



**BLACK PRESS AWARDS** - Top left, Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr., left, of Michigan is shown receiving the National Newspaper Publishers Association Distinguished Service Award from Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, NNPA president, during its recent annual convention in Philadelphia. Seated is Malcolm Poindexter, KYW newscaster of that city who served as awards dinner toastmaster. Bottom left, New Pittsburgh Courier Hazel Garland, left, and General Manager James D. Lewis are receiving NNPA's highest Merit Awards honor, the Russwurm Award, from Ms. Sara A. Smith, urban affairs specialist of General Electric. The award included \$1,000 and a trophy. Altogether, publishers and staffers of 23 NNPA member newspapers received 62 awards totaling \$20,000. Top right, Kenneth Stanley, co-publisher of the Louisville Defender and chairman of NNPA's scholarship committee, is receiving \$16,000 in scholarship funds from R. J. Reynolds Industries and Anheuser-Busch. Marshall B. Bass, right, Reynolds corporate manager for personnel development, is presenting \$13,500 for his firm, and Henry H. Brown, Anheuser-Busch's national manager for marketing development, is presenting \$2,500 for his. Middle right, Editor John Q. Jordan, left, of the New Norfolk Journal & Guide, and Dr. Milton A. Reid, right, the paper's publisher are receiving the first place award for General Excellence earned by the Guide. Making the presentation is James A. Knight, Jr., ALCO's public affairs manager. The new Pittsburgh Courier and the Cleveland Call & Post were 2nd and 3rd place winners. Bottom right, winners of awards to syndicated columnists are displaying their plaques. Left to right, William L. Rowe, acting executive director of NNPA, for his "Billy Rowe's Notebook," Otto McClarrin, U.S. Public Health Service official, for his "Happiness Through Health," and Federal Communications Commissioner Benjamin L. Hooks for his column. Chester L. Higgins, Sr., his administrative assistant, is standing in for him. The other winner, Charles E. Belle, who writes "Business in the Black," is not shown. (Philadelphia Tribune Photos.)

**American Jewish Congress Assist NAACP**

NEW YORK - The American Jewish Congress recently offered its legal assistance to the NAACP in appealing a Mississippi court decision that awarded a total of \$1,250,5999 to 12 white merchants because of an NAACP boycott 10 years ago of shops in the town of Port Gibson.

In a letter to Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, the American Jewish Congress declared: "We are appalled at the report in the New York Times of the verdict of the Chancellery Court of Mississippi awarding a million dollars to the white merchants in Port Gibson against the NAACP because of your successful boycott in 1966.

"We believe that the precedents established in such a decision are extremely dangerous not merely to the NAACP but to all groups involved in using social action to protect constitutional rights and to achieve social change.

"The American Jewish Congress is eager to help the NAACP in any way possible. We are prepared to offer whatever legal assistance is needed and to file a friend-of-the-court brief in support of the NAACP if you deem it useful.

"Please let us know how we can help."

The letter was signed by Nami Levine, executive director of the American Jewish Congress.

**Election Dept. Looking For Help**

The Clark County Election Department is looking to the Community for Registered Voters who will help in this year's primary and general elections.

On election day the department employs nearly 1,600 people to work as Election Board officers and polling place officials. This year the number of people who have come forward to lend us their assistance has fallen short of the number required to operate all of the precincts in Clark County. We are, therefore, looking for people who have plenty of free time, don't mind working long hours for short pay, but are highly community-minded to assist us on this year's elections. If you fall into this category the Election Department would certainly like to hear from you. The Election Department phone number is 382-4982, just ask for Karen or Betty and they will be glad to sign you up if there is an opening that would be convenient for you.

**FPC Price Boost to be "Minimal" for Southwest Gas Users**

The impact on the residential gas consumer as a result of the Federal Power Commission increase in the wellhead price of natural gas will be minimal to FPC customers, C. H. McCrea, executive vice-president of the utility said Tuesday.

"These new rates only apply to newly-discovered gas, which is a relatively small share of the total supply," McCrea said. "The greater portion of gas is still priced at much lower prices on long-term contracts."

"The next effect of this increase to our domestic customers will be a gradual increase in rates as new gas wells are brought into production over the years," he said. "However, gas is and will remain the least expensive source of energy for most household applications."


McCrea said it is impossible to determine the amount of the increase to Southwest Gas customers that will result because of the FPC rate increase, but that on a national scale it is estimated the average residential price increase will be less than 8% a year.

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- Reduction Of Our High Crime Rate**  
thru elimination of the tremendous backing of criminal cases in our court system. One possibility would be the creation of a night court to handle traffic and small claims actions.
- Sounder Fiscal Policy**  
a close look at county spending, which should be based on need and necessity. Termination of all high cost out-of-town studies and surveys.
- Open Public Meetings**  
No unannounced or closed meetings. The commission serves the public and all actions taken should be open to the residents of Clark County.
- Consistency in County Government**  
adhering to our county master plan. Denial of spot zoning that does not conform with the county's overall master plan.