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[[image - black and white headshot photograph of Sen. George Brown]]

WELCOME TO DENVER, COLO.

SENATOR GEORGE L. BROWN

Born July 1, 1925, at Lawrence, Kansas; attended public schools there and was graduated from Liberty Memorial High School at Lawrence in 1944; pilot training at Tuskegee Air Force Base during World War II; graduated from the University of Kansas in 1950 with Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and minors in Political Science and Mathematics; joined the writing staff of The Denver Post, Denver, Colorado, in June 1950; work assignments at The Post included general assignment, police reporter, rewrite, aviation editor, night city editor; on August 16, 1965, appointed Assistant Executive Director of the Denver Housing Authority; selected as the first Executive Director for the Metro-Denver Urban Coalition on May 1, 1969.

He did graduate study at the University of Colorado in 1959 as one of the first King Fellows (program offered Colorado journalists) - studied international relations, business management and municipal government.

Political Career

Now a Colorado State Senator, serving the third year of his fourth four-year term.

Appointed to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1955; elected to his first four-year term in the Colorado State Senate in 1956 - becoming the first Negro to serve in that august body; reelected in 1960, 1964, and 1968.

Served as a member of the Legislature's Joint Budget Committee (this committee is made up of six of the 100-member Legislature and is considered the most powerful body of the state's General Assembly) for eight years, and is now a member of committees for Agriculture and Live-stock, Appropriations, Finance, Institutions, Transportation, and special interim committee on Local Government. He is also co-chairman of the special interim committee on the state's Personnel System.

Was first Negro to serve as a State Legislative Committee Chairman - having been Chairman of the Senate's State Affairs and Finance Committees.

Formerly served in national capacity on the National Policy Council of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; member of Executive Committee of the Southwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redeveloping Officials.

Also, formerly was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Denver Opportunity, the Mile-High City's War on Poverty Program. He served that board from September 1966 to May 1, 1969.

Member of Governor's Coordinating Committee on Implementation of



Mental Health and Mental Retardation Planning; Governor's Advisory Committee for State-Wide Planning Study for Vocational Rehabilitation; Board of Directors of the Foster Grandparents Program; Advisory Board of Metro Fair Housing Center; Board of Directors of C.F. Kettering Foundation; Board of Metro Denver Council of Boy Scouts; National Urban Coalition Law and Government Task Force; National Council for the Aged; Board of Trustees of Labor's Community Agency, Incorporated; National Urban Coalition Steering Committee.

Teaching Assignments

Instructor for graduate level Black Politics Course at University of Colorado Denver Center; Instructor of Urban Affairs at University of Denver.

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