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**Con-Con . . .** The Illinois voter is going to be hard pressed to do some really clear thinking in terms of whether or not he wants to support a Constitutional Convention. The fact that the Illinois Constiution is 97 years old makes some adjustments mandatory — but in the light of the experience that New York State is currently having with its constitutional convention, and the document itself— I wonder if piece-meal amending isn't the most practical

approach to the problem. In New York, convention delegates were chosen by local political organizations, many of whom were opposed to valid reforms. The state legislature there, as here, is cautious about spending money, so that it was difficult to get funds for proper research, staff, etc.



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The use of state funds for church-supported schools is another of the sections that is about to throw the entire New York package up for grabs. The present composition of the Illinois legislature and the temper of the times makes one really wonder if we could come off better than New York State with a Constitutional Convention. The voters will have to make the decision.

**JNA Coup . . .** Cyrillo McSween, New York Life's million dollar fella, is delighted to have captured the busy Dr. Martin Luther King as the speaker-honoree for the Joint Negro Appeal Annual Awards Dinner, Dec. 10. at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel. It marks the first time that the dinner speaker and the honoree will be one and the same. Chicago Metropolitan chief George S. Harris is dinner chairman.

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**Let's All Hold Hands . . .** I had thought that seances went out with velour drapes, round golden oak dining room tables and multi-colored Tiffany lamp shades, but the tables and the lampshades are back in, and with the current comment and controversey about the televised seance in which Bishop James A. Pike is reputed to have received messages from his dead son. I can see that it won't be long before hand-holding sessions will replace "love-ins" as a new experience.

Bishop Pike, the controversial retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, will speak at the Friday evening meeting of the Bahai Intercontinental Congress at the Palmer House. His subject: "Qualm and Quest."

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**Straws in the Wind . . .** Sorry that nice guy Connie Mack Higgins lost his race for president of the Illinois 'Young Republicans' — but I wonder if his defeat holds any clues as to the nominee of the Republican party for Governor next year. Connie Mack was unofficially backed by the John H. Altorfer forces, and the victor in the race was known to be backed by the forces of Cook County Board President Richard B. Ogilvie. So there!

**Armstrong Act . . .** I know Rep. Harold Washington was delighted to learn that the Illinois Supreme Court has decided to rehear testimony on the Armstrong Act, which they declared unconstitutional last June in a 5-2 decision. The Armstrong Act, which deals with ending defacto school segregation through redistricting, was the subject of a joint resolution which Rep. Washington tried to get through in the last hours of the legislative session last June 30. He got it through the House, but the clock ran out on the Senate.