

# 1938 NAACP CONFERENCE TO COLUMBUS, O.

## Association Pledges To Continue Fight Against Mob Violence In Country

NEW YORK, July 9.—After selecting Columbus, O., for the 1938 conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, delegates to the Detroit meeting of the association closed the largest conference in the history of the NAACP on July 4 with a huge mass meeting in the auditorium of Case Tech High School where Congressman Joseph A. Gavanan, of New York, and Walter White, NAACP secretary, pledged an unending fight against mob violence and for the enactment of a federal anti-lynching bill.

Final registrations in the last two days of the conference brought the total of paid registered delegates well past the 500 mark making the Detroit meeting the largest in the history of the association.

Congressman Gavanan delivered two speeches Sunday afternoon, the first over the radio station WWJ of the DETROIT NEWS and the second at the mass meeting and in both, he told of the victorious fight in the House to get his anti-lynching bill passed and urged his audience to bring the utmost pressure to bear upon the Senate to secure action on the bill at this session. Walter White, who spoke also over WWJ and at the closing mass meeting, reviewed the work of the NAACP along all fronts and pledged the organization to continue to carry a program for justice and equality for Negro Americans.

The fight in the resolution com-

mittee, of which Henry W. Sweet, of Detroit, was chairman, centered around the question of endorsing the Committee for Industrial Organization by name and after two days and nights of meeting, the committee decided upon the following resolution which in turn adopted by the delegates July 3:

"We demand of Congress and of every state legislation which will prevent any unit organization or association from being the employer, representative of the workers in any shop, or office in the industrial, business or agricultural enterprise which discriminates against or excludes any worker because of race, creed, or color or political affiliation.

"We urge upon Negro workers, that they go into no labor organization blindly but that instead they appraise critically the unions and that they bear their full share of activity and responsibility in the building of a just and more intelligent labor union movement."

Other resolutions adopted called for the enactment of a federal anti-lynching bill at this session; demanded a change in the vil-

lification of Colored People and its branches, with no restrictions, however, upon the activities of members as individuals; called attention to the unfairness in the reduction in relief rolls especially in WPA and NYA and asked that Negroes be dropped only in the proportion that they were able to reemployment in private industry; declared once again belief in the innocence of the Scottsboro defendants and pledged all support to secure their freedom; called for the placing of "the party primary machinery in national and congressional elections under the direct control of federal law and those states in the House of Representatives in proportion to such disfranchisement of Negroes;" declared against discrimination and segregation in public medical service, against discrimination in the army, navy and other federal departments; asked for the broadening of the Social Security act; urged the development of Negro business.

In his speech to the conference, July 1, on the youth night program, J. E. Spingarn, national president of the association told of the early struggle of the NAACP and reviewed some of its major victories and urged the youth councils and college chapters of the association to carry on in the militant spirit of those who had preceded them. He urged, however, that the battle for equal rights must be carried on in the American way under our system of laws and government.

service rule which permits the selection from the three highest eligibles instead of the highest eligible, a federal TETAQH HH eligible, also the substitution of fingerprints for photographs; endorsed a federal subsidy for education provided the Negro schools receive their equitable share and pledged a continuation of the fight against inequalities in public education; declared for a campaign to secure the enactment and enforcement of civil rights laws in every state and declared the policy of discrimination in the use of projects built by federal funds; also endorsed the Koppelmann bill for civil rights for the District of Columbia; condemned racial segregation by restrictive covenants and the establishments of segregation in federal low cost housing projects; pledged support to all efforts of sharecroppers to achieve economic independence; promised critical examination of issues and candidates in forthcoming elections and declared against the policy of non-partisan activity of the National Association for the Ad-

## Over 600 Students Participate In State Peace Campaign

"It has come to our attention," Mrs. Bost said, "that the several counties' efforts have been made persons not connected with our state or county organizations to collect a fee from applicants for Old Age Assistance under the Social Security program.

"This is a reprehensible practice, and our department wishes it to become widely known that no fee whatever is necessary from any applicant for benefits, either Old Age Aid to Dependent Children, or Aid to the Blind.

"Organizations have been formed in all counties of the state for the purpose of receiving applications and making investigations to determine eligibility for assistance. Workers in these organizations are regularly employed by and receive compensation from either the state or county governments, or both.

"These eligible for and deserving relief under the Social Security program should visit their county welfare department where trained workers will grant them interviews and investigate their conditions with a view to determine whether or not they are eligible for aid. Absolutely no financial outlay of any kind by the applicants is necessary to the transaction.

"We cannot permit such a gross misinterpretation of the excellent law which was designed to help the needy and underprivileged—not to obtain money from them."

Miss Marion Jordan a recent graduate of Shaw University a resident of Wilson, N. C., is serving with the Youth section of the Emergency Peace Campaign as part of a Nation Wide endeavor to make articulate and effective the will to stay out of war.

Miss Jordan's teammate is Miss Anna Mae Shepherd, a student of the Atlanta School of Social Work. Having attended the Institute of International Relations which was held for two weeks at Cheyney, Penna., the team will be located in Raleigh, N. C.

Nearly 300 young college students are participating in the summer program of the Emergency Peace Campaign, which is sending approximately fifty units of young people into the rural areas of the country to carry on an intensive program of peace education.

The volunteers serve for about eight weeks during the summer, meeting all expenses themselves and receiving no remuneration for their work. Their life is considered most frugal and simple, comparable to that of a soldier.

Duties of the peace workers consist of speaking and lecturing on peace and international affairs before churches, service clubs, young people's societies, and other groups, conducting exhibits and staging plays, interviewing prominent persons in the community, organizing local peace councils and leading discussion groups.

The work of the Youth Section of the Emergency Peace Campaign in the field this summer is a continuation of last year's program when the project was initiated. Unusual success last year prompted renewal of the program.

The Campaign is directed toward arousing the citizens of the communities to the dangers of the war threat in Europe and Asia. It attempts by widespread educational and a combined intellectual approach, to create a

### NO "UNPLEASANTNESS" IN MIDSHIPMAN'S RESIGNATION, MITCHELL LEARNS

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 15.—(ANP)—There was no "unpleasantness" in the resignation of George J. Trivers from the naval academy at Annapolis, Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell of Illinois was told Thursday. Trivers, an appointee of only a few weeks, resigned because he found he could not do a midshipman's work, Mitchell was informed by Capt. Forde A. Todd, acting superintendent of the school.

Some months ago the congressman's first colored appointee was asked to resign and before Trivers was named still another youth was refused admittance. Mitchell, aware of the anti-Negro policy of the U. S. Navy department, has declared he will keep on appointing them and does not intend to be discouraged.

His appointees have been listed as Chicagoans, although they lived in Washington. There are understood to be humiliations of discontent in Mitchell's home district by constituents who claim that no bona fide Chicagoan has been named by him either West Point or Annapolis, but when those chosen fail, Chicago's scholastic products get the blame.

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## 33 Counties Are Eligible For Old Age Assistance

RALEIGH, July 12.—Thirty-three of North Carolina's 100 counties are eligible to participate in a \$200,000 equalization fund to help them raise their contributions for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, it has been announced by Nathan H. Yelton, director of the Division of Public Assistance of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

The equalization fund will consist of \$100,000 of state money, which will be matched by \$100,000 by the federal government. It is designed to aid those counties which would have to levy an excessive tax rate in order to raise their one-fourth contribution for indigent aged and one-third for dependent children.

Yelton explained that the only counties eligible were those in which the combined levy for the two programs would exceed 19 cents on the \$100 valuation, and that the equalization fund would contribute 75 per cent on the difference.

Counties eligible to draw from the equalization are:

Ashe, Avery, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Caswell, Cherokee, Clay, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Gates, Green, Hoke, Jackson, Jones, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Nash, New Hanover, Pamlico, Person, Polk, Stokes, Swain, Tyrrell, Union, Warren, Wilkes, Yadkin and Yancey.

collect fees from aspirants for benefits under the Social Security program.

Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner of the State Welfare Department, has issued a statement in which she says that all applicants or prospective applicants should be warned against the payment of any fees in an effort to secure favorable consideration.

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa.—Last Thursday, a terrific dynamite explosion in a factory at Modderfontein, 19 miles east of here, brought death to one European and eight native workers. Officials are investigating the cause of the blast.

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