

Real Estate Brokers Urge Senate Support For Housing Act

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NBL To Hold 67th Session In Atlantic City Sept. 14-16



Three-Day Meet Set for Hotel Ambassador

ATLANTIC CITY—The 67th Annual Convention of the National Business League will get underway Thursday, September 14, in Atlantic City's Ambassador Hotel, it was announced in Washington, D. C., by B. G. Burrell, President of the 67 year old predominately Negro organization. The three day confab will run concurrently with the first plenary session of the National Committee for Equal Opportunity in Business. The committee is composed of fifty of the nation's major business executives and will delve carefully into ways and means of promoting the growth and development of significant business activity among the deprived ethnic minorities concentrated in the nation's urban centers.

The convention is expected to be one of the most significant meetings held by the NBL since its founding in 1900 by Booker T. Washington. Having recently signed a \$500,000 contract with two federal agencies to provide practical business training for small business operators, the League is busily engaged in the detailed "setting up" of the national project staff and creating the literature required for its operation. Burrell indicated that the staffing of the national project office should be completed by September 1 and the field training activities underway by October 1.

In addition NBL has launched a vigorous campaign to raise \$250,000 in supporting funds to cover administrative costs evolving from the rapid expansion of NBL programs and membership. "Project Mainstream," the ambitious new five point program aims at rapidly creating a sizeable new class of minority business operators.

Cleveland Bank Joins Plans for Progress Group

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The National City Bank of Cleveland has become the first member of that city's banking community to join Plans for Progress, the national voluntary equal employment opportunity program of American business. National City Bank employs 1,300 persons in its operations in the Cleveland area. The Plan was signed July 13 by John S. Fangbner and by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey on behalf of the Federal Government. The Vice President is an ex-officio member of the Plans for Progress Advisory Council and is active in the Plans for Progress program.

A Plan for Progress is a written statement of policy, committing the participating company to take affirmative action in the hiring, training, and upgrading of minority manpower. The Plans inform both the employees and the community at large of the company's policy of merit employment, and serves as a guide for supervisors and persons working in personnel administration.

The Plans for Progress program started in 1961 and now numbers more than 370 major corporations, representing some 9 million workers and cutting across every sector of the economy and region of the nation. Mr. Fangbner stated he welcomed the occasion to formalize and publicly announce National City Bank's long standing policy of supporting equal employment opportunity. In signing the Plan, the Vice President said:

Williamson, Cox, Michaux Present Plea

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Inc. presented, Tuesday, August 22, an appeal to the Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs, in support of Title IV of Section 1026, "The Civil Rights Act of 1967." Q. V. Williamson, President; Leon Cox, Jr., Executive Director; H. M. Michaux, Jr., Assistant General Counsel; Dan Spaulding, Chairman of Public Affairs Committee; and other members of the Public Affairs Committee, were present.

Title IV, deals with discrimination in the sale of real estate, it has been programmed to prevent the refusal of sale or rental in any area, on the basis of racial status.

At a time when riots flare up across the nation and when it is plain to see that one of the main reasons for such disorder is the poor housing areas in which the Negro's are restricted to.

In the main part of Mr. Williamson speech, he stated "It is indeed a sad commentary on our democracy that it was at all necessary to ask Congress to pass a bill guaranteeing some citizens rights already enjoyed by other Americans.

We are vitally concerned with Title IV, for we know that housing segregation undergirds all other segregation. We cannot hope to eradicate other inequities without eradicating segregation in the housing market. We must act immediately to speed the housing programs to aid the underprivileged. We must act to eliminate the discrimination in housing that helps to perpetuate the ghetto.

Thirty years after President Franklin D. Roosevelt shocked this country by announcing that one-third of this nation was ill-housed, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union Address, noted that one-fifth of this great nation remained in the same dire straits. Yet, today, it is necessary to carry on long debates to determine whether the Congress should come to the aid of one-fifth of its constituents. The shortage of decent and adequate safe housing has been so acute that Congress has recognized that it is an area of national concern and an area that required a national effort. Therefore, Congress has created, throughout the years, such as the National Housing Act of 1949 he was named manager



CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATES—Some of America's foremost civil rights supporters were in attendance at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's 58th annual convention in Boston, Massachusetts. Left to right: Attorney John Bynoe, convention chairman; AME Bishop Stephen G. Spottswoods, chairman, NAACP Board of Directors; Kivie Kaplan, NAACP president; Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Director; Massachusetts Senators Edward Kennedy and Edward Brooke, recipient of the NAACP's coveted Spingarn medal. More than 2,500 delegates attended the six-day convention.

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Wilkins Warns Congress On Anti-Negro Welfare Vote

NAACP SECTRY WIRES SPEAKER OF HOUSE

NEW YORK—In a telegram, dispatched on August 17, to Speaker of the House John W. McCormack, Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, warned that passage by the House of the pending Social Security bill "will be interpreted by the great majority of Negro American citizens as punitive action against children of the poor, many of whom are Negro."



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Study Durham Housing Plight To Be Made

The Durham-based Low-Income Housing Development Corporation this week announced it is starting a \$20,000 study of Durham's housing situation. John H. Wheeler, of Durham, president of the Housing Corporation said a contract for the six-month study has been awarded to Morton Hoffman and Associates, of Baltimore, which has done similar work in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Fresno, California; Rochester, New York and Baltimore.

Housing Corporation president Wheeler presided at a meeting at which city leaders met with the corporation's executive director Walter L. Bobb Smith to discuss the study, how it will be carried out and what kinds of information it will produce.

Smith also introduced Morton Hoffman, recognized as one of the nation's leading urban economists, who will be in charge of the Durham study.

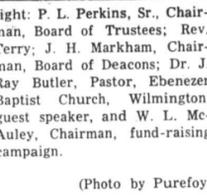
Hoffman and Smith said a first phase of the study will determine the extent of low-income housing needs in Durham. This phase will include an analysis and updating of United States census information plus housing information in the hands of city officials. The study's first phase also will compile information on family size and income levels among Durham's low and moderate-income groups.

The study's second phase will be development of a 10-year forecast projecting Durham's growth in terms of rates of population increases in different areas.

WEST DURHAM BAPTIST CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

The 75th Church Anniversary of the West Durham Baptist Church was climaxed Sunday, August 20, during the morning worship service at the church with the burning of the mortgage. The happy occasion also marked the end of a gigantic mortgage liquidation fund-raising campaign in from which more than \$12,000 was realized. Shown witnessing the mortgage burning is Rev. F. D. Terry, second from left, pastor of West Durham Baptist Church since August, 1965, who has led the church successfully to be free of indebtedness. Others pictured above participating in the ceremonies are left to

right: P. L. Perkins, Sr., Chairman, Board of Trustees; Rev. Terry; J. H. Markham, Chairman, Board of Deacons; Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington, guest speaker, and W. L. McAuley, Chairman, fund-raising campaign.



(Photo by Purefoy)

Negro Jurisdiction Of M. E. Church To End April 1968

NEW BISHOP NAMED AT MEET IN NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church elected the Rev. Dr. L. Scott Allen a bishop here Friday (August 18). Until now he has been editor of the Negro jurisdiction's magazine, the Central Christian Advocate.

Bishop Allen, 49, a resident of Nashville, was elected on the second ballot at the Central Jurisdictional Conference, by a vote of 43 votes out of 62 cast. He led with 32 votes on the first ballot.

This will be the last bishop elected by The Methodist Church, which next April will become The United Methodist Church by uniting with the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The jurisdiction also was the first to elect a bishop in the denomination as presently constituted, when in 1940 it

"Black Power" Cheers Brown Out of Jail on Gun Charge

NEW YORK — Rap Brown, Director of SNCC was released on \$15,000 bail here, Wednesday, August 23, on the Federal Gun Charge.

U. S. District Judge Thomas Murphy, reduced Brown's bond from the original \$25,000 to \$15,000, which he was able to post.

Judge Murphy, twice walked off the bench when clapping, shouting and jostling by Brown followers interrupted the courts proceedings.



BROWN worried about my rifle wait until I get my Atom Bomb."

St. Augustine's, NCS Establish Center To Aid Desegregation

SCHOOLS IN RALEIGH FORM JOINT EFFORT

RALEIGH — St. Augustine's College and North Carolina State University have established a center to assist North Carolina school boards and professional and community personnel in their programs for school desegregation and equalization of educational opportunity.

Dr. W. A. Gaines, professor of sociology at St. Augustine's, has been named director of the Center. The executive director is Marion Bird, a visiting professor. See INSTITUTIONS 2A

Novelist Says Negro Riots are Caused by "Broken Promises"

Novelist William Styron says the Negro riots in America today are the result of broken promises.

In an interview at his summer home in Vineyard Haven, Mass., the 1947 Duke University graduate said Negroes in the nation's slum areas continue for the most part "in a state of bondage" despite the Supreme Court's 1954 school desegregation decision and the huge legal and legislative steps forward in the Negro cause since that time.

Styron is author of "Lie Down in Darkness" and "Stt This House on Fire." He is currently working on a new novel, "The Confessions of Nat Turner," which deals with a slave uprising in Virginia more than 135 years ago.

He told his New York Times interviewer that the violent upheavals this summer are explained by "the disparity between promises given the Negro and the ultimate actuality of his life.

Styron described today's explosive race situation as similar in many respects to that existing when Nat Turner grew up in a Virginia community not far from Styron's own birthplace.

"An atmosphere of relative goodwill prevailed" as the young slave matured, Styron said. "He was led to a point where freedom seemed almost in his grasp."

When this freedom was denied, however, he turned to violence—organizing and leading

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NAACP AWARD TO MISSISSIPPI STATE CONFERENCE

Dr. Aaron Henry, NAACP Mississippi State Prexy, accepts plaque from Mrs. Medgar Evers during Freedom Fund Banquet



GRAND MARSHAL—(Los Angeles) — Deposed heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay waves to crowd as he serves as

NAACP field director for Mississippi when he was slain from ambush by a racist, June 12, 1965. Mrs. Evers now resides in California where she is an active NAACP supporter.



Grand Marshal of the parade that climaxed a week-long Summer Festival in Watts recently wearing "Sons of Watts" Shirts. (UPI Telephoto)