

John P. Davis Dies at 68, Negroes Congress Officer

John Preston Davis, former national secretary of the National Negroes Congress, who edited the well-known reference volume, "The American Negro Reference Book," died on Monday at the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. He was 68 years old and lived at 1809 Bartow Avenue, the Bronx.

Mr. Davis, as editor of the reference volume, which was published in 1966, covered major aspects of Negro life, history and culture in America.

From 1945 to 1956 he was editor of the magazine *Our World*.

Mr. Davis graduated from Bates College in 1926 and from the Harvard Law School in 1933.

He leaves his wife, the former Marguerite De Monde; two daughters, Mrs. Marguerite Wylie and Miriam J. Davis, and two sons, Michael and John P. Davis Jr.