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Statement Is Issued By Council

Dr. Emmett Lee Irwin, chairman of the Citizens' Council of New Orleans, today issued a statement regarding the membership meeting scheduled tomorrow by the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

He said the following statement has the approval of the council's board of directors:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is an organization that possibly unwittingly has become encompassed in the Communist conspiracy to overthrow the republican governments of this nation and its sovereign states.

"Last Sunday evening's NAACP half-hour television program was used mostly in an effort to cover up the Communist-front domination of the NAACP.

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"THE NAACP PANELISTS used a lot of double talk to try to whitewash the NAACP, by saying the NAACP had not been declared a Communist organization.

"But, did they say that the NAACP, either on a national, state or local level, ever took any steps to purge the NAACP of the hundreds of national, state and local officers who were cited by the U. S. attorney general and House Un-American Activities Committee as being members of pro-Communist organizations?

"No, they skip all this.

"But all their double talk cannot hide it, because all these matters are in the official records in Washington and here in Louisiana, too.

"The sinister power of this organization has been manifested in the case of a courageous Negro educator who has been intimidated and threatened with death because he tried to speak out publicly against the NAACP. He is Professor Clennon King. Because of his stand, he has been deprived of his position as teacher of history at Alcorn College in Mississippi.

"The cause of his misfortunes was his brave effort to defend the Negro people, his people, from being exploited by unscrupulous white persons, working in league with even less scrupulous Negroes.

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"PROFESSOR KING displayed a rare courage in exposing the NAACP and well the NAACP knew that it could not afford to permit his courage to spread to others. When it became obvious that King could not be silenced, his usefulness was destroyed and he was depicted as a 'traitor' to his race.

"The persecutions of King came about as a result of a series of articles on the NAACP he wrote for the Jackson (Miss.) State Times last March. While the NAACP talks about Negro rights, a lonely Negro is without a job to support his family because he dared to disagree with the NAACP.

"On Monday, Feb. 10, 1958, a Florida legislative investigative committee was told that 'the Communist Party has achieved a degree of success in penetrating the NAACP not paralleled in any non-Communist organization of comparable size.'

"The speaker was J. B. Matthews, described by Sen. Charley E. Johns of Starke, Fla., committee chairman, as the 'leading authority on the subject of Communism in this county.' Matthews added that the NAACP, as the nation's largest Negro organization, has been a 'prime target of Communist penetration for the past 30 years. He identified an NAACP member as being a member of the Communist Party.'

"It is the firm conviction of the Citizens' Council that the NAACP does not promote the welfare of the Negro but is fomenting strife and discord between the White and Negro races in the South and is disrupting relations between these races which heretofore have been—and at present are—harmonious and friendly in every respect.

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"THE PUBLIC RECORD of activities of many top NAACP leaders in Communist-front enterprises is long and it is copiously documented.

"All these NAACP connections are officially published in the Congressional Record of February 23, 1956, pp. 2805 and 2849, for anyone to read.

"The NAACP field secretary was cited as a member of a Communist-front organization and was discharged from the Army only a couple of years ago as a security risk.

"White people with long records of affinity for, affiliation with, and participation in Communist-front, fellow-traveling and subversive organizations, activities and causes have supported and subsidized the NAACP. Its president, Arthur B. Spingarn of New York City, is a white man as are a large number of the current officers, directors and principal contributors, and he has numerous citations.

"In March, 1957, the names of ten directors of the NAACP having more than ten affiliations with Communist fronts to their credit were introduced in evidence and made a part of the public records of the hearings before the Joint Louisiana Legislative Committee in Baton Rouge.

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"THE TEN DIRECTORS cited for association with Communists fronts are Channing H. Tobias, chairman of the board; William Lloyd Imes, Oscar Hammerstein, II, and W. J. Walls, vice presidents; Algernon D. Black, Hubert T. Delany, S. Ralph Harlow, Benjamin E. Mays, Eleanor Roosevelt and Earl B. Dickerson, all members of the board of directors of the NAACP.

"Of the five people who founded the NAACP only one is a Negro—W. E. B. DuBois, who has no less than 72 citations of Communist-front and subversive activity entered against his name. In fact, he has amassed a longer public record of citations than any other person in the United States. DuBois is the honorary chairman of the directors of the NAACP.

"Yet this same DuBois is one of the modern scientific authorities, whose writings were accepted by the U. S. Supreme Court as the basis for its decision of May 17, 1954, prohibiting segregation in the public schools. DuBois contributed to 32 portions of the book, 'An American Dilemma,' cited and adopted generally, and without reservation, by the Supreme Court, as its leading authority on modern psychology.

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