

## Sigmas Re-elect Moore as President; Seek Human Rights Through Political Action is Pledge for 1964

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Maurice A. Moore, a vocational guidance counselor of Chicago, Illinois, was re-elected National President of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated at the conclusion of the 49th Anniversary Conclave held in Nashville, Tennessee, December 30th.

In announcing his program for 1964 Moore asked the members of the National Negro Collegiate organization to become committees of one to work for human and civil rights of all citizens wherever there are.

## Governor and LBJ to Proclaim Heart Month

CONGRESS PASSES RESOLUTION SETTING ASIDE EACH FEBRUARY

RALEIGH — Governor Terry Sanford will follow President Lyndon B. Johnson's example later this month when he proclaims February "Heart Month in North Carolina."

Actually, the Tar Heel Governor will be re-enacting an annual event begun some years by the late Governor William Umslead and followed by Governors Luther Hodges and Sanford. The Presidential proclamation, however, is something new. It was authorized only last month by the 88th Congress in a Joint Resolution which was signed by President Johnson on December 30, 1963.

The congressional resolution provided for the designation of the month of February each year as American Heart Month. It also

Expanding the work of the National Office of Social Action, directed by Attorney Oliver C. Eastmon of New York, Moore said the national body will execute a program of non-partisan Political Action to seek the election of Negro candidates wherever possible and the election of all candidates who subscribe to the principles of the Constitution of the United States which guarantees rights for all citizens.

Other National officers elected and re-elected by the delegates were: Dr. Alvin McNeil of Grambling College, First Vice President; Dr. Von D. Mizell, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, National Director of Undergraduate Affairs; Remond Robinson, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, Second Vice President; William E. Doar, Jr., National Executive Secretary, New York City C. L. Townes, Sr., Richmond, Virginia, National Treasurer; C. Melvin

Patrick, New York National Director of Publicity; James A. Grant of Detroit, new National Director of Bigger and Better Business, replacing John Fonteno of Houston whose term expired. Dr. William H. Pipes of Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan, Editor of the Crescent; Doctor Parlett L. Moore, President of Coppins State Teachers College, Baltimore, Maryland; National Director of Education and Attorney Oliver C. Eastmon, New York, National Director of Social Actions.

Regional officers for 1964 are: Clifton Felton of Washington, D. C. Eastern Region; Herman L. Catchings of Detroit, Great Lakes Region; Cleophus Gee, Dallas Lone Star Region; Dr. C. U. DeBerry, Greensboro, N. C. Southern Region; James A. Gayle, New Orleans, Southern Region; Omar Robinson, Memphis, Southwestern Region and Odell Johnson, Fresno California, Western Region.

A highlight of the 49th Anniversary Conclave was an address delivered by State Senator Leroy Johnson, the Sigma Man of the year Hamilton Watch recipient, and the first Negro legislator in the Georgia Senate in 92 years, at the public meeting of the conclave in Fisk University Chapel.

## NAACP Field Staff in Meeting

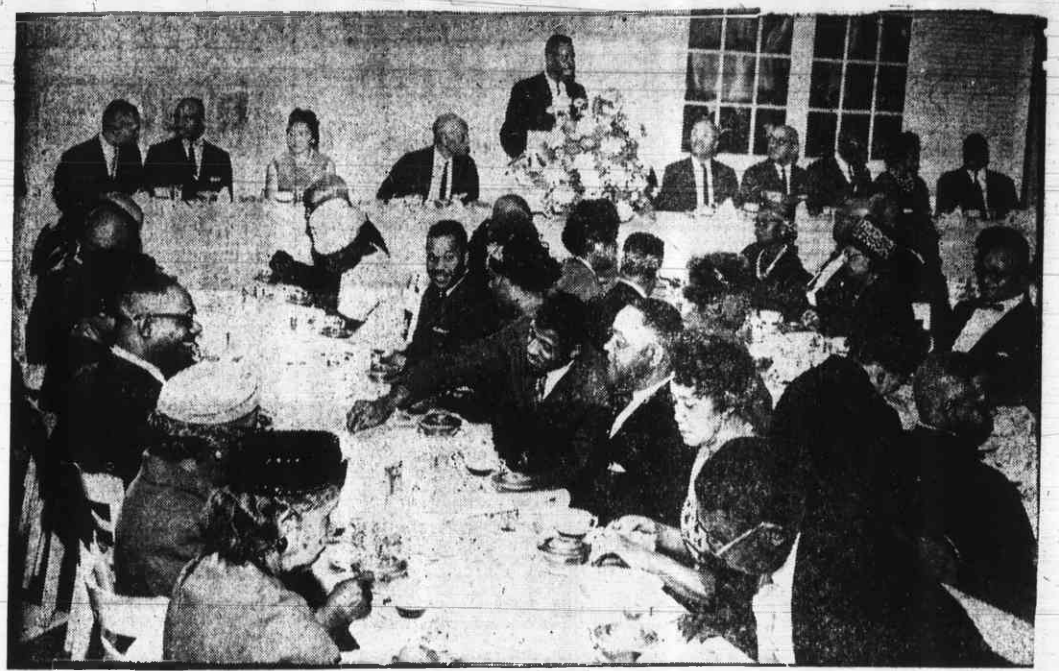
NEW YORK — Field staff members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stayed over following the annual meeting, January 6, for a two-day conference and seminar conducted by Gloster B. Current, director of branches.

At the meeting Mr. Current outlined NAACP 1964 goals. Other heads of national office departments addressed the group also.

Highlight of the session came, however, when Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins expressed his thanks to the field staff for helping to make 1963 "the best year in the 54-year history of the NAACP."

Regional secretaries at the meeting were Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Southeast; Mrs. Tarea Hall Pittman, West Coast; and Clarence Laws, Southwest.

Field secretaries present were Leonard Carter for the Midwest; Phillip Savage who works out of Philadelphia; Sydney Finley of the Chicago office; and Miss Gertrude Gorman, Youth Secretary Willie B. Ludden and W. Lester Banks, Virginia State Conference executive secretary, also attended.



MERGER BANQUET—Local No. 204, Tobacco Workers International Union recently celebrated a contemplated Tobacco Union

Merger at the Jack Tar Durham. According to reliable sources at the American Tobacco Company Local No. 204 is expected to

merge with Local No. 103, in the very near future. Shown above is a portion of the elegant banquet

celebration taking place in a Jack Tar Dining Room. —Photo by Purefoy

## NAACP Council Sees Hope For Faster School Desegregation

NEW YORK — The recent agreement by the U. S. Supreme Court to decide whether school authorities in Prince Edward County, Va., must reopen the schools they "closed nearly five years ago was hailed here this week by the man who has fought the case for 13 years.

NAACP General Counsel Robert L. Carter stated that the necessary result of a favorable decision by the Court "will be a quickening of the pace of change on the school desegregation front."

"If Prince Edward County cannot succeed in defeating the right of Negro children to an unsegregated education, the inevitability of compliance with the May 17, 1954, Supreme Court decision will become manifest throughout the South," he said.

In an unusual action the Court set the date for a hearing on the long disputed case for March 30, thus making it possible for a decision before the beginning of the 1964-65 school year.

constitutional aspects of the case thus bypasses the possibility of further lower court action. "In view of the long delay," an unsigned order stated, "and the importance of the questions presented," the Court invoked a rarely used power to decide cases before their final resolution in the Courts of Appeals.

Prince Edward County was one of the original NAACP cases resulting in the Supreme Court decision of 1954. Faced with a court order to desegregate in 1959, school authorities closed the schools and set up a so-called private academy for white students financed in part with public funds.

Until this fall the 1,700 Negro school children in the district were without formal school training. In September, through NAACP efforts, a non-profit Free School Association was formed as an interim solution.

The refusal of the County to maintain public schools on an integrated basis has been argued in the courts on both the federal

## Seek 50,000 Life Members in N.Y.

NEW YORK — A 30 day, statewide campaign to increase the number of life membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to 50,000 will be launched next month.

Kivie Kaplan, national life membership chairman, made the announcement Saturday, January 4, at a life membership luncheon of the New York State NAACP Conference of Branches at the Henry Hudson Hotel.

The drive is set for February 15 to March 15. Presently, there are 2,112 persons in New York State who are either paid-up or subscribing to \$500 NAACP life memberships. Nationally, there are more than 14,000.

Also at the luncheon, which was attended by nearly 300 persons, the host hotel was presented with its plaque for having taken out an NAACP life membership. Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins made the presentation to L. W. Doty, the hotel's general manager.

## First Rent Strike Ends In Victory

CLEVELAND, Ohio — This city's first rent strike against slum conditions ended after two weeks with the owner and agent of a 4-story building in the Hough are agreeing to all of Cleveland CORE's demands.

First, the building's agent, Ross Realty Company, started plumbing repairs, installed additional garbage disposal facilities and began plastering. The latter including fixing a hole in the bathroom ceiling of Mrs. Jessie Mae Smith — the subject of a photo which appeared in a feature story about the rent strike in the Cleveland Press. Another photo showed the littered alley resulting from inadequate garbage disposal facilities.

While the rent strikers welcomed these repairs they decided to continue withholding rent until the remaining CORE demands are met. Within days the agent started painting hallways as well as individual apartments repaired outside bricked-up entrances which had been broken into and reduced the rent from one of the 7 families involved in the strike. Though the building has 30 apartments, only 7 are occupied.

Following successful conclusion of the first strike, Ruth Turner, secretary of Cleveland CORE announced the start of rent strikes in two other buildings involving a total of 33 families. During the first rent strike, the group prevailed upon the Welfare Department to withhold relief clients' rents where building inspectors found violations. However, the strike was won before the city had a chance to act. Such action by the city will be sought in the present rent strikes.



ROBERT A. SMITHEY

## St. Aug. Prof. Is Admitted to Milton Society

Robert A. Smithey of the English Department of Saint Augustine's College has recently been admitted to membership in The Milton Society of America. The Society is composed of devotees and scholars of John Milton, famous seventeenth-century English poet, considered by many authorities to be second only to Shakespeare among English poets. The Society membership lists some of the top scholars in the leading universities in America, and Canada. Northrup Frye, Victoria College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, is president of the organization. Smithey becomes the third Negro member of the Society. Dr. Marian E. Musgrave, Head of the English Department at Alcorn College, Lorman, Mississippi and an authority on John Donne and Dr. David W. D. Nixon, Professor of English, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan, a Milton scholar, are the other two Negro members.

Smithey holds the A. B. degree from De Pauw University and the A. M. degree from the University of Wisconsin. In addition he has done extensive graduate work at the Graduate School of Arts and Science at Harvard and in the same faculty at Cornell.

Smithey was the first Negro to be approved by the English Department of the University of Maryland as an English Instructor in the University of Maryland overseas program, and for two years served as the only Negro on its Far East faculty. Mr. Smithey has also served as chairman of the freshman division and head of the Communication Department of Talladega College.

In addition to his academic pursuits, Mr. Smithey has long been active in Civil Rights movements. He is a past National President of the NAACP, and was directly responsible through a letter to the Editor of the Norfolk Virginian Pilot protesting denial of admission to hear a concert by Lawrence Tibbett in the Norfolk Municipal Auditorium on account of race in lowering the racial barrier in that auditorium. Mr. Smithey is a native of Norfolk, Virginia.

## Kittrell Defeats Voorhees With Timely Scoring

KITRELL — The mighty Kittrell College Bulldogs upset the bold and brave Tigers from Voorhees of Denmark, South Carolina, in a recent match of wits on the Kittrell hardwood, by a score of 94-92. The Bulldogs were led by Joseph Kirkland who hit 39 points to give the bulldogs a mighty advantage. Andrew Agnew boosted his teammate's efforts with 22 points to his credit.

With the loss to Kittrell, Voorhees suffered its first conference defeat.

In a previous basketball extravaganza Kittrell rapped Bluefield by a score of 70-65. Agnew, a hard driving, hard shooting senior, led Kittrell to the shores of victory, even though Bluefield led for the first half of the game. Coach Roland Cooper brought his Bulldogs back in the second half with untouchable strategy and the sharp shooting of Agnew.

## Two Peace and Freedom Walkers Fasting in Ga. Jail Transferred to Putney Hospital in Weak State

ALBANY, Ga. — Two of the peace and freedom walkers who have been fasting in Albany's City Jail have been transferred to the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. Chief of Police Laurie Pritchett has conferred with the city physician, Dr. F. W. Hillsman, who said the prisoners showed signs of extreme weakness and vitamin deficiency. The two are Mrs. Yvonne Klein and Allen Cooper — Mrs. Klein on her 21st day without food, Allen Cooper on his 17th. Mrs. Klein, 30, is an English teacher from Minneapolis, Allen Cooper, 25, is a former peace corpsman from Albuquerque. Friends who visited the hospital immediately after the transfer were told that no visitors would be allowed, but they managed to see the patients as they were being wheeled through the hall to ward their rooms, and learned that they were still on the fast, refusing intravenous feeding or vitamins. Their morale was still high.

Bradford Lyttle, on his 20th day without food, issued the following statement about the fast:

"My fast in Albany City Jail is a silent prayer to God that He will soften the hearts and open the minds of those who govern Albany so that they will restore all the peace walkers' civil liberties, release them from prison and allow them to walk down Broad Avenue and out of the city towards Cuba. I prefer this kind of moral and reasonable appeal rather than recourse to the courts because I believe that Supreme Court and federal intervention in Albany's affairs, based as it would be upon the ultimate coercion of armed power, would generate resentment and bitterness, and could not as effectively bring liberty and justice to the city as could the unforced good sense and moral uprightness of the citizens of Albany themselves. I have confidence in these people, whatever their station in life, their race, or religious persuasion."

Another walker, Erica Enzer, 37, of Chicago, Illinois, made this statement:

"I am fasting in order to educate to the officials, the people of Albany, and to others the seriousness of my convictions about our right to walk, to leaflet, and thus to communicate with people. I do not wish people to feel sorry for me, and to release me or press for my release for that reason. Rather I wish by my fast to touch their hearts just sufficiently so they will consider our case with clear, open and dispassionate minds, and then act according to their conscience and their reason."

## DURHAM MEN IN MILITARY MANEUVERS

VIEQUES ISLAND, PUERTO RICO (FRANC) — Marine Lance Corporal Roger M. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie M. Moore of 314 East Enterprise Street and Marine Private First Class Charles C. Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Fuller of 2713 Fayetteville Street, are participating

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