

## No Such Thing As The "New Negro" Says Speaker At Academy

Washington, D. C., Jan.—(ANP)—The thirteenth annual session of the National Negro Academy, the oldest organization of the group comitted to the fostering and rewarding of literary merit and to the research into race history closed Friday after a three-day session at the Mu-so-lit club in Washington, D. C.

Charles Johnson, editor of Opportunity, was the principal speaker at the Wednesday night public session. He discussed the "New Negro" taking pains to impress the auditors that there "Is no such thing," and with considerable skill proceeded to prove to his hearers that the so-called New Negro is but the newer generation meeting a new environment—the setting being new rather than the human subject. During the course of his address he paid a splendid tribute to the lettered ones of the decade and especially the current group of authors, poets, and news writers.

President Arthur Schomberg in his annual address, delivered prior to the announcement of Mr. Johnson, gave

a report upon his literary investigations in Europe during the past year and shed much light upon the earlier Negro writers, thus creating a foundation for an evening that virtually became a complete review of the Negro in Letters on a world-wide basis.

After the final session, President Schomberg accompanied by Secretaries Robert Pelham and Thomas Dent visited the Department of Commerce, where they conferred with Assistant Director Dr. Frank M. Surface and Special agent James A. Jackson, with reference to extending to the schools and organized groups the current information being assembled by this great government activity.