

NAACP PARLEY GEARED TO FUTURE OF SOUTH

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Virtually all of the sessions and panel discussions of the NAACP Southeastern Regional conference

which will be held in Raleigh this weekend will be closely identified with problems which occupy and will continue to occupy attention of the South for many years to come.

These problems, sharply pointed up by the past election and the subsequent filibuster over Senate rules changes to open the way for enactment of the civil rights program advocated by President Truman,

are closely linked with the future, not only of Negro citizens, but of the entire South.

Group's 40-Year History is One Of Racial Gain

The forty-year history of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is one of service, of constant vigilance and of determined effort to do what its name implies, to improve the lot of the Negro in the United States.



TO LIST OBJECTIVES—Gloria H. Current, director of Branches for the Advancement of Colored People, will discuss the objectives of the Association and the national office program at the opening session of the Southeastern Regional Conference at the First Baptist Church at 414 and Saturday.

POLITICAL ACTION strategies and techniques will be discussed at a Sunday morning panel to be held at 11 a. m. at the Bloodworth Street YMCA under the leadership of Daniel L. Boyd, assistant field secretary for the Association.

On Lincoln's birthday, forty years ago, a group of white and Negro citizens met and appalled at the injustices and inequalities to which Negroes were subjected, issued a call for a national conference for the renewal of the "struggle for civil and political liberty."

This marked the beginning of the NAACP. Fifty-three persons signed the original call which was answered by Americans from all parts of the country.

On its fortieth anniversary, the NAACP is a nation-wide mass organization with a membership of half a million Americans of every race, creed and color, representing one of the most potent forces of our generation in support of civil rights.

Its forty-year record of championing the Negro's cause has contributed significantly to the progress of the race during the first half of this century.

Through its 1600 branches in 48 states, the District of Columbia and the Territory of Hawaii, the NAACP carries on the day-to-day struggle of the 14,000,000 Negroes for an equal share in the rights, privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship.

THE ANTI-LYNCHING DRIVE

Striking contrasts in the status of Negro Americans today as compared with conditions forty years ago illustrate graphically the effectiveness of the Association's vigilance and its militant campaign for equality. Due in part, at least, to the NAACP's sustained drive for federal anti-lynching legislation, the annual number of deaths by mob violence has been drastically reduced from 100 at that time to two last year.



TO SPEAK ON DRIVE—Miss Lucille Black, national membership secretary for the NAACP, will discuss the organization's current drive for 500,000 members and its 40th-anniversary year program at the 3:15 Saturday session of the Southeastern Regional NAACP parley to be held in Raleigh on Saturday and Sunday.

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SEVEN FOUNDERS ARE NOW LIVING

The NAACP found call, initiated by Mary White Ovington and written by Oswald Garrison Villard, grand of the Rev. Boston Abolitionist, William Lloyd Garrison, was signed by 51 other educators, publicists, social workers and religious leaders.

Of the 53 founders, seven survive including in addition to Miss Ovington and Mr. Villard, Prof. John Dewey, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Dr. Hamilton Holt, the Rev. John Haynes Holmes and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

Serving the Association over the years as members of the Board of Directors, staff workers or leaders of local branches have been many outstanding Americans, both Negro and white. The board has always included in its membership some of the most impressive names in American life. Among these have been Moorfield Storey, the first president of the Association; his successors, the Springarn brothers, Joel E. and Arthur B.; Senator Arthur Cooper; Jane Addams; Charles Edward Russell; Mary B. Talbot; Bishop John Hurst; Lilian D. Wald; Channing H. Tobias; Phoebe Rosovech; A. Philip Randolph; Godfrey Lowell Cabot; Philip Murray; Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Sr.; Ohio State Senator Harry E. Davis; Dr. Louis T. Wright; Judge Charles E. Toney; Judge Ira W. Jayne; Prof. S. Ralph Harlow; Walter Reuther; Judge Jeno Bolin and Bishop John A. Gregg.



TO SPEAK HERE—Walter White, national executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who will be the principal speaker at a public mass

meeting scheduled to be held at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. as a

climax to the NAACP Southeastern Regional Conference, which will be held in Raleigh on Saturday and Sunday, for further information on conference see story on this page and in section 3.

NAACP HEAD HAS HELD POST FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES

LAWMAKERS LAUDED FOR JIMCROW BAN

New York — Hearty gratification of the unanimous passage by the Connecticut legislature of a bill prohibiting racial segregation in the state's National Guard was voiced today by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Other states and indeed the Congress of the United States could well profit from the example set by Connecticut lawmakers," declared Mr. White. "Terminating the action a tremendous step forward," the NAACP secretary commended Gov. Chester Bowles "for his forthright stand in urging this action" and the members of the Connecticut legislature "for surmounting party differences to stand this body down against racial discrimination without a dissenting vote."

Governor Bowles, acting to

NAACP Raps Mayor For Housing Ban Aid

New York — Intervention by Mayor Martin H. Kennedy of Chicago to defeat the Carey resolution to ban segregation and discrimination in public and semi-public housing in that city was today branded by Walter White, NAACP secretary, as a breach of faith with the people of Chicago.

In a letter addressed to the Mayor, Mr. White cites the former's testimony that he intended "to keep faith with the people of Chicago" and asks "Is there no moral obligation to keep faith with the Negro citizens of your city who were persuaded to support this program with the understanding that housing to be developed under it would be on a non-discriminatory basis?"

Mr. White challenges Mayor Kennedy's attempt to evade public responsibility for housing to be developed with joint public and private funds. Pointing out that the city imposed certain regulations upon such projects, the NAACP official inquires: "Why then can it not require that this housing be made equally available to citizens irrespective of race, color, creed or national origin?"

He further challenges the validity of the Mayor's statement that imposition of a non-discriminatory policy would "retard if not completely prevent the rebuilding of Chicago slums under

SEEKS MILLION DOLLAR FUND TO CONTINUE FIGHT

In its legislative program, the NAACP has pressed for civil rights and other social welfare legislation and has spearheaded the fight for amendment of Senate rules to prevent filibusters against such legislation.

Through its youth program, it has concentrated on training young people for leadership in its church program, it has promoted the cooperation of church groups with the NAACP in a common program for social welfare.

Internationally, the Association has opposed imperialism in every form and was represented by its secretary, Walter White, as a non-governmental adviser to the United States delegation to the Paris session of the United Nations General Assembly.

In its 40th anniversary year, the NAACP, which has derived its financial support from members' dues and small contributions, is seeking a Million Dollar Fund to insure the continuance and expansion of the program activities.

WILKINS TO ADDRESS MIDWEST PARLEY

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—An special assistant secretary of the National NAACP members to both the Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the Midwest regional training conference of the Association to be held here, April 2-10, will be made by Roy Wilkins, (Continued on page 8, section 3)

MANY NATIONALLY KNOWN FIGURES IN SERVICE OF NAACP

Among nationally known persons who have worked on the NAACP staff are Dr. DuBois, the first editor of "The Crisis" and later director of special research; James Weldon Johnson, the erudite diplomat, poet and songwriter; William Pickens, the famous orator; Charles Houston, the brilliant lawyer who served as the Association's first full-time special counsel; and Mrs. Daisy Lampkin, for 19 years an effective organizer for the Association. The present staff is headed by Walter White, who has been the executive secretary since 1931.



ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Roy Wilkins, NAACP assistant secretary and editor of "The Crisis," NAACP publication, who will be the principal speaker at the organization's Midwest Regional Conference which will be held during the month of April.



BANQUET SPEAKER—Robert Carter, assistant special counsel, who will discuss civil rights techniques and legal process at a dinner meeting of the conference which will be held on Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m. during the two-day NAACP Southeastern Regional meet to be held in Raleigh Saturday and Sunday.

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