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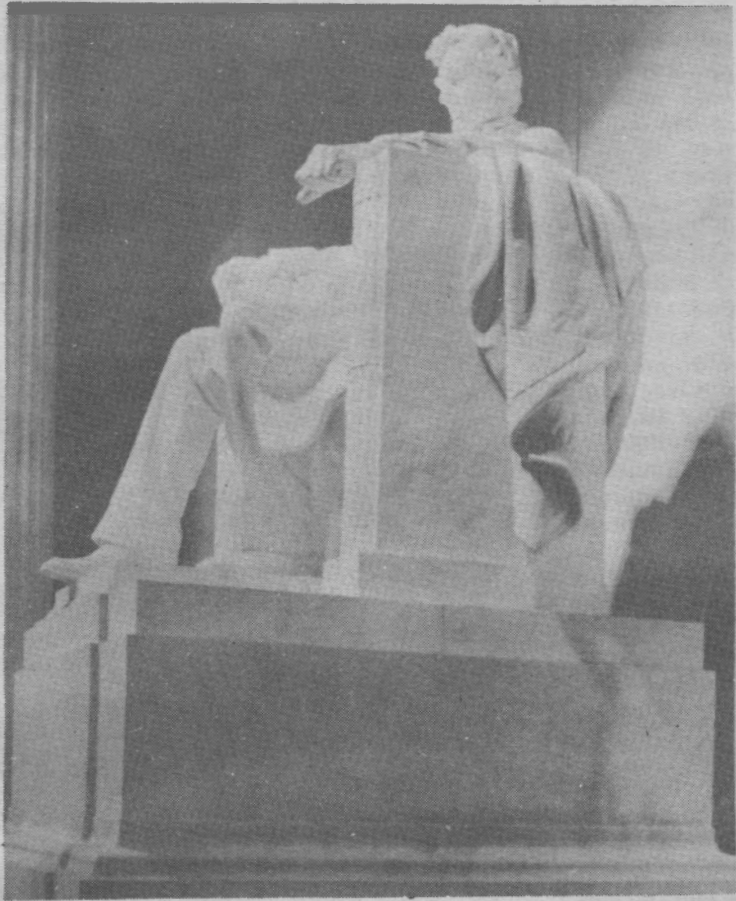
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Dr. J. T. Cowan Assistant Secretary of Defense

Dr. James R. Cowan of Maplewood, New Jersey, was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health and Environment on February 19th by Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger. Dr. Cowan is the first black to be appointed to a position of this importance in the Defense Department.

Dr. Cowan has served since 1970 as Commissioner of the new Jersey State Department of Health. From 1953 to 1970 he was in the private practice of medicine and surgery in East Orange, New Jersey. From 1950 to 1953 he was a battle surgeon then chief of surgery while serving in the U.S. Army.

He was born on October 21, 1916, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Cowan received his B.S. from Howard University in 1937, his M.A. from Fisk University in 1940, and his M.D. from

Meharry Medical College in 1944. He interned at Harlem Hospital during 1944-45, was a resident in surgery at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C., from 1945 to 1948 and was a fellow in surgery at Howard University from 1948 to 1950.

Dr. Cowan has served, as a member of the Cost of Living Council's Committee on the Health Services Industry, and the National Health Resources Advisory Committee, and as Chairman of the Social Security Administration's Health Insurance Benefits Advisory Council. He has been a Trustee of the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry and Chairman of the New Jersey Interdepartmental Committee on Narcotic and Drug Abuse Control.

Dr. Cowan is married and has three children.



V.P. Ford Keynote Speaker

Vice President Gerald R. Ford will give the keynote address at the 1974 Lincoln Day Dinner, sponsored by the Capitol City Republican Club, on Wednesday February 27th at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Here the Honorable Jackson R. Champion, Co-Chairman of the Club's Fundraising and National Liaison Committee, greets Vice President Ford at his recent confirmation reception on Capital Hill. Mr. Champion is commending the Vice President for his support of the Presidency.

Mr. Champion is a Presidential Appointee to the Vocational Board of the District of Columbia's land grant institution, Washington Technical Institute. He was elected to the 24-member board of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) last November. ACCT is a national body governing more than 375 member community colleges and vocational institutes.

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