater the night he was killed.
11. President Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

## FBI HOLDS NEW LAW SEMINARS

WASHINGTON--The Federal Bureau of Investigation will hold several hundred seminars for local law-enforcement officers within the next six weeks on the recently enacted Civil Rights Act.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, said that the bureau had received many requests from local police officials for information on the provisions of the act and the role of law enforcement agencies.

Because of these requests, Hoover said, it was decided that local F. B. I. offices should arrange conferences with police officials so that Federal, state and local agencies would be able "to discharge their obligations by working together."

A spokesman for the bureau said it was planned that speakers from Washington would attend many of the conferences to explain the act.

Meanwhile at the Department of Commerce, the Community Relations Service is slowly beginning to assemble a staff. The service was created by the new law to help communities forestall racial trouble and help them resolve problems without resort to court action.

The framers of the act envisaged the service as the principal instrument for securing voluntary compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of the law.



AID RECOGNIZED--W.M. Laub (center), executive vice president of Southwest Gas Corp., accepts NAACP Award of Merit from Dr. Charles I. West (right), chairman of 1964 NAACP Freedom Fund Presentations Committee. Right is Robert Hall, Southern Nevada District Manager for Southwest Gas, Company was recognized for aid to NAACP Labor and Industry program along with Sahara Hotel and Central Telephone Co.

sions of the law.

There are three ways in which the service can enter an actual or potential dispute. First, a community can seek its help. Second, the agency can offer its conciliatory services. Third, where a suit has been filed in a state having no antidiscrimination statute, the court may refer the matter to the service for up to 120 days.

President Johnson named LeRoy Collins, former Governor of Florida, as director of the service, which is part of the Commerce Department.

Harold C. Fleming,

an expert in racial problems, will be Collins' deputy.

The Community Relations Service will have two main divisions, the Conciliation Division and the Division of Public Education. There will also be divisions that will work with other Government agencies and private organizations.

Because the Conciliation Division will have no more than five or six conciliators, the service expects to fill out conciliation teams by calling on experts in private organizations and of members of its own national advisory committee.

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