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**Guard at Watergate**  
**To Get S.C.L.C. Honor**

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13 (UPI) — The Southern Christian Leadership Conference opened its 17th annual convention here today. It was the first time that the organization's annual gathering was held north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, who succeeded the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as head of the organization, said the highlight of the four-day convention would be tomorrow night's awards dinner at which Frank Wills, the security guard who discovered the Watergate break-in, would be honored.

Mr. Wills, 26 years old, who is now unemployed, is expected to receive the organization's highest honor, the Martin Luther King Award.

Also to be honored are the actress Cicely Tyson, C. Peter McColough, chairman of Xerox Corporation, and Robert D. Wood, president of CBS, all for the television production of "The Biography of Miss Jane Pitman."