



# The Lincoln Sesquicentennial INTELLIGENCER

*a newsletter highlighting events in the observance  
of the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth*

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## *Memorandum from the Chairman of the Executive Committee*

As we enter the last half of "Lincoln Year," I am happy to report that the Congress has given us renewed assurance of its support of this worthy project through the appropriation of funds to carry on the work.

In a time of international tensions when the compassionate philosophies of the 16th President can mean so much in interpreting America to the world, it is gratifying indeed to read the reports from foreign countries on Lincoln activities and the effects of the Lincoln Year observances in areas throughout the world. So you may be cognizant of these effects a part of this issue is devoted to the international scene of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial.

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**FINAL STAMP ISSUED** • One of the highlights of the Memorial Day observances in Washington on Saturday, May 30th was the special program on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at 2:30 p.m. marking the issuance of the fourth and final stamp in the Lincoln series.

Co-sponsored by the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission and the Post Office Department, the stamp dedication ceremony drew an audience of several hundred persons including diplomats, cabinet officers, members of Congress, Lincoln enthusiasts and scores of visitors to the Nation's Capital.

Following the Presentation of Colors by the Joint Services Color Guard and an invocation by Maj. Gen. Frank A. Tobey, Chief of Chaplains, United States Army, the audience heard a stirring eulogy to Mr. Lincoln by John B. Fisher, a member of the Commission's Executive Committee. Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton delivered an address of welcome, Deputy Postmaster General Edson O. Sessions made the dedication address and Mrs. Katharine McCook Knox, an Honorary Member of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, presented to the Post Office Department a reproduction of the Healy portrait of Lincoln on which the one-cent stamp in the Sesquicentennial series is based. L. Rohe Walter, Special Assistant to The Postmaster General, presided.

The stamp issued on this day was a four-cent blue horizontal and features a drawing by Fritz Busse of the head of Lincoln in the Memorial by Daniel Chester French.

**LINCOLN INFLUENCE WORLD-WIDE** • American states and cities and many foreign countries paid tribute during Lincoln's birthday month of February to the 16th President. Tributes and eulogies, eloquent and plain, were offered to Abraham Lincoln in scores of languages and in many nations.

The overwhelming response and cooperation received from business and industry, labor unions, national organizations, radio, television, press, and individuals, as evidenced in the many celebrations, exhibits, displays, ceremonies, and other activities, recalls these words of Abraham Lincoln: "Every man is said to have his peculiar ambition. Whether it be true or not, I can say for one that I have no other so great as that of being truly esteemed of my fellow-men, by rendering myself worthy of their esteem".

Senator Cooper wrote to all foreign Ambassadors in this country concerning the Lincoln Sesquicentennial program. A cross-section of their replies indicates the deep feeling foreigners have for Lincoln.

**Norway:** The letter calls attention to the fact that a statue of Lincoln, given by the State of North Dakota to the people of Norway on July 4, 1914, stands in Frogner Park, Oslo. Since that time a ceremony at the statue has been a traditional part of a July 4th celebration in Oslo.

**Saudi Arabia:** Ambassador Abdullah-al-Khayyal writes, "We are well aware of the fact that Lincoln did so much in championing the principles of democracy, tolerance and brotherhood, and we do revere him as one of the greatest statesmen of all times, beloved by the American people as well as people from other lands. He shall always remain in the memory and hearts of the people whom he inspired and gave hope."

**Colombia:** From Ambassador Gomez, "There is in all of us a deep feeling of appreciation and admiration for this great President . . ."

*"I go for all sharing the privileges of the government, who assist in bearing its burthens"*—Lincoln

Afghanistan: ". . . name Abraham Lincoln dwells in our hearts and Afghans have great appreciation of what Lincoln did for all humanity . . ."

Korea: Ambassador Yan writes, "He is particularly admired in my country as a great humanitarian who made a resolute and steadfast stand for the cause of justice even in the face of disheartening opposition."

Greece: Ambassador Liatis says, "Abraham Lincoln is well known in my country since Greece's establishment and existence are due to our unswerving and lasting faith in the same principles he stood and fought for."

El Salvador: From Ambassador Hector David Castro, "All rural and urban schools and other educational institutions celebrated Lincoln's birthday. His excellency, Lt. Col. Jose Maria Lemus, President of the Republic of El Salvador, visited Springfield, Illinois, March 16-17, to place a floral wreath on Lincoln's tomb and deliver an address on Lincoln before both houses of the General Assembly at Springfield, Illinois.

Israel: A letter to the Commission from Ambassador Abba Eban outlined the many Lincoln Sesquicentennial activities in that country. He advised that the Ministry of Education and Culture issued instructions that the event be commemorated in all elementary schools from the 5th grade up and that the 11th and 12th grades of the secondary schools include Lincoln's First Inaugural Address and the Gettysburg Address in their program of English studies for this year. Several programs on Lincoln were broadcast over KOL ISRAEL, newspapers devoted much space to the various events and a national observance of Lincoln's birthday was held on February 12.

Other evidences included a February 12 ceremony at the foot of the towering bronze statue of Lincoln in London's Parliament Square, at which Prime Minister Macmillan stated that "Abraham Lincoln was a truly great man" who had come to symbolize for Britons the need of Anglo-American unity. The statue was erected in 1914 to commemorate 100 years of Anglo-American peace.

Argentina: A delegation from the Argentine Lawyers Federation placed a floral wreath at the Lincoln Memorial during their recent visit to Washington, D. C. Participating in the ceremony was Congressman Donald Irwin of Connecticut who was born in Rosario, Argentina and spent 18 years of his life in that country. By Executive Decree of February 24, the Argentine government issued a 5-peso stamp in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln.

Ireland's President, Sean T. O'Kelly, presided at a tree planting on February 11. Ceremony was held at the Lincoln Statue on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy in Dublin to mark this 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Thorolf Smith, prize winner in an Icelandic State Radio quiz on Lincoln, had this to say in an extemporaneous response to his award: "His (Lincoln's) ken was not limited by the Mississippi and Atlantic, he was the whole world; and as far as I can judge, Abraham Lincoln possessed the qualities I appreciate most of all, and which I think benefit us most: perseverance, kindness to all people, and justice."

**WEST INDIES TOUR** • In response to an invitation extended to the Commission by the new Federation of the West Indies, John B. Fisher, member of the Commission's Executive Committee, undertook a two-week tour of the Caribbean area (March 10-24) which resulted most successfully. He lectured mornings and afternoons in the public schools of Antigua, Trinidad, Barbados and Jamaica; addressed public gatherings each evening; and met with educational and political leaders of the various islands at luncheon meetings daily.

The response to the tour and the stimulus which it gave the Lincoln Essay Contest being conducted among the school children was tremendously gratifying and has inspired the Commission to consider other similar speaking tours outside the Continental Limits of the United States. Perhaps the most satisfying of all results of this tour is that illustrated by Mr. Fisher's report that "Abraham Lincoln is, clearly, not alone a great American but a great citizen in the eyes of the Free World".

**RADIO FREE EUROPE** • Lincoln birthday celebrations throughout America were given full coverage by Radio Free Europe. The voices of Mark Van Doren, author of the new play "The Last Days of Lincoln", and Carl Sandburg were broadcast behind the Iron Curtain in a program combining translation with recorded voice excerpts of the English language interviews. A radio adaptation in Hungarian of "Abe Lincoln In Illinois" was given with Eve Soreny and Sandor Szabo, theatrical stars in Hungary until 1956 when they escaped after the Revolution, in the leading roles. A third feature of Radio Free Europe's "Lincoln Festival" was statements on Lincoln the Emancipator by prominent Americans, including Judge Harvey Stephens, American jurist; A. Philip Randolph, AFL-CIO labor leader; Louis Armstrong, jazz musician; and Jackie Robinson from the world of sports. Radio Free Europe, supported by the American people through their contributions to the Crusade for Freedom, is on the air 18 hours daily to Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland and about 6 hours daily to Bulgaria and Romania.

**CORRECTION** • *The Lincoln bust presented to the President of Mexico by President Eisenhower was not a Volk bust as listed in the last issue of the Intelligencer. It should have been designated as a Leo Cherne bust.*

*"Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves . . ."*—Lincoln

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE •** *Active participation in Lincoln Year by the State Department is helping to spread Lincoln's 'gospel of democracy' throughout the world. President O'Kelly of Ireland and President Lemus of San Salvador both made trips to Springfield, Illinois during their recent State visits to this country. At the request of the State Dept. International Educational Exchange Service, the agencies under contract to arrange the programs of foreign leaders and specialists in this country are attempting to give these exchangees an opportunity to learn more about Lincoln by scheduling visits to his home in Springfield, arranging for attendance at special Lincoln events, and distributing Lincoln materials to them.*

*American missions abroad have been participating in the celebration in appropriate ways and also have been stimulating observances by foreign governments, institutions, societies, and individuals. The purpose of these activities is to bring to the attention of foreigners, both overseas and in this country, the national observance of the Sesquicentennial, our national ideals connected with it, and the role of Lincoln in our history. The 150th anniversary will be the subject of many lectures and articles during 1959 by Americans who are now overseas under the cultural exchange program. Professors, research scholars, and specialists in American history will be taking part in observances planned by American Foreign Service posts throughout the world.*

*Roy Basler, authority on the life and writings of America's 16th President, has already completed a ten-week lecture tour of Iceland, England, France, Holland and Germany. Dr. Paul Angle, Director of Chicago Historical Society visited Japan in February for a month of lectures on Lincoln before university audiences and English speaking societies. Professor Richard N. Current, Chairman, Dept. of History, Women's College of North Carolina, recently began a 12-week tour of India which will take him to New Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras to lecture on such topics as "Lincoln and the Negro", "Lincoln and Asia" and "Lincoln and Civil Rights". Professor Current is spending the academic year at the University of Munich as exchange lecturer on American History. Lloyd A. Dunlap, consultant in Lincoln studies for the Library of Congress, is planning to depart for the Sudan and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in the near future to speak to student groups, service clubs and public affairs forums on "Lincoln's Role in American History" and "The International Significance of Abraham Lincoln". Dr. Ernest Samuels of Northwestern University, who is lecturing on American literature at several Universities in Belgium, gave a special Lincoln lecture in Brussels on February 12th. Professor William Hesseltine of the University of Wisconsin, an expert on Civil War and Reconstruction period, is planning to depart for a three-month tour of the Middle East and South Asia on June 10. He will lecture on Lincoln in Iran, Afghanistan, Ceylon and Pakistan.*

*In general it is expected that the two hundred and two American elementary and high school teachers and the sixty two American lecturers and research scholars in the field of American studies who are now abroad under the Dept. of State's sponsorship will make a significant contribution to the world-wide recognition of Abraham Lincoln's role in American history.*

**LINCOLN MATERIALS TO CANADA •** Gifts of important research materials for the national libraries of Canada and the United States were exchanged in ceremonies in Ottawa on April 8th in observance of National Library Week (April 12-18) in both countries. Roy P. Basler, Director of the Library of Congress Reference Department and an Honorary Member of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, presented to Canada's Prime Minister on behalf of the Library a significant group of Lincoln materials for the National Library of Canada. The Prime Minister, in turn, presented to the Library of Congress an important body of materials relating to U.S. economic history.

The United States gift to Canada consisted of a microfilm of the Library's Robert Todd Lincoln Collection of Papers of Abraham Lincoln made possible through the generosity of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission. This extensive collection of more than 18,000 documents includes letters, telegrams, memoranda sent to Lincoln and the drafts of his own letters, state papers and addresses, which tell in large part the story of his administration. The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln were also given to Canada through the courtesy of the Lincoln Commission.

A facsimile of Lincoln's scrapbook containing clippings of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates and annotations by Lincoln, was included in the presentation. Another facsimile with special appeal to members of the Commonwealth is a reproduction of a black-bordered letter from Queen Victoria written in 1865 to Mrs. Lincoln to express her "deep and heartfelt sympathy" on the death of the President. To complete the group of Lincoln materials and illustrate the observance of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial in the United States, a catalog of the Sesquicentennial Exhibition in the Library of Congress—the most comprehensive display of Lincolniana ever assembled—was also presented to the Prime Minister.

**GIs IN GERMANY BUILD LINCOLN CABIN REPLICA •** American soldiers stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, have built a duplicate of Abe Lincoln's log cabin birthplace in front of Amerikahaus, the American cultural center. Timber for the cabin was donated by a Taunus mountain village. Ceremonies were held on Lincoln's birthday and plans are being formulated to make the replica a permanent monument.

*"Important principles may, and must, be inflexible"*—Lincoln

USIA • Excerpts from overseas reports coming into headquarters of the United States Information Agency indicate an increased awareness of Lincoln and of his stature as a world figure.

Mexico: In Guadalajara a celebration was held on February 12 at the Lincoln bust on the Avenue of the Americas. As a symbolic tribute four maple trees were planted with Mayor Menchaca and U. S. Consul General Martindale participating. An Abraham Lincoln Street was officially dedicated and the Mayor ordered a special bronze plaque be mounted on a stone base to mark the dedication.

Korea: News Review, a weekly publication prepared specifically for Korea's 4000 top leaders, devoted cover photos of two consecutive issues to the Lincoln Sesquicentennial. Dongwha News Agency devoted a two-page layout of photos and text to Lincoln's boyhood and political highlights in its new magazine, Dongwha News Graphic. Three pamphlets directed to key audiences were released; 30,000 Lincoln wall calendars, which drew unexpected praise from all quarters of the nation because of the inspiring quotation, were distributed.

Dominican Republic: Recordings, lectures, exhibits were utilized. Newspaper cooperation was excellent. Numerous lessons on Lincoln were distributed to advanced classes and used in the Binational Center.

France: February 15 issue of "Informations et Documents," a French-language bi-weekly magazine published by USIS in Paris was devoted in its entirety to Lincoln. Dealing with all aspects of Franco-American relations, the magazine is circulated to a selected list of 100,000 readers.

Burma: "Love Is Eternal," Irving Stone's memorable novel about Lincoln and Mary Todd, was published in a 3-volume, paper back, Burmese language version.

British Guiana: New Nation, official organ of the People's National Congress, carried story on "Lincoln—Great Humanitarian" and picture of official Commission Seal. Press and Radio Demarara gave extensive coverage to Lincoln story and to local library exhibit of Lincoln books and photographs. Lincoln films on mobile unit tour throughout the year being widely exhibited to various organizations. Lithographs of Lincoln Memorial published by International Harvester Export Company were framed locally in native woods and presented to British Guiana's Director of Education for placement in secondary schools.

England: Two highly popular Lincoln exhibits are circulating the United Kingdom. Publications printed in London included "Abraham Lincoln, 12 February, 1809—15 April, 1865"; "Abraham Lincoln and the Working Classes of Britain"; and "Abraham Lincoln—From His Own Words and Contemporary Accounts." February 13th edition of "Labour News from the United States", used picture of Lincoln on cover page and a feature on "Abraham Lincoln—Champion of Free Labour".

Morocco: Half a million Moroccans have some knowledge of Lincoln and what he stood for brought to them through films, exhibits, lectures, press coverage and special radio broadcasts. Radio Maroc actors made tape recording of 10 voices reading the Arabic abbreviated version of Drinkwater's play on Lincoln. Eight thousand Lincoln calendars and similar supply of pamphlets distributed. Special one-page sheet of Lincoln's life and sayings freely distributed. Cleaned, polished and mounted Lincoln pennies on 3 x 5 cards for bookmarks which bore the simple legend in French "Souvenir of the 150th Anniversary, Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1959" were distributed to audiences at Lincoln lectures. USIS Rabat's listing of cultural events carried small print of the Brady photo of Lincoln. Back cover carried the Gettysburg Address in French and English.

Honduras: Good newspaper coverage. Special booklet on Abraham Lincoln was published.

Japan: Monthly review of American Books in pamphlet form devoted to Lincoln with 20 books listed. Another pamphlet had cover page of Lincoln reading to son Tad.

San Marino: Lincoln has been a hero of San Marino since he wrote a letter to the Captain's Regent in 1861 accepting an honorary citizenship which continues to be preserved in the national archives. On February 16th Ambassador Zellerbach visited the tiny republic for a Lincoln celebration. A National holiday was declared and walls were plastered with manifestoes including many inviting the citizens to rejoice "al nome di Abramo Lincoln." A forthcoming issue of a series of postage stamps bearing Lincoln's likeness was announced by Foreign Minister Federico Bigi. In addition to being a great occasion in San Marino, the visit stimulated attention to Lincoln throughout Italy. RAI-TV twice broadcast films of the event in its news roundup and both AP and UP carried stories on their wires.

Liberia: An intensive month-long celebration in March woundup with an address by U. S. Ambassador Richard L. Jones on "Lincoln Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" and the presentation of scholarships to the University of Liberia to the three winners of the Lincoln Essay Contest. During the month seven lectures were presented to students of the various schools and to the general public; 24 VOA taped programs on Lincoln re-broadcast; 8 movies were shown on the life of Lincoln; press coverage included daily stories on Lincoln in the "Daily Listener" and a special supplement on Lincoln in the "Liberian Age".

*"The severest justice may not always be the best policy"*—Lincoln

Italy: In January 500 copies of 66-page kit of Lincoln material was delivered to Rome press. Beginning 12 February a flood of Lincoln material appeared in the Italian press. Incomplete check shows 31 daily newspapers carried items on Lincoln and 6 papers devoted entire page to the anniversary. A press reception in Rome Cultural Center to draw attention to the Lincoln exhibit resulted in coverage in entire Rome press and out of town papers as far away as Sicily. Nightly nation-wide radio and TV news reports covered the exhibit. February issue of USIS monthly publication *Mondo Occidentale* had 26 pages devoted to Lincoln and was reprinted in pamphlet form (5000 copies on first run). 1800 Lincoln photographs distributed. Catholic *Illustrated Weekly* with 100,000 circulation had 4 pages of Lincoln photos and texts including color spread in February 22nd issue. All branches used window displays. One exhibit, result of months of research in archives of Italian institutions by Mrs. DeRuelle of Rome Area staff, showed contemporary Italian interest in Lincoln. Core of this exhibit consisted of 16 editorials, illustrations, and other items on Lincoln that appeared during 1863-5 in 9 newspapers published in Italy's principal cities. Subjects included Emancipation Proclamation, message from Garibaldi to Lincoln on importance of the Proclamation and picturesque illustration dealing with participation of the Garibaldi Brigade in the Civil War. Opportunity to link such names as Mazzini and Garibaldi to that of Lincoln established a most important community of interests.

Belgium: The move of the Brussels Cultural Center (USIS) to new quarters at outset of Lincoln Sesquicentennial Year coupled with a desire to give the Library a specific name led to naming it "The Lincoln Library."

Switzerland: A 9-volume set of the collected works of Abraham Lincoln was presented to the University of Geneva on March 3rd by U. S. Ambassador Henry J. Taylor. The gift marked the 400th anniversary of the University and the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Norway: A Lincoln kitchen chair, loaned by the Lincoln Museum in Washington to USIS-Helsinki, was displayed at a Helsinki department store in an exhibit of chairs of famous people. An enlarged photographic copy of the Gettysburg Address in Lincoln's handwriting was hung beside the chair together with an enlarged copy of Lincoln's signature thus identifying the chair. Combined circulation of Helsinki newspapers alone which mentioned the Lincoln chair is estimated at 735,000. Added to this are the audiences reached by radio and television and the 4500 persons who saw the chair firsthand at the exhibit.

Germany: The German Society for America Studies with USIS cooperation is sponsoring a Lincoln Essay Contest. Contest is open to all German students in the top three grades of West German and West Berlin High Schools. Essays are on "The Significance of Abraham Lincoln Today", written in German, 1500 words in length and to be submitted by June 15. Three grand prize winners will participate in the final award ceremonies to take place in Berlin in the first half of August.

Spain: An address on Lincoln made by U. S. Ambassador to Spain, John Davis Lodge, before the members of the American Club in Madrid, February 12th, was reproduced in the April 15th issue of "Vital Speeches." Ambassador Lodge closed his address with these words: "Abraham Lincoln does indeed belong to the ages and he belongs also to all mankind."

Other Activities: Several branches have organized essay contests among Senior High School students. Turin USIS is sponsoring a public speaking contest, participants to speak 5 minutes in English on Lincoln. Trieste arranging an art contest for school children to age 14 who will draw Lincoln's face or scenes from his life.

**LINCOLN IN BRONZE • Wyoming is celebrating Lincoln's Sesquicentennial year by erecting the largest bronze head of Abraham Lincoln in the country. A 12-foot bronze bust atop a 30-foot native stone base, to be sculpted by Robert I. Russin, University of Wyoming, will be the focal spot in a new roadside park, planned jointly by the Wyoming Highway Department and the U.S. Forest Service.**

**Russin plans to sculpt a "brooding, contemplative Lincoln". The sculptor will stress a quality of simple nobility which he says Lincoln symbolizes so well for all America.**

**Sponsoring the project is Dr. Charles W. Jeffrey, Rawlins physician, who homesteaded in Wyoming at the turn of the century and who has had a lifetime interest in Lincoln.**

COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS • Requests for the Lincoln Ideals booklet continue to come into Box 1959 at an estimated rate of about 100 per day. The first printing of 100,000 was exhausted mid-April and it was necessary to run a second printing of 50,000. In addition to the Ideals, the Handbook of Information, and the Intelligencer, the Commission published a small pamphlet entitled "Abraham Lincoln Said" which is being distributed at the Lincoln Memorial, the Lincoln Museum, and in sightseeing vehicles in Washington. Several airlines are also including this pamphlet in the passenger kits aboard their planes.

**LINCOLN PLAY AVAILABLE • "Cradle of Glory", a play covering the important early years of Lincoln's life in Indiana is available in paper-bound mimeographed form at a nominal cost. This drama of Lincoln's formative years has been produced in seventeen states and several foreign countries and has won wide acclaim. Write to Mrs. James G. McNett (author), 14 Southworth St., Williamstown, Mass.**

*"Gold is good in its place; but living, brave, patriotic men, are better than gold"*—Lincoln

**BMI OFFERS AWARDS FOR BEST LINCOLN ESSAYS** • Awards of \$500 each will be made to a professional and a non-professional writer for the best 1500-word essays on the subject *Reflections While Standing Before the Lincoln Memorial*. One of the two essays will be used by Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) as the last program in a public service radio series, *The Abraham Lincoln Story, 1809-1959*, which is available to all radio and television stations.

Announcement of winners will be made no later than February 12, 1960. The winning author will join more than sixty outstanding Lincoln and Civil War scholars who are writing the programs, which are a segment of BMI's prize-winning series *The American Story*. There is no restriction as to age or occupation. The contest is open to anyone in the United States. The American Association for State and Local History is cooperating with BMI in this project and will supervise the contest and selection of the finalists. Residents of each state can submit their entries, together with official entry forms, to cooperating area historical societies and agencies. Primary screenings will be done on the state level, with the two best entries, one by a professional and the other by a non-professional, to be forwarded from each state to the Madison, Wisconsin, offices of the Association. A semi-final judging will select the five best entries in the two classes. Final judging of the prize-winning essays will be made by a panel of distinguished historians, scholars and outstanding Americans.

Entry blanks and official rules can be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to area historical societies, to Dr. Clement M. Silvestro, Executive Director, American Association for State and Local History, 816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin, or to Broadcast Music, Inc., 589 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, New York.

**NEW PAINTING UNVEILED** • Commission Chairman Cooper officiated at the unveiling of a new Lincoln painting by artist Jes Schlaikjer on March 9 in the Old Senate Office Building Rotunda, Washington, D. C. The picture depicts Lincoln sitting by his bedside in his nightshirt preparing an early draft of the Emancipation Proclamation in September, 1862. On loan to the Commission by the painter, the picture hung in the rotunda for public viewing during March, April and May.

**BOY SCOUTS PAY TRIBUTE** • April 26 marked the 14th annual Boy Scout Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln at Springfield, Illinois. American Youth, through Scouting, paid its respects to Lincoln's memory and to his accomplishments. Every State and Territory had a representative in the parade carrying his state or territory flag and participating in the ceremonies at the Tomb. This year, the Pilgrimage was featured as a special event in the 1959 Lincoln Sesquicentennial celebration.

Endorsed by the Illinois Sesquicentennial Commission, the National Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Springfield Illinois Civil War Roundtable and other clubs and organizations, the pilgrimage and the ceremonies at Lincoln's Tomb provided the greatest single youth tribute to Mr. Lincoln in the Sesquicentennial year. Because of the special recognition given to this event on a national scale, some ten thousand boys and leaders attended.

Governor Stratton, as Honorary Chairman, extended invitations to Governors of all States and Territories to participate in this great youth event by designating an Eagle Scout to attend as his state's official representative. Each Scout wore a woven cloth Lincoln emblem designed in three colors. William E. McElroy, member of the Illinois Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission was General Chairman of the Pilgrimage, a great National Youth Tribute to a Great American.

**LINCOLN DOUBLE** • *The Staff at Commission Headquarters was startled recently when Abe Lincoln's double wandered nonchalantly into their offices. The gangling, bearded, frock-coated gentleman, who bore a striking resemblance to the 16th President, turned out to be Gerald L. Maupin of Independence, Missouri. Early in February each year, Mr. Maupin takes two weeks of his vacation to pursue his impersonation hobby. Donning the attire and mannerisms of Abraham Lincoln, he pays his own expenses to travel around the country speaking at schools, attending Lincoln observances, visiting Lincoln shrines and calling on Veterans and Childrens Hospitals. When the two weeks are up, Mr. Maupin carefully puts away his Abe Lincoln clothing, shaves off his beard, and returns to his every day role as a Railroad Claims Investigator.*

**EXHIBITS** • One of the permanent exhibits in the Medical Museum of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology is on the assassination of Lincoln. The exhibit includes an enlarged reproduction of the scene of Lincoln's deathbed; the bullet which killed him; probe used to remove the bullet and fragments of bone from the penetrated areas. In addition to a diorama of the stage of the Ford Theater and photos of some of the outstanding medical men who were in attendance on Lincoln, the exhibit includes reproductions of Lincoln's life-mask and castings of his hands. These were made for the Museum in 1942 by Avard Fairbanks, sculptor, from the original molds cast by Leonard Volk in 1860. Also included is a lock of Lincoln's hair removed from the area surrounding the wound and a copy of the post-mortem examination signed by Dr. J. J. Woodward; commission of Surgeon General Joseph K. Barnes signed by Lincoln; and on Lincoln's birthday this year the medical diploma of Dr. Robert King Stone, Lincoln's personal physician, was added to the exhibit. The Medical Museum, which occupied the Ford Theater for 20 years, is now located at Independence Avenue and 9th Street, S.W., in Washington, D. C., and is open to the public every day.

*"You cannot fail, if you resolutely determine, that you will not."*—Lincoln

**LINCOLN ON RADIO AND TV** • All radio and television stations throughout the country were asked via the wire services to observe 30 seconds of silence at 7:22 A.M., 15 April, the hour of Lincoln's death 94 years ago, in respectful tribute to the 16th President. Reports have not been received from all stations but a few of the interesting things being offered on the air are noted here.

**WOWO, Fort Wayne, Ind.,** has received many requests for their program "Lincoln Eulogy" from universities, clubs and organizations and the tape has been made available to these groups on a loan basis. WOWO also offers to make this program available to other radio stations on request. If interested, send blank tape and 50¢ to cover handling and mailing to Mrs. Mildred E. Henricks, WOWO, 124 W. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**WGMS, Washington, D. C.,** in addition to regular spot announcements, broadcast Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" narrated by Carl Sandburg on February 12. Sandburg's address from Coolidge Auditorium (Washington) on February 12 was also broadcast and because of the overwhelming response it was re-broadcast on March 14 and WGMS reports that listeners have called in requesting still a third broadcast. Richard Bales' Sesquicentennial program from the National Gallery of Art, February 15 was broadcast in stereophonic sound and on April 26 the reading by Mark Van Doren from his recently published play "The Last Days of Lincoln" was carried.

**WKCB, Berlin, New Hampshire,** as a result of a contest they held among High School students, selected four for an all-expense paid tour of Washington D. C. Students were judged on the basis of most emblematic of the characteristics and morals of Lincoln. Their visit to Washington included tape recorded interviews with the Congressional Delegation from New Hampshire, interviews with the Voice of America for overseas broadcast, visits to Lincoln exhibits and shrines, and a presentation at Commission headquarters of reproductions of the Maness bust of Lincoln. Winners were accompanied by WKCB News Director, Charles Ross.

**KETV, Omaha, Nebraska,** telecast the motion picture "Young Mr. Lincoln" on February 12th. Advance notice of this showing was given to the public schools in the viewing area so school children would have an opportunity to see this Lincoln telecast.

**PUBLICATIONS** • Della Crowder Miller of Decatur, Ill., has completed Volume I of her "Lincoln Trilogy" in sonnet form. March issue of the Indiana Teacher carried two features "Lincoln's Last Visit" (to Indiana) and "Footprints of Young Abe In Indiana", a choral speaking poem about Lincoln, and a full page on Lincoln landmarks in the State. Of special interest was a Bibliography correction which advised that there are not enough copies of materials reported in the Lincoln Bibliography last month to meet the requests of teachers and they are no longer able to supply "The Environment of Abraham Lincoln in Indiana", Charles Moore's "Abraham Lincoln, Lawyer", or "Territorial Days of Indiana 1800-1816". It was also noted that sets of Lincoln slides were booked until May.

**LINCOLN IN THE PRESS** • Clippings and tear-sheets arriving at Commission headquarters indicate continued cooperation of the press media during Lincoln year. Limited space permits only a brief sampling to show the scope and initiative being employed.

**Foster's Democrat, Dover, New Hampshire,** ran a series of five weekly articles under the auspices of the New Hampshire Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, beginning on February 26 with "Abe Lincoln Visits Concord".

A series of articles in the New Center News, Detroit, Mich., by William Springer carried this heading by the author "This year marks the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Many sesquicentennial celebrations are in the making throughout the land honoring this 'Prince of the Rails'. So that we may appropriately pay homage to this 'Uncommon Commoner', I am reprinting my selected editorial writings and miscellaneous Lincoln papers from my 'Lincolnook', recalling the memories that took me down the Lincoln Trail during the past thirty-two years as student and collector of Lincolniana."

An editorial appearing in the Worcester, Massachusetts, Telegram contained the following statement in reference to the "Lincoln Ideals" booklet and the National Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission: "That Commission is doing some fine things in observance of Lincoln's 150th birthday and this 50-page booklet is one of the best."

**REQUESTS FOR LINCOLN BUSTS** • The United States Information Agency has received numerous requests from overseas posts for bronze busts of Lincoln. Budget limitations preclude the fulfilling of these requests. So far 200 alvastone busts have been supplied to posts overseas and one bronze bust was sent to the University of Bahia under the People to People program. To date requests for bronze busts have come from 9 posts in Sidney, Tokyo, Asuncion, San Jose, and Guayaquil. It is suggested that American organizations and institutions might be interested in filling these requests through the People to People Committee.

"The power of hope upon human exertion, and happiness, is wonderful"—Lincoln

**ORGANIZATIONS** • The American Numismatic Association chose "Portrayal of Lincoln Through Numismatics: 1809-1959" as the theme for National Coin Week, April 12-18. Official publication of the Association, *The Numismatist*, will carry articles on the Lincoln cent throughout the year.

*B'nai B'rith* programs and projects bulletin called *Program Keys*, which goes to some 3000 lodges, included a reprint of program suggestions from the *Handbook of Information* with the note to "use them—study them—for out of them can come unusual and stimulating lodge programs".

The National Association of Broadcasters meeting in annual convention at Chicago, Ill., March 15-18, and The American Women In Radio and Television, Inc. meeting in annual convention at New York City, April 30-May 3, each unanimously adopted a resolution to the effect that "the Association and its members continue to give support to the local and national Sesquicentennial celebrations which are intended to re-emphasize the qualities of tolerance and compassion which personified him who is remembered as the 'symbol of the free man'—Abraham Lincoln".

The All States Hobby Club's national convention in Springfield, Ill., July 23-26, will feature a Lincoln cachet. While all hobbies are represented at the hobby convention, the stress this year will be on Lincoln and many Lincoln exhibits are expected. For further information write to Orbra E. King, Route #2, Utica, Kentucky.

The American Library Association published a bibliography of the 10 best children's books on Abraham Lincoln in the April issue of the *ALA Bulletin*. Selections were made by the Children's Services Division as a contribution to the Sesquicentennial year.

**ON CAMPUS** • Bradley University, located in Peoria, Illinois, a city closely connected with Lincoln history, has named its library the "Lincoln Library", in honor of Abraham Lincoln. This library has the noted M. L. Houser Lincoln Collection.

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., had a major exhibit in the Olin Library entitled "The Lincoln Memorial". The exhibit included correspondence, photos and architectural drawings of the architect Henry Bacon and the gold medal awarded him for the work. The new Lincoln penny was used in the display.

Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tenn., presented its "Lincoln Diploma of Honor" to Prof. William E. Baringer, Executive Director of the Commission, at the school's commencement exercises on June 1. In notifying Prof. Baringer of this award the University stated, "You have earned this honor many times over, and L.M.U. wishes to show its appreciation of your accomplishments". Prof. Baringer made the commencement address and was also principal speaker at the annual meeting of the National Lincoln-Civil War Council in Harrogate on May 30. The commencement address was carried by the Mutual Network.

**WATCH FOR THESE** • *Album of Lincoln's writings and speeches* by Raymond Massey, published by Audio Book Co. of St. Joseph, Mich. *Lincoln Day-By-Day, 1809-1861*, the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission's major research project, to be published this year. *Digestion of the Wit and Wisdom of Lincoln*, by King Hostich. *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* by Ray C. Dovell. *Natural Color Co., Inc. Ecclesiastical Division* color book on Lincoln Sesquicentennial.

**STATE ACTIVITIES** • *Observances of Lincoln Year* continue to be carried on throughout the country. In the next issue of the *Intelligencer* a round-up report on activities in all states will be given.

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