VA. NAACP NAMES STATE OFFICERS

STAUNTON, Va. (ANP) — The Virginia State Conference of the NAACP selected Norfolk for its meeting place next year before closing its 13th annual session here on October 3. All officers were re-elected excepting the vice president.

C. B. Henderson of Fairfax, was elected to the vice presidency to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of H. E. Flauntleroy, of Petersburg.

Officers relected included Dr. J. M. Tinsley, of Richmond, president; W. Lester Banks, of Richmond, executive secretary; Dr. S. F. Coppage, of Norfolk, treasurer, and Oliver W. Hill, of Richmond, chief counsel.

The Rev. T. J. Jemison, president of the Staunton NAACP branch, and Dr. Henderson, new vice president were added to the executive board.

An interesting feature of the convention was the forum on "Political Action and the NAACP chaired by Dr. Luther P. Jackson, professor of history at Virginia State College and secretary of the Virginia Voters league. Speakers were William Lawrence, Nansemond county supervisor, and Henry Lee Moon, NAACP publicity director in New York City.

Spottswood W. Robinson III and Lawyer Hill made a report on the school equalization cases emphasizing the status of the cases in King George and Gloucester counties where Federal Judge Sterling has ordered school boards to equalize educational facilities and opportunities for Negroes and whites.

Executive Secretary Banks presided during a discussion of "The Defense Fund — Its Purpose and Operations." Dicuasants included James P. Spencer, chairman of the Chesterfield County defense committee, and J. S. Carrington, president of the Halifax NAACP branch. They explained the importance of the fund in view of the mounting expenses involved in defending persons who are victims of prejudice and denied justice because of race or color.

Virginians were given credit for what they have done to improve understanding between the two races and to provide more opportunities for Negro citizens in an address by Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel.

Marshall said "Virginia has gone a long way in amending the evils by race hatred and there are a lot of citizens, both white and colored, willing to see justice done."

JONES, MITCHELL AMONG 7 NAMED TO FEDERAL FEPC

Washington (ANP) — Eugene Kinckle Jones, general secretary of the National Urban league, and Jesse H. Mitchell, president of the Industrial bank of Washington, have been appointed as members the seven-man fair employment board of the civil service commission.

The establishment of such a board was authorized by the President's executive order issued July 26, setting up a fair employment practices commission in the federal government.

Members of this board were appointed by the civil service commission and were announced Thursday by Mrs. Francis Perkins. The other five members were Moffatt, chairman; Fred C. Croxton, Dr. Ethel Dunham, Daniel W. Tracy and Judge Anna Belle Matthews.

Review Power

Under the executive order, the board will have the authority to review decisions made by the head of any department which are appealed pursuant to the provisions of the order, or referred to the board by the head of the department for advice and to make recommendations to such head. If the recommendation of the board is not promptly and fully carried out the case shall be reported by the board to the President for such action as he finds necessary.

The board will have the power to make rules and regulations deemed necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities under the President's order.

It will advise all departments on problems and policies relating to fair employment.

It will be the duty of this board to disseminate information pertinent to fair-employment programs, to coordinate the fair-employment policies and procedures of the several departments and make reports and submit recommendations to the civil service commission for transmittal to the President from time to time, as may be necessary to the maintenance of the fair employment program.

The order itself states that "the principles on which our government is based require a policy of fair employment throughout the federal establishment, without discrimination because of race, color, religion, or national origin, and it is desirable and in the public interest that all steps be taken necessary to insure that this long-established policy shall be more effectively carried out."

Based on Merit

Therefore, the President ordered that "all personnel actions taken by federal appointing officers shall be based solely on merit and fitness and such officers are authorized and directed to take appropriate steps to insure that in all such actions there shall be no discrimination because of race, color, religion, or national origin."

To make sure that this order was carried out, the President made the head of each department in the executive branch of the government personally resible for an effective program to insure that fair employment policies are fully observed.

The headof each department was given the authority to appoint a fair employment officer in his department, giving him full operation responsibility for carrying out the fair-employment policy.

This officer is to appraise the personnel actions of the department at regular intervals to determine their conformity to the fair employment policy expressed in the order. He is to receive complaints or appeals concerning personnel actions taken in the department on grounds of alleged discrimination because of race, color, religion or national origin. He may appoint deputies, committees, or hearing boards from among the officers or employes of the department, as he finds necessary or desirable, to investigate, or to receive, complaints of discrimination and take necessary corrective or disciplinary action in consultation with the head of the department.

If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the fair employment officer, he may appeal to the head of the department. If the department head's decision is not satisfactory, the case might be appealed to the civil service commission board, which has just been appointed.

The board will make recommendations to the department, and if their davice is not carried out, the case will be reported directly to the President.

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PROTEST RAID ON MIXED PARTY BY CAPITAL POLICE

WASHINGTON —(ANP)— Two local organizations have spoken out in protest of the metropolitan police who entered a private home without a warrant and arrested the guests who were attending an orderly interracial party.

The Civil Rights congress this week called upon Police Supt. R. J. Barrett to investigate the case and take the necessary disciplinary action. "Unless corrective measures are promptly taken by the police department," the CRC letter stated, we "will be forced to consider legal steps on behalf of the victims of this unprovoked and illegal raid."

The civil liberties section of the local Lawyers guild is also making inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the raid, with a view of instituting legal proceedings against the policemen involved.

The incident took place on Oct. 2 at the home of Julius Kaplain where a housewarming party was in progress celebrating the recent occupancy of the apartment.

Mr. Kaplain said that a number of his friends had been invited to the celebration, including several Negroes. No disturbance of any kind took place during the evening he said.

At about one a. m. a policeman appeared at the door and asked for a "Mrs. Schwartz" ostensibly to tell her that the refrigerator in her apartment was leaking poisonous gas. On being told that no such person was there the policeman left. On noticing that several Negroes were present at the party then in progress about 20 policemen returned to the apartment about a half hour later, saying they had received a telephone call reporting a shooting in the apartment.

All of the Negro guests had gone by this time, except one. The policemen said to have entered the premises without presenting a proper search and began searching the room, paying particular attention to books and other reading material. They found no evidence of a shooting but proceeded to search the sole Negro guest for a weapon.

When one youth questioned the right of the police to conduct the search witout a warrant, he is alleged to have been rebuffed with an anti-Semitic remark and a remark and a threat that if he continued to protest against the search, "I'll smash your head against the wall."

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