PALMA contest ends on Sunday

All entries for the Lincoln Douglass Essay Contest must be postmarked not later than midnight Sunday, Feb. 17, when the contest officially closes.

The contest, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Avenue Lafayette Market Association, is open to students attending local elementary, junior high and high schools.

The subject for the third annual contest is "LINCOLN AND DOUGLASS WILL LIVE IN HISTORY BECAUSE." Essays should not exceed 200 words and must be mailed by the deadline to Essay Contest, 414 E. 25th St., Baltimore 18, Md.

A total of nine prizes will be awarded to the nine essays judged best. The contestants will be divided into three groups according to the grade of the contestant.

The groups will be elementary, junior high and senior high.

IN EACH category three prizes will be given. The first prize will be $10, second prize $5 and third prize $3. Library funds of the winners' schools will also be given cash awards.

In order to place the entries into the proper grouping, contestants must put their name, grade, school and school address in the upper left hand corner of the paper.

Winning contestants will be notified by mail and a list of all winners will appear in the February 23 issue of the AFRO.

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WATERFRONT HUDDLE — Minutes after the 5 p.m. deadline Tuesday, the above officials of Local 858 of the International Longshoremen's Association were kept busy as 1,600 members of the local waited for strike news from New York. George E. Barry, financial secretary of the local, called the news to the above officials at 6:30 p.m. after negotiations with shipping management broke down at 6:10 p.m. From left (above) they are, the Rev. William King, chaplain and treasurer; Daniel Haines, recording secretary, and Herman Jews, vice president.

'Tell the men to come on in'

By S. F. YETTE

"Tell the men to come on in."

That was the word given to leader of local dock workers by Herman Jews, vice president of the ILA Local 858, Tuesday evening, when he received word from New York that contract negotiations had produced no results by the 6:00 p.m. deadline.

Shipping management and the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) entered these negotiations last Nov. 4 when a Taft - Hartley Act injunction prevented a strike and gave both parties 80 days in which to reach agreement.

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THE FAILURE to reach agreement by the Tuesday evening deadline put 45,000 longshoremen on strike along the East Coast.

Five thousand of the strikers are workers on the Baltimore waterfront, with 1,600 belonging to the powerful Local 858.

Local 858 is being represented in the New York talks by James Barry, financial secretary, and Raymond Chambers, a member of the wage scale committee.

John L. Hayes, the president, has been ill but did attend earlier bargaining sessions.

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CONTRACT TALKS were resumed Wednesday morning, but no agreement had been reached at presstime.

Daniel Haines, secretary of local 858, said on Wednesday that he had word from New York that agreement had been reached on all but two points, and that local dockmen were in a stand - by state pending a probable settlement.

He said he had not been advised as to which points had been agreed upon by the mediators.

It has been known throughout the negotiations, however, that the expiration date of a new contract has been a major point of disagreement.

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THE MOST recent contract with the longshoremen and shipping management expired Sept. 30 of last year.

The major demands made by the longshoremen for the new contract include these:

1. A wage increase of 32 cents per hour, spread over a two-year period.
2. Expansion of pension and welfare benefits. This would include first - aid stations in the Baltimore harbor.
3. Standardization of draft load maximum.
4. National bargaining to include all ports from Portland, Maine to Brownsville, Texas.

The main disagreement on the wage increase results from the longshoremen demands for a two - year contract which would give them the full benefits of the raise within two years.

Management, however, insists on a three - year contract which would cut the rate of increase.

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THE ILA has also pushed for its new contract to expire on Aug. 1, 1959, rather than Sept. 30 of that year.

The shippers have offered the union a three - year contract in which the 32 cent increase would give the workers an 18 cent raise the first year, and seven - cent raise for each of the remaining two years.

The union has demanded that an increase of three cents be made in their welfare and pension fund. This amount would be a part of the raise sought in the wage demands.

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MR. HAINES said that the present variance in draft loads sets up unfair competition among the workers and explained that various gangs would be asked to load on their swings more than is asked in another gang.

Over - loading the swings is dangerous to the workers and makes the quantities more difficult to count and record, Mr. Haines said.

When the contract talks first began last August 3, the union demanded national bargaining which would put all of the ports in the Eastern and Gulf harbors "under one heading," Mr. Haines said.

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MANAGEMENT, however, early rejected this demand, a rejection that has greatly helped to break down the talks, Mr. Haines said.

Mr. Haines called the national bargaining demand an important one, because "such uniformity and solidarity would give us a chance to punish sister harbors for breaches in contracts."

He said that bringing all of the harbors under one union would also beat the "diverted cargo imposition" which the local port met when the New York ports went out on wild cat strikes in 1954.

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Nixon to Liberia

THOMASVILLE, Ga. — Vice President Richard M. Nixon has accepted an invitation to visit the Republic of Liberia for an official call during his trip to Africa next month, the White House announced Tuesday.

Mr. Nixon, accompanied by Mrs. Nixon will attend independence ceremonies March 6 at Accra, capital of the Gold Coast, a British colony that become independent under the name of Ghana on that date. No date has been set for the Liberia visit.

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AKA's celebrate Founders' Day

HONOREE at the Founder's Day observance was Miss Beulah Burke, of Washington, center, one of 11 young women who founded the sorority on the campus of Howard University, in 1908. Left is Dr. Gladyce Jones, grammarian of the chapter; right, Mrs. Vernice Reynolds, anti-basileus.

MISS BETTY WILLIAMS, of Epsilon Omega chapter.

UNDERGRADUATE sorors, guests of Epsilon Omega, included, left to right, Misses Loretta Warren and Adele Warren of Waterloo, Md., and Margo Tossett of Cooksville, Md., of Alpha Delta chapter.

FOLLOWING THE re-dedication, sorors socialized, had refreshments from an organdie draped, flower-decked table laid in crystal and silver, the flowers, candles, candies, etc. in the sorority colors of pink and green.

PICTURE FOUR BELOW—These sorors, who have served as basilei of Epsilon Omega Chapter of AKA, built the membership from 11 to more than 10 times that number. Left to right are Mesdames Emma Bright, Lillian Parrott, Mildred Seaborne, Vivian Cook, Erma Davis, Flossie Dedmond, the present basileus; Anita Wheatley and Edna Campbell.

MISSES Norma Clement of this city and Sylvia Ward of Christfield, Md., of Alpha Delta Chapter, were among guests.

MISSES BARBARA A. HANDIMAN of Jefferson City, Mo., Anne Shervington, and and Barabar Ann Locks, basileus, of Alpha Delta Chapter.

SECOND AND THIRD generation of Alpha Kappa Alpha women are Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes of Epsilon Omega chapter, and Miss Miriam Hughes of Alpha Delta. Mrs. Hughes' mother, Mrs. Fannie F. Dogan, is also an AKA.

Never forget role as mothers, Miss Burke tells AKA sorors

"The future of the world, whether we have peace and plenty of wars and needs, is still in the hands of its women.

"Let no one fool you, the ideals you instill in your children still determine whether the race climbs steadily forward or comes to a standstill."

Miss Beulah Burke, of Washington, one of the 11 women who founded Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 49 years ago urged the 125 members of Epsilon Omega chapter to never forget their roles as "makers of men," here, Saturday evening.

Miss Burke was speaker at the Founders' Day Observation of the chapter, which was held in the Auditorium of the Madison Avenue branch YWCA.

She, along with Mrs. Vivian Cook, organizer and charter member of the chapter, and Mrs. Erma Davis, charter member, were honor guests of the chapter at the celebration.

Also sharing the honors during the evening were the sorors who have served as basilei of the chapter, and who have guided its growth in numbers and community participation.

They included Sorors Davis, Cook, Edna Campbell, Mabel Frisby, Anita Wheatley, Lillian Parrott, Mildred Seaborne, Emma Bright and Flossie Dedmond.

CAPSULE HISTORIES of the chapter, given by the basilei showed that the chapter given scholarships each year since its inception, contributed to the cultural growth of the city through inaugurating the concerts wich have presented the nation's top artists; spearheaded guidance in schools before that area was adopted by the department of education here;

Also that the chapter began the work of opening vocational opportunities along with the Urban League; and fostered, and still holds representation on the board of the South Baltimore Playground, now a major project of the City of Baltimore.

The chapter presented corsages to the basilei and gifts of jewelry to Sorors Burke, Cook and Davis.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS on the Founders' Day program included Sorors Constantia Jackson, who led the group singing, Charlotte Swan and Alma Gray, pianists; Vernice Reynolds, announcements; Barbara Locks, basileus of Alpha Delta chapter who brought greetings; Alpha Delta chapter, who brought greetings; Alpha Delta chapter members, who sang; and Lula Patterson, who presided. Soror Thelma Wunder presented the chapter basilei.

Members of Alpha Delta chapter were guests of the graduate chapter.

The rededication service, an original, was written and directed by Soror Flossie Dedmond, basileus of Epsilon Omega, and led by Soror Edna Campbell, a past supreme basileus; with leading roles by the Founders and Soror Lillian Parrott, former regional director; and Marion Reid.

The committee, wich arranged the program and the buffet which followed, included Sorors Patterson, chairman; Laura Jones and Vernice Matthews, assistant chairmen; Constantia Jackson, Margaret Jackson, Anne McGlothern, Sarah Rayne, Marion Reid, Helen Smith.

Also Sorors Courtney Valentin, Frances Vessels, Theresa Weaver, Elizabeth White, Noel C. Willis, Jessia Wilson and Thelma Winder.

HOSTESSES FOR the evening were:

Sorors Edna Campbell, Marion Gregory, Katharine Gross, Rose Hampton, Helen Harris, Helena Hall, Barbara Hayes, Evelina Henderson, LaVada Hobson.

Sorors Beatrice Hurt, Constantia Jackson, Margaret Jackson, Chalmetta Johnson, Esther Johnson, Gladyce Jones, Laura Jones, Hermia Jordan, Dorothy Koger, Elizabeth Hodge.

Sorors Edythe Holmes, Juanita Holsey, Blanche Hughes, Bernice Hunley, Margaret Land, JoEllen Loften, Beulah Maxwell, Helen Patterson, Appye Morse and Beatrice Myers.

—LULA JONES GARRETT