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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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The NAACP established in 1909, is a national inter-racial organization composed of 350 local branches and 122 college and youth groups in 44 states with headquarters in New York City. Its aim is to secure full citizenship rights for the negro by legal and other recognized ethical methods and frequently by vigorous protestation of alleged discriminations. The publicity organ of NAACP is the "Crisis", a monthly publication. Indication of increased communist tendencies among some local branches and officers. The various local connections with the communist party and other communist controlled organizations determine extent of subversive activities NAACP may be engaged in.

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Bureau letter dated January 8, 1941.

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It will be noted that the title of this case was formerly carried as "League for the Advancement of Colored Race." During the course of investigation in this case it was established that the correct name of this organization is "The National Association for

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

According to a newspaper clipping from the Washington Star dated February 23, 1934, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was organized following the race riot of 1908 at Springfield, Illinois. WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING suggested an organization for the protection of the colored race. A call was sent out by OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD. Among those responding were JANE ADDAMS, LILLIAN D. WALD, JOHN DEWEY, Rabbi STEPHEN WISE, and SAMUEL BOYLES.

On Lincoln's birthday, 1909, a Committee of Forty was formed for carrying out the purposes of the organization. In 1934 the NAACP had three hundred seventy-five branches and a membership of about eighty thousand. In 1911 the NAACP declared through its organ, the "Crisis" that it is an organization of persons who believe that the present prejudice against colored races and particularly

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the denial of rights and opportunities to millions of Americans of negro descent is not only unjust and a menace to our free institution but also is a direct hindrance to world peace and the realization of human brotherhood.

At this time its methods of accomplishing its purposes were stated as:

1. A lecture bureau.
2. A bureau of legal assistance.
3. A bureau of information.
4. A bureau of publicity and research.

In the second annual report of the NAACP dated January 1, 1912, which is on file in the Library of Congress, its purposes were stated as follows:

"The NAACP seeks to uplift the colored man and woman of this country by securing to them the full enjoyment of their rights as citizens. Justice in all courts and equality of opportunity everywhere. It favors and aims to aid every kind of education among them save that which teaches special privilege or prerogative class or caste. It recognizes the national character of the negro problem and no sectionalism. It believes in the upholding of the Constitution of the United States and its administration in the spirit of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. It upholds the doctrine of 'all men up and no man down.' It abhors negro crime but still more the conditions which breed crime and most of all the crimes committed in the mockery of the law. It believes that the scientific truths of the negro problem must be available before the country can see its way clear to righting existing wrongs. It has no other belief than the best way to uplift the colored man is the best way to aid the white man to peace and social content; it has no other desire than exact justice, and no other motive than humanity."

Today the NAACP states that full citizenship rights for the negro is the rock upon which it is established. It claims to be an international organization, membership in which is open to all who believe in equality of mankind. The association has 350 branches and 122 college and youth groups in 44 states. The national headquarters is at 69 5th Avenue, New York City.

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The NAACP today states its aims:

1. The end of lynching
2. The ending of disfranchisement
3. The abolition of injustice in legal procedure based solely upon color or race.
4. Equitable distribution of funds for public education.
5. Abolition of segregation and discrimination, insult and humiliation based upon race or color.
6. Equality of opportunity to work in all fields with equal pay for equal work.
7. Abolition of discrimination against negroes in the right of collective bargaining through membership in organized labor unions.
8. The ending of peonage and the debt slavery of southern sharecroppers and tenant farmers.
9. Abolition of segregation in the Army and Navy. (It will be noted that this is a new aim which has only recently appeared as one of the stated ends of the NAACP.)

According to its own statement the principal achievements of the NAACP have been:

1. A continuous war on lynching by writing, lecturing, mass demonstrations and the fights for the passage of the Dyer anti-lynching bill in 1922 and the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill in 1934 and 1935. The campaign led by the NAACP resulted in the passage of the Gavagan anti-lynching bill in the House on April 15, 1937, by a vote of 277-119. The bill was taken up November 15, 1937, at the special session and debated for six days, when it was displaced by the farm bill. By agreement, it came up for debate January 6, 1938, and from that date to February 21, southern senators engineered a lengthy filibuster which resulted in the bill's being laid aside. The filibuster cost American taxpayers \$460,000. The bill was reintroduced in the 76th Congress in January, 1939, being sponsored in the House by Representative JOSEPH A. GAVAGAN, and in the Senate by Senators ROBERT F. WAGNER, FREDERICK VAN NUYS and ARTHUR CAPPER.
2. The NAACP has won twelve out of thirteen cases before the highest court of the land. It has won the following U.S. supreme court decisions aiding colored people: Grandfather Clause disfranchising

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Negroes declared unconstitutional in 1915; Louisville Residential Segregation ordinance held unconstitutional in 1917; Arkansas sharecropper riot victims freed (12 from death, 67 from long term and life imprisonment) when trial in mob-dominated court was held not due process of law in 1923; Texas white primary law barring Negroes by statute from Democratic primaries held unconstitutional in 1927; New Orleans segregation law held unconstitutional in 1927; Texas white primary law (second case) barring Negroes by enabling act from Democratic primaries held unconstitutional in 1932. These memorable victories were achieved at the remarkably low cost of \$31,193.92; largely due to generosity of members of the national legal staff and other lawyers who contributed their services.

In the JESS HOLLINS case arising in Oklahoma, which was won by the association before the U. S. supreme court in 1935, the opinion of the court in the Scottsboro cases was sustained: That HOLLINS had been convicted by a jury from which Negroes had been systematically excluded. A similar decision was obtained in 1937 when a new trial was secured for JOE VALE, convicted by an all-white jury in McCracken County, Kentucky.

On December 12, 1938, the supreme court ruled in the case of GAINES vs. University of Missouri that the University of Missouri must either admit LLOYD GAINES, a Negro student, to its law school, or the state of Missouri must provide equal accommodations for the training of Negro graduate and professional students. The court held that out-of-state scholarships did not answer the constitutional requirement of equal rights and that states must provide equal training within their borders.

In 1937, the association secured a re-trial as a result of the United States supreme court decision in the case of ED BROWN, HENRY SHIELDS and YANK ELLINGTON, Negro sharecroppers who were convicted of murder by the supreme court of Mississippi in the death of RAYMOND STEWART, April 4, 1934. The United States supreme court decision was based on the fact that the only evidence against these three men was procured through coercion and brutality. The court held unanimously "The rack and torture chamber may not be substituted for the witness chair."

The latest victory was won on May 22, 1939 when the United States supreme court ruled in the case of LANE vs. WILSON that the

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Oklahoma registration law discriminating against Negroes was invalid. Mr. Justice FRANKFURTER, speaking for the court about the Fifteenth Amendment stated: 'The amendment nullifies sophisticated as well as simple-minded modes of discrimination.'

3. It was the first national organization to raise the question of the right of Negroes to sit on juries in the Arkansas sharecropper case, 1919-1923.

4. With a group of other national organizations, the NAACP is a member of the joint national Scottsboro Defense Committee which is carrying on the fight to free the world's most famous defendants.

5. It launched and has continued the fight to abolish the system of lily-white Democratic primaries in the South. The association believes that free and independent use of the ballot is the right of every citizen in America.

6. In 1932 it twice investigated slave labor conditions on the Mississippi levees and won increases of \$100,000 weekly for 25,000 Negro workers, shorter hours and better conditions. Similar efforts were made in connection with other great public works such as Boulder Dam and TVA. TVA was investigated in 1938 and the evidence of discrimination against Negroes was presented to the joint committee of the U. S. Congress investigating TVA.

7. It has everywhere fought school segregation and discrimination in the allotment of educational monies to Negro schools. Lawyers for the association secured a ruling by the Maryland court of Appeals in January, 1936, which opened the doors of the University of Maryland law school to Negro students. This fight is being continued in Maryland where the third Negro was admitted in 1939. Similar cases are to be filed in Tennessee and Missouri.

The campaign to equalize the salaries of Negro and white teachers has spread to Maryland, Virginia, Florida, Alabama and Kentucky. As the result of two court cases, salaries have been equalized in nine out of twenty-three counties in Maryland, which means an additional \$100,000 a year on the pay checks of Maryland school teachers. One additional case is pending in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, Maryland, and another in the federal court in Maryland.

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8. Under the New Deal it fought at great expense all sorts of discrimination against Negro workers and persons on relief under the NRA, PWA, WPA, etc.

9. It has fought discrimination against Negroes in both federal and state civil service and is continuing its fight against discrimination in organized labor."

Admission

According to information received from the local branch of the NAACP at 1011 U Street, N.W., by reporting agent under suitable pretext, the various local branches of the organization operate in the following way:

When trouble is spotted or information sought, the local office is notified. The trouble-spotter or information-seeker reports to a full time clerk. By a regular system the secretary of the branch refers the matter to an appropriate committee--Legal, Labor, Education, or Youth. The Press Committee sees that the reading public is aroused; the Entertainment Committee provides fund raising and continual activities. The works of the branch are dove-tailed by a very alert Executive Committee fully representative of the groups which pay for the branch's operations.

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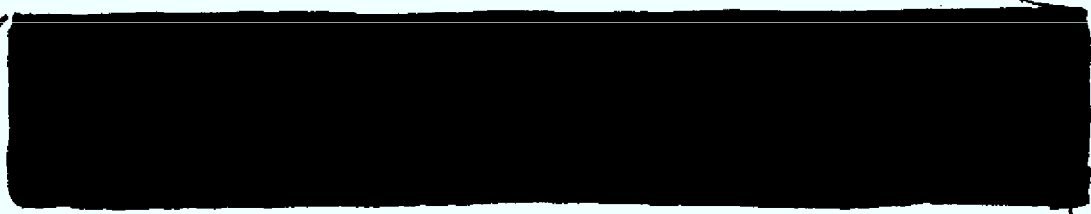
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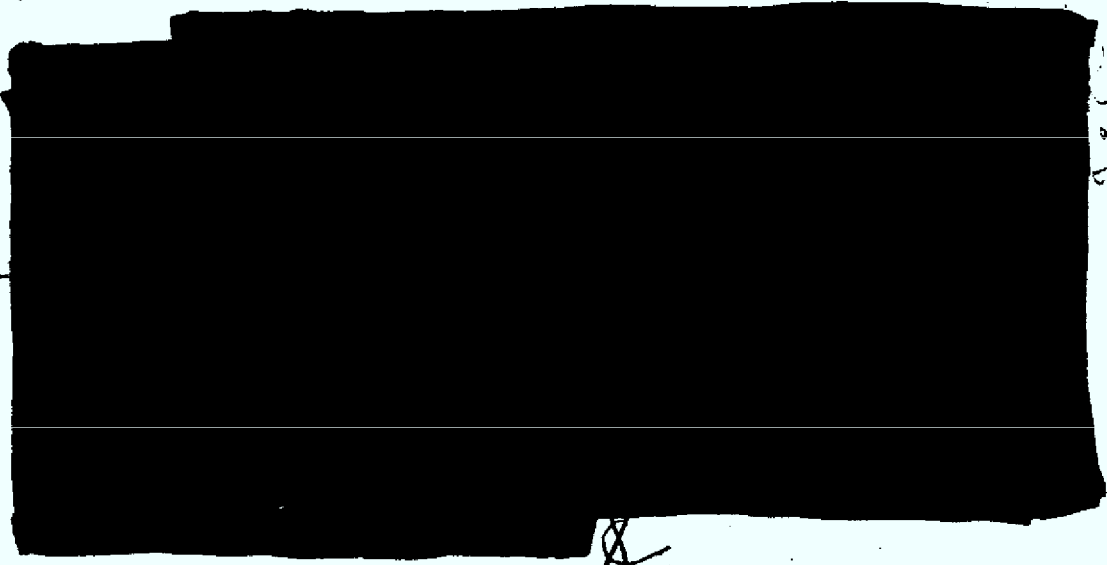
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So it would appear that the NAACP is divided itself between the conservative approach to the negro program as advanced by BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, and the more radical program advocated by W. E. B. DUBOIS.

A review of the Bureau files on the NAACP indicates that prior to 1935 a concerted effort was made to keep politics out of the organization but since about the middle of 1935 increasing communist tendencies are noticeable among minor local branches in the national administration of the NAACP. In July, 1938, the NAACP went on record at its annual convention in Columbus, Ohio, as saying that in the future it would cooperate with other groups on specific issues. It is known that the NAACP has allied itself with the National Negro Congress, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the American People's Mobilization and other communist front organizations on specific issues in several respects.

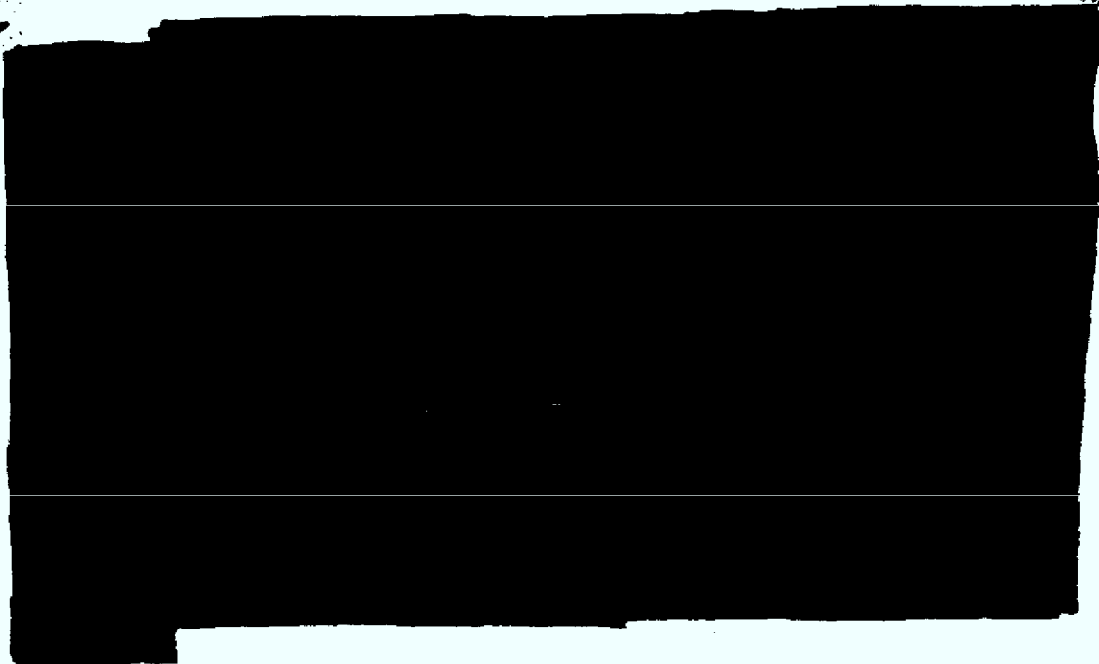


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Furthermore, it is apparent from the investigation conducted in this case that any subversive or un-American activities which the NAACP may be engaged in are determined for the most part by the local relationship of its various branches with the local communistic element.



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The NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, will endeavor to obtain a membership list and list of officers of the NAACP. It will be noted that the national headquarters of this organization is 69 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

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SYNOPSIS:

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People not considered to be Communist front organization. Several Southern chapters have been subject to Communist infiltration. Constitution and By-laws of the branches, National officers, Southern officers, Memphis, Nashville and Mobile chapter officers set out. Official publication of the N.A.A.C.P. is known as "The Crisis". Youth groups organized at Southern college universities. LeMoyn College chapter at Memphis suspected of radical tendencies.

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DETAILS: AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

The following investigation was conducted jointly by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer:

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said that the National organization could not be considered Communist in any sense; that its purpose was solely and simply

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[Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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8 to better the economic and social conditions of the colored
9 people. He added, however, that some of the chapters of the
10 N.A.A.C.P. here in the South had been subject to Communist
11 infiltration and that there had been attempts made in these
12 chapters to divert the purpose of the organization so as to
13 further the program of the Communist Party. He provided the
14 following list of National officers, Board of Directors and
15 Legal Committee of the National organization:
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18 NATIONAL OFFICERS

19 President
20 ARTHUR B. SPINGARN

21 Chairman of the Board
22 DR. LOUIS T. WRIGHT

23 Vice-Presidents

24 MARY McLEOD BETHUNE
25 NANNIE H. BURROUGHS
26 GODFREY LOWELL CABOT
27 HON. ARTHUR CAPPER
28 DR. WALTER GRAY CRUMP
29 BISHOP JOHN A. GREGG
30 REV. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES
31 MANLEY O. HUDSON
32 HON. IRA W. JAYNE
33 HON. CAROLINE O'DAY
34 REV. A. CLAYTON POWELL
35 OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD

36 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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39 WALTER WHITE Secretary
40 ROY WILKINS Assistant Secretary
41 Editor, The Crisis
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43 CHARLES H. HOUSTON
44 THURGOOD MARSHALL
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46 WILLIAM PICKENS Special Counsel
47 DAISY E. LAMPKIN Director of Branches
48 E. FREDERIC MORROW Field Secretary
49 GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR. Branch Coordinator
50 REV. JAMES H. ROBINSON Publicity and Promotion
51 Acting Youth Director.
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The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People maintains its National headquarters at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York. The organization has branch chapters in practically all the large cities in the country but is particularly strong in the major population centers of the South.

67D [REDACTED] provided the reporting agent with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws for the Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of

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Colored People, These are set out below:

"ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the
(name of city or county) Branch of the
Name National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People.

Section 2 The Branch shall be a
constituent and subordinate unit of the
Object Association, subject to the general authority
and jurisdiction of the Board of Directors of
the Association. Its objects shall be to promote the econo-
mic, political, civic and social betterment of colored people
and their harmonious cooperation with other peoples, in conform-
ity with the articles of incorporation of the Association, its
constitution and by-laws, and as directed by the Board of Di-
rectors of the Association.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers of the Branch shall be a President,
Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer; also,
Officers at the option of the Branch, additional Vice-
Presidents and an Assistant Secretary. The offi-
cers shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Section 2 The duties of the President shall be:
President (a) To preside at meetings of the Branch and to
act as Chairman of the Executive Committee, unless
the Executive Committee elects some other mem-
ber of its body to be chairman,

- (b) To appoint all committees not directly elected by the Branch or the Executive Committee.
- (c) Between meetings of the Executive Committee and subject to the approval thereof, to exercise general executive authority on behalf of the Branch.
- (d) To perform such other functions and exercise such further duties as may be voted from time to time by the Branch or the Executive Committee.

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8 (e) To countersign all requisitions by the Secretary for
9 disbursements from the Branch treasury.

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11 The President shall be ex-officio a member of all com-
12 mittees, except the Nominating Committee as provided in Article
13 IV, Section 4. *

14 Section 3 The duties of the Vice-President shall be to per-
15 form all the duties of the President in his ab-
16 Vice sence or disability. In case of more than one
17 President Vice-President, the Vice-Presidents shall be
18 designated as first, second, third, etc., and
19 shall perform their duties according to their numerical rank.

20 Section 4 The duties of the Secretary shall be:

21 (a) To act as Secretary of the Branch and the
22 Secretary Executive Committee, to give due notice of all
23 meetings of the Branch and the Executive Committee,
24 to keep full and accurate records of the proceedings of the Branch
25 and of the Executive Committee and record the same in a minute
26 book or minute books.

- 27 (b) To keep a record of all Branch members and their dues.
28 (c) To give receipts for all membership fees received and
29 to transmit such fees to the Branch Treasurer; to send
30 promptly to the National Office lists of all member-
31 ships received; to secure from the Treasurer and for-
32 ward to the National Office that portion of membership
33 fees belonging to the National Office.
34 (d) To aid, coordinate and integrate the work of the several
35 committees and division of the Branch.
36 (e) To submit reports to the Branch and the Executive Committee
37 at all regular meetings, or whenever required by either
38 body, covering the status of the Branch and its activi-
39 ties since the date of the last report; to submit to the
40 Branch at its annual meeting an annual report on the
41 status and activities of the Branch. A copy of all re-
42 ports by the Secretary when adopted by the Branch shall
43 be forwarded to the National Office.
44 (f) To keep the Secretary of the National Association for
45 the Advancement of Colored People informed of all events
46 affecting the interests of colored people in the vicinity
47 of the Branch, and to submit to the National Office, when-
48 ever required by the National Office, a report on Branch
49 activities.
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- (g) In conjunction with the President, to sign requisitions for disbursements from the Branch treasury and to maintain a file of receipts for disbursements.

The Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee as provided in Article IV, Section 4. *

Section 5 The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

Treasurer

(a) To receive all monies of the Branch and promptly to deposit the same in the name of the Branch in a separate account or accounts in a responsible bank or trust company. No money shall be withdrawn from any such account except on check signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President.

(b) To act as Chief financial officer of the Branch and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

(c) To make authorized disbursements upon requisitions signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President. Each requisition shall recite the amount and purpose of the payment requested. Every requisition in the amount of one hundred dollars or more must further be approved by the Executive Committee before payment. The Branch by regulation may require that requisitions in smaller amount be approved by the Executive Committee.

(d) To remit through the Secretary to the National Office the proportion of membership fees to which the National Office is entitled, as hereinafter provided, within fifteen days after their receipt (Article V, Section 4).

(e) To submit reports to the Branch and the Executive Committee at all regular meetings, or whenever required by either body, covering the financial condition of the Branch, showing receipts and disbursements, outstanding accounts unpaid since his last report; to submit an annual report of the business of his office at the annual meeting of the Branch, to which shall be appended a statement signed by the President and Secretary that all funds received by the Branch have been listed in the Treasurer's report. A copy of all reports by the Treasurer, when adopted by the Branch, shall be forwarded to the National Office.

* Amended by National Board of Directors, March 11, 1940.

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The Branch may require the Treasurer to be bonded at the expense of the Branch,

ARTICLE III.

COMMITTEES

Section 1 The Executive Committee shall have general control of the affairs of the Branch, subject to the authority of the Branch and to the provisions of this Constitution. It shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the chairmen of the standing committees of the Branch, the President of the Youth Council, the President of each College Chapter in the same community, the Senior Branch Adviser in the Youth Council, the Senior Branch Adviser of the Junior Youth Council, and such other members to be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch as the Branch by by-law may decide: Provided, that the total membership of the Executive Committee shall not exceed twenty-five, except by written authorization of the Board of Directors of the Association.

The Executive Committee shall render a report to the Branch at the regular meetings of the Branch and whenever otherwise required by the Branch.

The further duties and powers of the Executive Committee shall be:

- (a) At its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Branch, to appoint the standing committees.
- (b) To appoint special committees from time to time.
- (c) To fill all vacancies in Branch offices or on committees for the unexpired term.

The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be determined by the Branch but shall not be less than one-third of its total membership.

Section 2 The standing committees of the Branch shall be the Committee on Membership, Finance, Press and Publicity, Legal Redress and Legislation, Labor and Industry, Education, Entertainments, and Youth Council and Junior Work.

With the exception of the Committees on Membership, Labor and Industry, Education, and Entertainments,

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8 which may be larger if desired by the Branch, these standing
9 committees shall consist of not less than three members nor more
10 than seven members.

11 The duties of the standing committees shall be:

12 (a) MEMBERSHIP. The Membership Committee shall work to
13 increase the membership of the Association.

14 (b) FINANCE. The Finance Committee, which shall consist
15 of the President, Treasurer, and at least one other member,
16 shall have the duty of raising funds for the Branch for special,
17 local and other purposes within the scope of the Branch program.

18 (c) PRESS AND PUBLICITY. The Press and Publicity Committee
19 shall endeavor to secure publicity in the local press for the
20 work of the Branch and the Association. By personal visits and
21 correspondence, it shall attempt to interest editors in local
22 conditions affecting colored people and in the race question
23 in general.

24 It shall watch carefully the publications of the community
25 and report thereon to the appropriate committee.

26 The Press and Publicity Committee shall be responsible
27 for forwarding to THE CRISIS items covering Branch activities
28 and important local affairs. It shall also act as far as
29 possible as an agency for the promotion and sale of THE CRISIS.

30 No publicity shall be released by the Press and Publicity
31 Committee without first being approved by the President of the
32 Branch.

33 (d) LEGAL REDRESS AND LEGISLATION. The Legal Redress and
34 Legislation Committee if possible shall be comprised largely
35 of lawyers. It shall examine the state laws and local ordi-
36 nances for possibilities of discrimination, work for better
37 and equal enforcement of the laws, sponsor beneficial legisla-
38 tion, and work for the repeal of discriminatory laws.

39 It shall keep the Executive Committee of the Branch and
40 the National Office promptly informed of all proposed legisla-
41 tion affecting colored people.

42 It shall investigate all cases reported to it for legal
43 redress, consulting when necessary with the attorneys of the
44 National Legal Committee, and shall watch over all litigation
45 in which the Branch is interested.

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8 The Legal Redress and Legislation Committee shall not
9 given general legal advice.

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11 (e) LABOR AND INDUSTRY. The Committee on Labor and In-
12 dustry shall seek ways and means of improving the status of
13 colored people in labor, industry and agriculture.

14 (f) EDUCATION. The Committee on Education shall study
15 local educational conditions affecting colored people. It
16 shall aim to be a center of popular education on the race
17 question and the work of the National Association. It shall
18 seek to stimulate attendance of colored youth in schools and
19 shall visit the schools so as to keep informed of conditions
20 and strive to correct abuses where found.

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22 (g) ENTERTAINMENTS. The Committee on Entertainments
23 shall have charge of entertainments of such kind as shall be
24 approved by the Executive Committee.

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26 (h) YOUTH COUNCIL AND JUNIOR WORK. The Committee on Youth
27 Council and Junior Work shall consist of the Senior Branch Ad-
28 viser to the Youth Council, The Senior Branch Adviser to the
29 Junior Youth Council, the Youth Council President, and the
30 Junior Youth Council President. The membership of this Commi-
31 ttee may be increased by the Branch Executive Committee to seven
32 members.

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34 The Committee on Youth Council and Junior Work shall be
35 responsible to the Branch Executive Committee. Its duties shall
36 be to develop the youth program of the Branch and to coordinate
37 the programs of the senior and youth groups.

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39 Section 3 Members of the Executive Committee and of the
40 several standing committees shall hold office
41 Tenure for one year and until their successors are
42 elected and qualify.

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44 Section 4 Non-functioning committees shall be promptly
45 discharged by the Executive Committee and, where
46 Vacancies necessary, new appointments made by the Executive
47 and Committee for the unexpired terms of unful-
48 Removals filled purposes.

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50 The position of any member of the Executive Com-
51 mittee or of any standing or special committee who shall be
52 absent from three consecutive meetings of the committee, without
53 notice or explanation to the committee, may be declared vacant
54 by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
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Section 1 The officers and Executive Committee elected
at the organization meeting of the Branch
shall hold office until their successors are
elected and qualify.

Section 2 Thereafter, all officers and the Executive Com-
mittee, shall be elected by ballot at each annual
meeting of the Branch and shall hold office for
one year and until their successors are elected
and qualify.

Section 3 All those who signify their intention of becom-
ing charter members of the Branch and their en-
dorsement of the aims and purposes of the
National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People and who have paid the prescribed fees shall be
entitled to vote at the organization meeting and to be elected
to office.

Thereafter, all members who are in good standing
by noon of the day of any meeting of the Branch shall be en-
titled to vote at that meeting and to hold office in the Branch.

Section 4 At the regular meeting of the Branch next preceding
the annual meeting, the Branch may elect a Nomi-
nating Committee, composed of not less than three
nor more than seven members, to present nomina-
tions at the annual meeting for all offices and
the Executive Committee: Provided, that addi-
tional nominations may be made at the annual meeting by written
petition signed by three or more members of the Branch.

In case a nominating committee is not elected or
neglects or refuses to render a report, nominations shall
be made at the annual meeting by written petition signed by
three or more members of the Branch.

Section 5 The right to vote is personal and may not be
Right to Vote exercised by proxy.

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ARTICLE V.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1 Any person may become a member of the Branch in
Membership accordance with the articles of incorporation and
the constitution and by-laws of the Association
by paying annually in advance a fee of at least
one dollar. Membership in the Branch shall in-
clude membership in the National Association.

Section 2 Any person paying an annual membership of two
dollars and fifty cents or more shall be en-
titled to receive THE CRISIS without further
charge during the year.
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Section 3 Members of the National Association in good
standing where branches are being formed may
Members-at- affiliate with the new Branch and be entitled
Large to vote upon presenting satisfactory evidence
of their membership. They shall not be
assessed annual membership fees by the new Branch until the
expiration of the annual membership for which they have paid.

Section 4 The Branch shall remit to the Treasurer of the
National Association the National Office's
Division of share of all membership fees, within fifteen
Fees days of their receipt, in the following pro-
portions, and may retain the balance in its
treasury for local purposes:

(a) SENIOR MEMBERSHIP (for persons twenty-one years of
age or over) \$1.00; To National Office, \$0.50; local
treasury \$0.50.

(b) YOUTH MEMBERSHIP (for persons under twenty-one
years of age) \$0.50; To National Office \$0.25;
local treasury \$0.25.

(c) CRISIS MEMBERSHIP (includes one year's subscription
to THE CRISIS) \$2.50; to National Office \$2.00; local
treasury \$0.50.

(d) BLUE CERTIFICATE MEMBERSHIP (includes THE CRISIS and
literature) \$5.00; To National Office \$3.75; local treas-
ury \$1.25.

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7 (e) GOLD CERTIFICATE MEMBERSHIP (includes THE CRISIS
8 and all literature) \$10.00; to National Office \$6.25;
9 local treasury \$3.75.
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11 (f) LIFE MEMBERSHIP -- \$500.00 or more. Life Membership
12 shall constitute an endowment for the national work of
13 the Association and the full sum shall be forwarded
14 to the National Office.
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16 Section 5 The Branch may retain for the local treasury
17 ten (\$10.00) dollars out of every contribution.
18 Contributions of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars or more which it
19 obtains. The balance of such contributions shall
20 be forwarded to the Treasurer of the National Association.
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22 Section 6 Wherever the Branch comes within the jurisdic-
23 tion of a state or regional conference, assessments
24 on the Branch for support of the conference shall
25 State and Regional be paid into the National Office and transmitted
26 Assess- by the National Office to the treasury of the
27 ments state or regional conference. The amount of such
28 assessments shall be determined by the state
29 or regional conference with the approval of the National Board
30 of Directors.
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32 Section 7 The Branch may raise and retain funds for local
33 purposes within the scope of the Association
34 Other program, through entertainments and other
35 Funds special activities; but in all announcements re-
36 garding such entertainments and special activi-
37 ties, the specific local purpose for which the
38 funds are to be used must be made clear and a full financial
39 report shall be rendered to the Branch, the National Office,
40 and the public.
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42 The Branch may raise funds with the consent of
43 the National Office in the name of the National Association
44 for the Advancement of Colored People, for other than local
45 purposes, through entertainments and special activities, in
46 which case fifty per cent of the net proceeds shall be sent
47 to the National Office and fifty per cent retained in the
48 Branch treasury. A financial report of all such entertain-
49 ments and activities shall be rendered to the Branch, the
50 National Office, and the public.
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ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS

Section 1 Regular Meetings Regular meetings of the Branch shall be held at least once a month, and such other public or special meetings as may be required.

Section 2 Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting for the election of officers, which may coincide with the regular meeting of the Branch, shall be held between November 1 and December 15, unless the time of the meeting is changed with the written approval of the National Office. *

Section 3 Written notice of time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Branch in good standing at least seven days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Notice of the regular monthly or special meetings shall be sent to each member in good standing in writing, or published in some local periodical, except that notice of regular meetings need not be sent where definite dates and places of such meetings have been set by resolution of the Branch.

Section 4 Special Meetings Special meetings may be called at any time and place on three days' written notice by direction of the President, or of any three members of the Executive Committee; or on failure of these to act, by any ten members of the Branch.

Section 5 Executive Committee The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month at such times and places as it may determine. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President, the Secretary, or by two members of the Committee, on two days' written notice.

Section 6 Standing Committees The Standing Committees appointed by the Executive Committee shall meet regularly once a month at such time and places as they may determine. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or by two members on two days' written notice. All standing committees shall report each month to the Executive Committee at its regular meeting.

Section 7 In the event a quorum is not present at any
Adjourned regular or special meeting of the Branch or
Meetings committee of the Branch, those present at
 the time and place announced for said meet-
 ing, may adjourn the same from time to time a
day, hour and place certain, and without further notice all
business which might lawfully have been transacted at the
original meeting may be transacted at the adjourned meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

QUORUM

Quorum The number of members necessary to constitute
 a quorum at all meetings shall be decided upon
 by a resolution adopted by the Branch.

ARTICLE VIII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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Business by a majority vote of the members present,
 the following shall be the order of business
 at meetings of the Branch:

Ascertainment of members present
Reading of minutes of previous meeting
Reports of officers
Reports of committees
Elections
Unfinished business
New business

Rules of Order shall govern the Branch except as otherwise
herein provided.

ARTICLE IX

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Section 1 If a Branch fails to report to the National
Branches Office for a period of four consecutive months,
Failing the National Board of Directors may declare a
to Report or all of the offices of the Branch vacant and
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Notice of removal shall be sent to the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Branch by registered mail at their last addresses on file in the National Office and may be published in the official organ of the National Association. Upon receipt of notice either by mail or publication, the officers shall perform no official act and shall hold all records and monies of the Branch, subject to the disposition of the National Office.

Section 2 The National Board of Directors may also declare any office of the Branch vacant and order a new election, on satisfactory evidence that the officer is guilty of gross neglect of his official duties, or of such conduct as would be inimical to the best interest of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People or of the Branch.

The charges against the officer must be preferred in writing and signed by the person or persons making the same, and forwarded to the National Office. Immediately on receipt of the same, the Secretary of the National Association shall forward a copy of the charges by registered mail to the officer at his last address on file in the National Office. No action shall be taken on the charges until fifteen days after the copy should have reached the officer by ordinary course of post. He shall be entitled within the fifteen days to file with the National Office his answer in writing to the charges. The National Board of Directors reserves the right to hear and act on the charges and defense on written statement, affidavit, or oral testimony as in its judgment justice may require.

Notice of the findings and action of the Board shall be sent to the officer by registered mail at his last address on file in the National Office and, in the direction of the Board of Directors, published in the official organ of the National Association. In the event the charges are sustained and the office declared vacant, upon receipt of notice to that effect by mail, publication or otherwise, the officer shall perform no official act and shall hold all records and monies of the Branch subject to the disposition of the National Office or his successor in office.

ARTICLE X.

SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION
OF CHARTER

Section 1 The Charter of authority received by the Branch upon its admission to the National Association for
Suspension The advancement of Colored People, may be suspended,
and or revoked by the Board of Directors of the Asso-
Revocation ciation whenever the Board shall deem it for the
 best interest of the Association. Such revocation
shall not invalidate the membership of any member of the Branch
in the National Association.

Section 2 Notice of the findings and action of the board shall
Notice of be sent by the Secretary of the Association, by
Suspension registered mail, to the President and Secretary of
 the Branch, and may be published in the official
 organ of the National Association. In case the
Charter of the Branch is suspended or revoked, upon receipt of
notice by the President or Secretary by mail, publication, or
otherwise, the Branch shall cease to function and the officers
shall forthwith forward all records, property and monies of the
Branch to the National Office where the same may be applied in
its discretion for the benefit of the community wherein the
Branch was located.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments With the written approval of the National Board
 of Directors previously obtained, this Constitu-
 tion By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the
Branch: Provided that (1) notice in writing of the proposed
amendment shall be given to all members at least seven days
prior to the meeting at which the same is to be acted upon; or
that (2) the proposed amendment shall be approved at two successive
regular meetings of the Branch.

ARTICLE XII.

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

Authorized Groups of seven or more individuals in communities
Committees too small to maintain a branch of the Association
 may be authorized by the Board of Directors to
 work as Authorized Committees of the National Asso-
ciation for the advancement of Colored People, carrying out its
purposes and objects and raising funds for its support as
does a Branch, subject to such rules and regulations as the
National Board of Directors may enact.

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ARTICLE XIII.

YOUTH COUNCILS AND
JUNIOR YOUTH COUNCILS

Youth
Councils

Branches of the Association may organize Youth Councils and Junior Youth Councils which shall be subject to the control of the Executive Committee, and to such rules and regulations as the National Board of Directors may enact.

ARTICLE XIV.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Woman's
Auxiliary

Branches of the Association may organize a Woman's Auxiliary subject to the control of the Executive Committee and to such rules and regulations as the National Board of Directors may enact.

ARTICLE XV.

Section 1

Non-
Limitation
of National
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No indebtedness or obligation shall be incurred by the Branch or any of its officers or agents in the name of the National Association for the advancement of Colored People, and the National Association shall not be responsible for any indebtedness or obligation incurred by the Branch or by any of its officers or agents.

Section 2

No indebtedness or obligation of more than one hundred dollars shall be incurred in the name or behalf of the Branch unless by vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XVI.

FISCAL AND BUSINESS YEAR

Section 1
Schedule

The fiscal and business year of the Branch shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

Section 2
Installation
of Officers

The officers elected at the annual meeting shall be installed at the next regular meeting of the Branch following the election.

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There is a Memphis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the subsidiary branch of that chapter at LeMoyné College, colored university, in Memphis, Tennessee. The officers of the Memphis Branch are as follows:

~~UTILLUS R. PHILLIPS, President.
Reverend C. M. DAVIS, Vice-President.
MRS. R. L. FRANKLIN, Corresponding Secretary.
MRS. C. RICHARD GOODEN, Recording Secretary.
JAMES C. STAFFORD, Treasurer.~~

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The President's address is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] All of these officers are colored.

The Executive Committee of the Memphis Branch is as follows:

~~CLEO PHILLIPS, (wife of the President)
EMMETT J. HUMES
LAWRENCE J. LEE
ALONZO LOCKE
LEROY PITTMAN
EDWARD ROBINZINE
J. A. SOMERVILLE
MRS. M. W. BONNER
MISS MARGARET BICKNELL
Professor E. C. GEORGE~~

Miss BICKNELL is the only member of the Executive Committee who is a white person.

~~The LeMoyné College Chapter is headed by MARGARET ZICKNELL and assisted by E. C. GEORGE. Both of these persons are professors at the college. The balance of the LeMoyné College officers are unknown at this time.~~

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[REDACTED] advised that most of the officers of the Memphis Branch were employees of the Federal Government. This information was checked with [REDACTED] of the Post Office at Memphis, Tennessee, who advised that Reverend C. M. DAVIS is a retired Postal employee; R. L. FRANKLIN, EMMETT J. HUMES and J. A. SOMERVILLE are at the present time carriers for the Post Office here in Memphis; also, that JAMES C. STAFFORD, LAWRENCE J. LEE, EDWARD ROBINZINE and UTILLUS R. PHILLIPS are all employed by the Railway Mail Service.

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6 He further advised that all of these individuals
7 named have signed the oath of allegiance to the Federal Govern-
8 ment and that they were not members of any subversive group.

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of the officers as follows:

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13 CLEO PHILLIPS is the wife of the President of
14 the Memphis Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.

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16 MRS. M. W. DONNER is the wife of the Secretary
17 to the Universal Life Insurance Company in Memphis.

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19 MISS MARGARET BICKNELL and Professor E. C. GEORGE
20 are both professors at the LeMoyn College.

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22 LEROY PITTMAN is a laborer working in Memphis,
23 Tennessee.

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25 ALONZO LOCKE and RICHARD GOODEN are both em-
26 ployees of the Hotel Peabody in Memphis.

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28 He pointed out further that the N.A.A.C.P. has a
29 youth movement, but that this movement is not affiliated in any
30 way with any other group. He did not believe that it could be
31 considered subversive.

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33 b7D [REDACTED] made available to
34 the reporting agent the list of officers of the Nashville Branch
35 of the N.A.A.C.P. These officers are set out as follows:

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37 Reverend W. J. FAULKNER, President
38 W. D. HAWKINS, JR., First Vice-President
39 MRS. J. T. BROWN, Second Vice-President
40 Reverend JULIUS JOHNSON, Third Vice-President
41 MRS. E. W. GRANT, Secretary
42 DEERWOOD McCORD, Assistant Secretary
43 MRS. B. F. COX, Treasurer

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45 The Executive Committee is as follows:

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47 M. W. DAY, Chairman
48 W. J. HALE, JR.
49 DR. ELI MARKS
50 DR. A. T. CUTLER
51 Attorney Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
52 F. C. EDWARDS
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MRS. W. A. BECK
RICHARD OTEY
MERL R. EPPSE
Reverend F. L. McDOWELL
DR. D. T. ROLFE
Reverend J. T. PATTON

The officers of the Mobile Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P.
are as follows:

M. J. JACKSON, President
C. H. FOWLKES, Vice-President
TAYLOR BETHROUGHS, Assistant Vice-President
J. L. LEFLORE, Secretary
C. E. POWELL, First Assistant Secretary
MISS AILENE ARRINGTON, Second Assistant Secretary
HENRY THOMAS, Treasurer

The Executive Committee of the Mobile Chapter is
as follows:

CONRAD DEAN
WILLIAM MARK
R. E. L. EASTLAND
Bishop W. T. PHILLIPS
DR. P. W. COODE
Professor O. H. JOHNSON
W. H. TYLER
NAPOLEON RIVERS
ROBERT T. RICE
Reverend W. T. ROBINSON
ALEX H. HERMAN
MRS. HATTIE CESTEDA
WILLIS McCALL
MRS. BEATRICE S. COODE
G. B. BRIFFIN, JR.
HENRY FIGURES
CLEVELAND WOOLFE
MATTHEW CHANEY
JOHN PARKER
Reverend A. E. WILLIAMS
MRS. GRACE PATTON
ASA RHODES
IRVIN WHITE
DR. M. G. EDMONDS
O. S. WILLIAMS
L. T. SAMPLES
MRS. EMMA FREEMAN

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~~W. L. BALDEN
MISS MARIE DIXON
MISS JANICE N. BLUNT~~


A 1941 Regional Conference of the Southern Branches of the N.A.A.C.P. elected the following officers:

~~J. J. LEFLORE, Chairman from Mobile
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J. E. LaFOURCHE, Director of Publicity, from New Orleans
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The Regional Counsellors are as follows:

~~ARTHUR D. SHORES, From Birmingham
A. P. WALDEN, from Atlanta
J. EMMETT BALLARD, from Jackson, Tennessee
J. E. PERKINS, from Baton Rouge.~~

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 advised that he suspected the LeMoynne College Chapter at Memphis of having radical tendencies; that the individuals who were leading that group are well-known agitators. The two leaders mentioned in this report are Pacifists; others are known to be fellow-travelers among the Communist group.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

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Will continue to contact [REDACTED] to secure further information from him concerning the activities and program of the LeMoyne College Chapter and to determine as far as possible the character of any subversive activities being carried on by that chapter.

AT JACKSON, TENNESSEE:

Will endeavor to determine the nature of the activities of the Jackson Branch at Jackson, Tennessee of the N.A.A.C.P.

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will attempt to determine the character of the activities of the Nashville Branch and of the individuals who are officers of that branch.

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Title

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Character of Case

INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

N.A.A.C.P. held 33rd annual conference in Los Angeles 7/14 to 19/42. 235 official delegates registering from 40 states. Keynote of the convention was to continue fight against discrimination and segregation and for equal rights with whites. "Victory is vital to minorities", was theme of discussions centering around the war effort. Communist agitation at convention shown. Information concerning [redacted] set out.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] Los Angeles, Calif., 6/26/42.

Bureau letter dated July 9, 1942.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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The National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People held its 33rd annual conference at Los Angeles, California, from July 14 to July 19, 1942, with the registration body and conference headquarters at the Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue, Los Angeles.

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235 official delegates from forty states were registered. The conference, representing 600 branches of its organization, had as its slogan, "Victory is vital to minorities". An official program of the convention was prepared, a copy of which is being retained in this file and a copy of which is being forwarded to the Bureau. The following officers and directors were listed in the program:

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On Tuesday night, July 14, 1942, at an open mass meet-
ing, ROY WILKIN, Assistant Secretary, N.A.A.C.P., New York, New York, gave
the keynote address of the convention to some 4,000 assembled delegates
and spectators. He stated that the N.A.A.C.P. would continue their fight
against segregation and discrimination against the negroes and for equal
rights of the Negroes with white people. He said that "We are determined
forever to be through with status quo". He further stated "This is no
war — this is a social revolution. Nations and societies are being shat-
tered and remolded almost overnight. I say to you that the reason why
this association was born in 1909 and has lived 33 years — the reason why
I am here and you are here — is because we are determined forever and a
day to be through with the status quo. Are we worms to sit in a corner
and say we yearn not for green pastures? We are impelled to oppose the
status quo by the imperatives of the situation. If you are in a crack
you must get out."

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"I do not recall a time," said WILKINS, "when there has been such unity of thought and such clearness as to the path we have to follow. It is not such luxuries as freedom of speech, but the control over his own body, the right to walk around and not be strung up to a tree, that concerns the negroes at this time and that gave rise to the association."

WILKINS further stated, "Some say we should let things go during the war period so there will be no disunity, in other words remain in a status quo. That we will not do because to make people free is why the war is being fought. No one can call us subversive if we refuse to remain in a status quo position."

A list of objectives outlined included; No segregation in the armed services; war jobs open to all; no bias against negroes in labor unions; removal of "the insulting and unscientific rule of the segregating of blood of negroes and white donors by the Red Cross in plasma banks"; abolition of "Jim Crow" rules in voting, jury service, employment, education, and housing.

At a mass meeting CHARLOTTA A. BASS, negress, editor of the California Eagle, leading Los Angeles negro weekly newspaper, addressed the assemblage in a stirring talk which followed the Communist Party line. It will be noted that in the July 16, 1942, issue of the California Eagle, an editorial by CHARLOTTA A. BASS describes her position regarding the Communist Party as follows:

"We must pause to hail reinstatement of the Communist Party upon the ballot in the state of California. This newspaper once felt that no good could come from the infiltration of Communism in the American political scene. The changing of our views on this matter is reflected also in the change of policy of the great state of California and follows logically in the development of true national unity around the victory for the anti-Fascist world."

The "Los Angeles Sentinel" had the following to say regarding CHARLOTTA A. BASS' speech:

"She called for an immediate opening of the second front, and delivered a scathing attack upon A. PHILIP RANDOLPH and his program for fighting "Jim Crow" segregation and discrimination in all phases of American life; she put across a rather different type of thought than was the general expression of the meeting."

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Parts of CHARLOTTA A. BASS speech described is as follows:

"She called for a concerted effort of the united nations for victory, saying that the alternative would be that this country would be ruled by American Fascists. She said that this was a moment of great decision for the whole civilized world and paid tribute to the noble Russian defense. She said that Hitlerism is a counter-revolution to every people's movement from Bunker Hill to the "barracks of St. Petersburg". She further stated that American Fascists such as the Talmadges, Coughlin, Ku Klux Klan, and the whole host of appeasers would be in control of the country if HITLER wins. She further stated that the poll tax execution of ODELL WALLER, Virginia negro sharecropper who killed his landlord, was due to the poll tax, "pole cat" congressmen from the southern states. (It will be noted that Communist newspapers are sponsoring considerable agitation in the ODELL WALLER case). She said that the negroes must immediately demand a mixed brigade in the armed forces, and fair employment practices. She said that before we can enter on the final battle against the imperialist regimes of today, we must eradicate Hitlerism. In conclusion she called for an immediate establishment of a second front in Europe."

The complete text of CHARLOTTA A. BASS' talk appears in the "California Eagle" issue of July 23, 1942, which is being retained in the subject file.

The July 23, 1942, issue of the "California Eagle" carries an article in which the resolutions adopted by the conference were discussed. The resolutions are as follows: A Pacific charter was urged, the capital march on Washington movement re-endorsed, the poll tax struck, a New Dies Committee asked, and a national youth executive committee of ten members demanded.

A resolution endorsing the immediate establishment of a second front in Europe was tabled, two recounts being necessary on the tabling motion.

The same paper carried an article concerning the youth parley of the N.A.A.C.P. and the resolutions and program endorsed by the Youth Conference are as follows: Resolution to set up a ten-man national youth executive committee; a firm and determined stand for the observance of the democratic rights of all people, campaign for a mixed volunteer unit in the army through cooperation in progressive white organizations and trade unions (many of which circulated petitions to that effect at the convention), and a resolution calling for the establishment of the second front. One of the prominent speakers at the youth convention was REVELSICATON, Negro, state vice-president of the C.I.O.

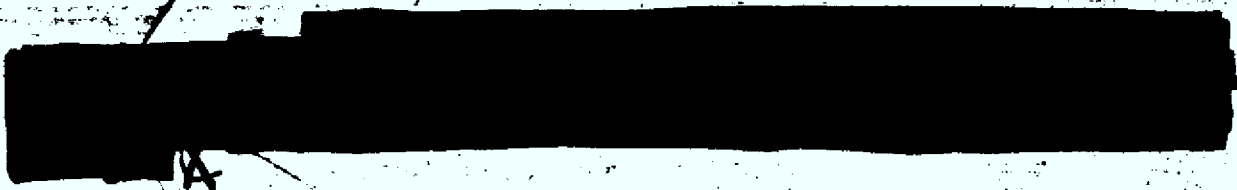
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The "People's World", West Coast Communist newspaper, carried an announcement in the issue of July 11, 1942, that JOHN PITTMAN, Negro "People's World" foreign editor, would cover the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE convention, and readers were urged to consult the columns of the "People's World" for news of the convention.

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The names of the following Communists, or people who have sponsored Communist movements, were noted in the list of officers and committees shown in the official program:

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"The Los Angeles Sentinel", Negro newspaper, issue of July 23, 1942, shows a photograph of LAURENCE BAQUET, who stood up in the convention and objected rather loudly to A. PHILIPS RANDOLPH'S talk upon the Communist program for the negroes at this time of crisis, quoting BAQUET as follows: "I am a Communist at heart and anyone who says that the Communists have not helped the negro is all wrong".

One of the highlights of the convention was the presentation of the Spingarn medal, an award made annually for the highest achievement of an American negro, which was presented to A. PHILIPS RANDOLPH, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. This presentation was made because RANDOLPH was instrumental in securing the issuance of July 25, 1941, by the President of the United States of Executive Order banning discrimination because of race, breed, or color in national defense industries or Federal Government. RANDOLPH led a capital march on Washington movement which was discussed at length during the convention. The issue of the "California Eagle", dated July 23, 1942, states that a local march on Washington committee has been planned.

Another highlight of the convention was a talk by WENDELL WILKIE, who rapped race bias as imperialism and who made a strong appeal to win the war.

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[REDACTED] turned over to this office [REDACTED] being distributed by various individuals at the location of the recent convention of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. From the literature submitted it would appear that groups interested in its distribution were the Communist Party, Socialist Party, and Socialist Workers Party.

The Communist Party passed out pamphlets entitled, "The War and the Negro People", by JAMES W. FORD, and these pamphlets bore the rubber stamp of the Progressive Book Store, Communist book distributing point in Los Angeles.

The Socialist Workers Party handed out pamphlets entitled, "All for Mr. DAVIS", which is published by the national headquarters of this organization, and the individual distributing these pamphlets was [REDACTED]

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The Socialist Party's efforts were furthered by [REDACTED] who distributed "The Call", publication of the Socialist Party issued at the national headquarters in New York City, and a throwaway entitled, "Ask WENDELL WILKIE Why ODELL WALLER Was Murdered".

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[REDACTED] advised Special Agent [REDACTED] an alleged Communist in the San Francisco area and member of the Marine Cooks and Stewards union, is alleged to have been drafted by the C.I.O. to organize the negro element in Los Angeles and Long Beach areas.

ENCLOSURE FOR THE BUREAU:
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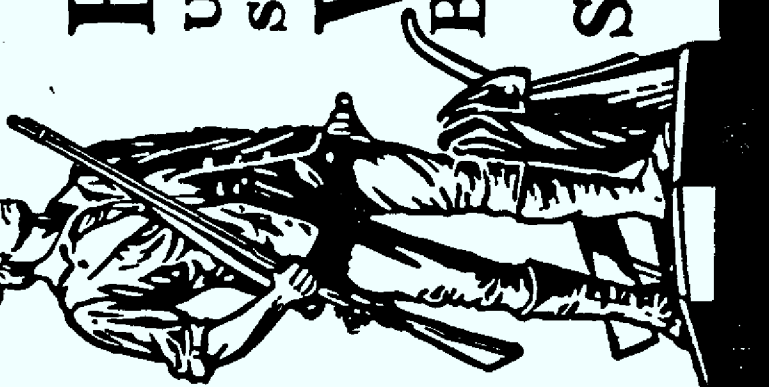
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GENERAL INFORMATION

THE CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS AND REGISTRATION BUREAU will be located at Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue. Registration fees \$1.00. Mail and telegraph service will be maintained at the registration offices. Registration entitles one to an official badge and admission to all sessions and entertainments of the conference.

MEETINGS.—All mass meetings during the week will be held in Second Baptist Church. The Sunday mass meeting will be held at Shrine auditorium.

BUSINESS SESSIONS.—All business sessions will be held in Second Baptist Church.

LENGTH OF SPEECHES.—Speakers at mass meetings are requested to observe as closely as possible the time limit of thirty minutes.

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Speakers at the business sessions are requested to observe the time limit set by the chairman.

HOURS OF MEETING.—The evening mass meetings will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock, with the musical program lasting one-half hour. Promptly at 8:30, the platform party will take its place upon the rostrum and speakers will begin. The morning sessions will begin at 9:00 o'clock and will run through until 12:00 o'clock noon, except where noted in this program. The afternoon sessions will begin at 2:00 P.M. and run until 4:30 P.M.

RATES.—Upon registering, persons from out of town will be assigned to stopping places which have been thoroughly investigated by the housing committee. Stopping places in private homes will be \$1.00 per person, and for two persons, \$1.50. If the delegate wishes to eat breakfast only, the price will not exceed 50c per meal. There will be a food concession in the church which will serve meals for 50c.

ENTERTAINMENT.—An introductory period will be held at Second Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., prior to the evening mass meeting of the conference.

The Senior and Junior branch will give a dance at the Shrine Pavilion Saturday, July 18, 11:00 P.M. All delegates will be admitted free.

The branch has arranged a sight-seeing trip followed by a barbecue at Val Verde, California, Saturday afternoon, 3:00 P.M.

ANNUAL REPORT.—The thirty-second annual report (for 1941) of the N.A.A.C.P. will be on sale—price 10 cents per copy.

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH.—On Friday, July 17, at 12:15 o'clock noon, a photograph of all delegates, members, and visitors will be taken. The photographer will exhibit proofs Friday afternoon, and orders can be placed for delivery before leaving Los Angeles. The price of the photograph will be \$1.00.

Crisis.—The July issue of the official organ of the N.A.A.C.P., *The Crisis*, will be on sale. Annual subscriptions may also be placed. By the year \$1.50. Single copies, 15 cents. Books by and about Negroes will be on display and may be ordered through the Crisis Book Shop, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

MUSIC.—The N.A.A.C.P. expresses herewith its appreciation to the choruses and the individual artists who are contributing their musical talents.

OPENING MASS MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 8:00 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., Presiding
THOMAS L. GRIFFITH, JR., Los Angeles, Calif., *Directors*

8:00-8:30—MUSICAL PROGRAM

Combined Choirs of the Second Baptist Church
Madame Mozelle T. Outley and Anna G. Morrow,
Josephine Cooper, Soloist
REV. J. RAYMOND HENDERSON

INVOCATION

The National Anthem

Welcome Address for the State of California
GOVERNOR CULBERT L. OLSON

Welcome Address for the Los Angeles Branch

THOMAS L. GRIFFITH, JR., *President*
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"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

ADDRESS—ROY WILKINS, Assistant Secretary, New York, N. Y.
REV. BAXTER C. DUKES

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OPENING BUSINESS SESSION

Wednesday, July 15, 9:00-12:45 Noon

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
N. W. GRIFFIN, Jacksonville, Fla., *Presiding*

THE NEGRO IN THE WAR EFFORT

A. Civilian Defense, Health and Welfare

Crystal Bird Fauset, Office of Civilian Defense, Washington, D. C.

Dr. James J. McClendon, Detroit, Michigan

Thomas N. Roberts, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

B. The Armed Services

Appointment of Committees: Credentials, Resolutions, Time and Place

2:15 P.M.-5:15 P.M.

SIDNEY R. REDMOND, St. Louis, Mo., *Presiding*

C. Employment and Training

Amos T. Hall, Tulsa, Oklahoma

George M. Johnson, Jr., *Assistant Executive Secretary* Fair Employment Practice Committee, Washington, D. C.

Walter T. Hardin, UAW-CIO, Detroit, Michigan

MASS MEETING

Wednesday, July 15, 8:00 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
C. L. DELLUMS, Oakland, Calif., *Presiding*

8:00-8:30—MUSICAL PROGRAM

Senior Choir First A.M.E. Church

Jester Hariston, *Director*

Rev. F. D. Jordan

INVOCATION

Mrs. CHARLOTTA A. BASS, *Editor*,
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BUSINESS SESSION

Thursday, July 16, 9:00—12:00 Noon

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
Dr. J. C. McKELVIE, Long Branch, N. J., *Presiding*

PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS DURING AN EMERGENCY

Under the Federal Civil Rights Statutes
Thurgood Marshall, New York, N. Y.

11:45 A.M.—Meeting of the National Board of Directors

2:00 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

LIONEL BARROW, New York, N. Y., *Presiding*

B. Under State Statutes

1. Civil Rights Statutes

Thomas L. Griffith, Los Angeles, California
Walter Gordon, Berkeley, California

2. Criminal Defense

Roscoe Dunjee, Oklahoma City, Okla.

3. Police Brutality

Carl Johnson, Kansas City, Missouri
Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, Baltimore, Md.

Note: Both sessions will deal with the technique of handling these different problems with ample time for discussion from the floor.

YOUTH NIGHT

MASS MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 8:00 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
Los Angeles, California, *Presiding*

MUSICAL PROGRAM

8:00-8:30—Gilbert Allen Youth Singers

Gilbert Allen, *Director*

REV. KARL E. DOWNS

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E. FREDERIC MORROW, New York City

AUDIENCE

Address

REV. JAMES H. ROBINSON,

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" REV. JAMES H. ROBINSON,

Youth Night Address. Member, National Board of Directors, New York, N. Y.

Awarding of Essay Contest Prizes. WALTER WHITE, *Secretary*

N.A.A.C.P., New York, N. Y.

Benediction. REV. H. MANFIELD COLLINS

BUSINESS SESSION

Friday, July 17, 9:00-12:00 Noon

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
E. FREDERIC MORROW, New York, N. Y., *Presiding*

STRENGTHENING THE N.A.A.C.P. AS AN ORGANIZATION

- A. The Washington Bureau
Walter White
- B. Conducting Membership Campaigns
Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, Miss Ella J. Baker, Randall L. Tyus, Madison S. Jones
- C. The Bulletin, *The Crisis*, and Publicity
Roy Wilkins

12:15 Noon—CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPH

2:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

- Dr. J. J. McCLENDON, Detroit, Mich., *Presiding*
- D. Regional and Branch Executive Secretaries (Employed)
Gloster Current, Detroit, Michigan
- E. Fund Raising Activities
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- F. Youth Work
Madison S. Jones, Jr.
- G. Awarding of Thalheimer Prize, Merit Scrolls and Life Membership Medals

MASS MEETING

Friday, July 17, 8:00 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
BARNETT, Louisville, Ky., *Presiding*

MISS YOLANDA SPINGARN MEDAL NIGHT

8:00-8:30—MUSICAL PROGRAM
People's Independent Church of Christ Choir
Mrs. A. C. Harris-Bilbrew, *Director*
Elihue Sloan, *Soloist*

INVOCATION—REV. CLAYTON D. RUSSELL
Presentation of 27th Spingarn Medal to A. Philip Randolph
BISHOP J. A. GREGG, Kansas City, Kansas
Acceptance—A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, New York, N. Y.

AUDIENCE

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

REV. E. W. RAKESTRAW

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BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, July 18, 9:00—12:15 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue

GEORGE M. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C., *Presiding*

- I. Election of Members of Nominating Committee
- II. Report of Resolutions Committee
- III. Report of Time and Place Committee

MASS MEETING

Sunday, July 19, 2:30 P.M.

Shrine Auditorium

Mrs. DAISY E. LAMPKIN, Pittsburgh, Pa., *Presiding*

2:30-3:00—MUSICAL PROGRAM

Festival Negro Chorus of Los Angeles

Hall Johnson, *Conductor*

Dr. S. M. BEANE

INVOCATION

The National Anthem

ADDRESS _____ WALTER WHITE, *Executive Secretary, N.A.A.C.P.*

AUDIENCE

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"

WENDELL L. WILKIE

AUDIENCE

ADDRESS _____

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

BISHOP WILLIAM A. WASHINGTON

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YOUTH CONFERENCE PROGRAM

With the exception of the meetings listed below, the youth delegates will join the senior delegates in business sessions and mass meetings.

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 P.M.—Reception to Youth Council delegates

Wednesday, July 15

9:00-10:30 A.M.—Election of delegates to Committees
Time and Place Committee
Resolutions Committee
Conference Credentials Committee

Thursday, July 16

9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.—Youth Council Problems
Report of Activities
N.A.A.C.P. Youth Program

Friday, July 17

9:00-10:30 A.M.—Youth and Post War Problems
Reports of Committees
5:30-7:30 P.M.—Youth Council Banquet
Roy Wilkins, guest speaker

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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray,
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our native land.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

This organization was founded in 1910 at New York, New York. The Fourth National Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party of America held in Chicago in 1925 reported that it is permissible and necessary for selected Communists (not the Party membership as a whole) to enter in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People conventions and to make proposals calculated to enlighten the negro masses under its influence as to the nature and necessity of the class struggle. The identity of their exploiters and their leaders in the same persons and the treacherous nature of reformist measures proposed. A list of the National Officers and the officers of the Chicago Branch are set forth in this report. A War Emergency Conference was held in Detroit on June 3 to 6, 1943. This organization took an active part in the trial of two police officers after the shooting of ELMO VASSAR, a negro boy in the Morgan Park District of Chicago on May 13, 1943.

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The following article appears in the January 29, 1943 issue of "Current History" entitled "Twenty Years of Negro Progress" by HERBERT J. SELIGMAN, Director of Publicity, NAACP:

"At the end of May 1909 the National Negro Congress was begun, among the conspicuous absentees being BOOKER T. WASHINGTON. At that conference race relations were discussed in the plan formed in the Cooper Union, New York, with a frankness and directness of statement that have since become familiar. Among the speakers were the late Professor JOHN SPENCER BASSETT, Professor FERRAND of Columbia University, Judge STAFFORD, and JENKIN LLOYD JONES. It was decided at that conference to form a permanent committee and to hold other conferences. Out of this beginning grew the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, organized as a permanent body in 1910, having for its President MOORFIELD STOREY of Boston, former President of the American Bar Association, whose activity and interest in the field of race relations has dated back to his services as Secretary to Senator CHARLES SUMNER in the person of Dr. DU BOIS. The Niagara Movement and that new organization were merged. Dr. DU BOIS came from Atlanta to New York to assume the duty of Director of Research and Editor of the editor of the 'Crises' magazine which first appeared in November of 1910."

According to an article appearing in the "Light" magazine on February 26, 1927, WILLIAM PICKENS, Field Representative of the NAACP toured Russia and wrote articles concerning his experiences there. The following article appeared in the Seattle enterprise on February 4, 1927 with a New York date line of February 3, 1927:

"Also have Jews been received by the NAACP, 69 Fifth Avenue from WILLIAM PICKENS, Field Secretary of the NAACP who has visited Russia on his European lecture tour.

"Among the Russian leaders Mr. PICKENS has conferred with are KALININ, sisters of Trotsky and Lenin, and prominent editors. He reports that the 'Fire in the Flint' by WALTER WHITE and 'Bursting Bonds' and 'The Vengeance of the Gods' by Mr. PICKENS himself are to be translated into Russian and perhaps put on the stage as well

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as made into motion pictures.

Mr. PICKENS has written a comprehensive article on lynching during the past forty years, details the campaign conducted over these past forty years against this evil in America by the NAACP. This article is to be published in newspapers in Moscow, Berlin, and Paris whereas Mr. PICKENS has always written for Russian magazines on the American race problems."

The following information was obtained in "The Fourth National Convention" official report of Workers (Communist) Party of America held in Chicago, Illinois on August 21 to 30, 1926:

"In the NAACP, the negro bourgeoisie together with the middle class white reformists and under the partial leadership of the bourgeoisie (such as represented by Senator BURTON, Chairman last Republican National Convention) find the chief medium for its reformist operations. Yet it is a paradox and a reflection of the now passing period of the patronizing of the negro cause by the capitalist class, that this organization at its last convention, appeared in the role of championing, though in a timid and "respectable" way, negro worker's right to admittance in the trade unions. u

In this organization, under present circumstances, it is permissible and necessary for selected Communists (not Party membership as a whole) to enter its conventions and to make proposals calculated to enlighten the negro masses under its influence as to the nature and necessity of the class struggle. The identity of their exploiters and their leaders in the same persons and the treacherous nature of the reformist measures proposed.

However, it is only when the Communist work is so broadened and extended in the field of negro movements as to make our Party stand out as the only real champion of the negro against lynching, all discriminating and all oppression and exploitation that we can successfully combat the influence of such bourgeois movements.

The aim of our Party and our work among the negro masses is to create a powerful proletarian movement which will fight and lead the struggle of the negro race against exploitation and oppression in every form and which will be a militant part of the revolutionary movement of the whole American working class, to strengthen the American revolutionary movement by bringing it to the 11,500,000 negro workers and farmers in the United States, to broaden the struggles of the American negro workers and farmers, connect them with the struggles of the national minorities and colonial peoples of the world and thereby further the cause of the world revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat. (adopted unanimously)."

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The following information was obtained from a memorandum written on the NAACP, compiled by [REDACTED]

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"The NAACP was organized in 1909 upon a call written by OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, signed by 54 persons including MARY WHITE OFINGTON, W. E. B. DU BOIS, BISHOP ALEXANDER LINTERS, CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, JOHN E. MILHOLLAND, FRANCIS J. GRIMKE, RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE, and others.

In 1927 it had grown from this small committee to a nation-wide organization with branches in forty-four states and the District of Columbia with a gross expenditure of \$78,834.27 in 1927. Primary objectives of the organization are to fight against segregation, disfranchisement of colored voters in the south, lynching, to nullify anti-inter-marriage laws, segregation and other laws directed against social equality of negroes with whites.

Official organ of the group is the "Crisis" edited by W. E. B. DU BOIS.

The National Officers are MOORFIELD STOREY, President, ARCHIBALD H. GRIMKE, REV. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, BISHOP JOHN BURST, ARTHUR B. SPINGARN, OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, vice-President, MARY WHITE OFINGTON, Chairman. Members of the Board—J. E. SPINGARN, Treasurer, ROBERT W. HAGNALL, Director of Branches, WILLIAM W. WATSON, Field Secretary, HERBERT J. SELIGMANN, Director of Publicity, JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, Secretary, and WALTER WHITE, Assistant Secretary."

The following information was obtained from the book "The Red Network" written by ELIZABETH DILLING, Communists WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, BENJAMIN DITLOW, SCOTT LERING, ELIZABETH GURLEY LYNN, ROBERT W. DUNN, and their fellow Director NORMAN THOMAS with generous appropriations of \$31,552, 1925-1928, \$7,365, 1923-1924, and \$5,000, 1929-1930 to the NAACP."

The official report of the Communist Party for the National Convention stated that the Party had penetrated the NAACP.

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was very active in the NAACP.)

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[REDACTED] is a Socialist Party member, active as well, in Communist affairs and organizations. (See Who's Who).

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[REDACTED] an executive of the NAACP and also a Garland Fund Director has served at the same time in company with most of the Garland Fund Directors on the National Committee of the "Red's Aid Society," the A.C.L.U.

The NAACP emulates the A.C.L.U. among negroes. In fighting for "negro rights" naturally, it has won the friendship of many negroes, themselves opposed to the Red movement who believe it to be a purely altruistic Agency without radical or political motivation. According to a NAACP bulletin dated February 19, 1943, the following are the National officers of this organization:

WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary
ROY WELKINS, Assistant Secretary
DORIS B. CAMPBELL, Field Secretary
THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special Counsel
ROSIE PERRY, Administrative Assistant,
Washington Bureau
ELLA J. BAKER, Assistant Field Secretary
MADISON S. JONES, JR., Youth Director
ODETTE HARPER, Publicity and Promotion
PRENTICE THOMAS, Assistant Special Counsel

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According to an article appearing in the Chicago Defender on January 30, 1943, the Chicago Branch of the NAACP installed its new officers as follows:

OSCAR C. BROWN, President, Manager Ida B. Wells Homes
Atty. GEORGE A. BLAKEY, 1st Vice President
ULYSSES S. KEYS, 2nd Vice President
CHARLES D. MURRAY, Treasurer
OSCAR M. PATTON, Secretary
SARAH MERCHANT, Assistant Secretary.

Executive Committee

R. WALTER ABERNATHY
ERNESTINE BIGGS
BISHOP JAMES A. BRAY
SIDNEY P. BROWN

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REV. MARY G. EVANS
ALDERMAN BENJAMIN GRANT
EFFIE R. FOSTER
ETHEL M. HILLIARD
WILLIAM HENRY TUFF
CHARLES J. JENKINS
A. C. MAC NEAL
ALONZO M. MERCER
JESSE B. MANN
IRVIN C. MOLLISON
EUGENE O. SPANDS
ROOSEVELT PHILLIPS
JOHN FITTS
WILLIAM H. TEMPLE
C. URELL KIRPIN
IRA W. WEBB
OSCAR WILSON

Youth Council Officers

ROSINE TYLER, President
LORENZO STALLING, Vice President
ALBERTINE WAYLES, Recording Secretary
MARY BELL GOLDEN, Treasurer

Women's Auxiliary

ETHEL M. HILLIARD, President
LUCIE E. THOMPSON, Vice President
MATTIE C. BRAY, Recording Secretary
BEATRICE H. STEELE, Corresponding Secretary
JOSEPHINE T. DANIEL, Treasurer

The "Chicago Defender" in its issue of February 13, 1943, contained the information that the Chicago Branch of the NAACP will hold its third annual All-Chicago Victory Tea at the Parkway Ballroom on March 14, 1943. Serving as chairman is MRS. ETHEL B. ROBERTSON who will be assisted by Mrs. EFFIE R. FOSTER, and MRS. JEAN MC GRAY. The program outlined by the President, OSCAR C. BROWN, included a definite advancement into the Field of Transportation to obtain employment for colored workers as motormen, conductors, bus drivers, ticket sellers, or for any occupation in that industry.

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It is also noted that WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP has a regular column appearing in the "Chicago Defender" entitled "People and Places."

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January 16, 1941 was National Defense Protest Day for persons of the colored race. The Chicago Branch of the the NAACP held its meeting at the Good Shepherd Congregational Church, 5700 Prairie Avenue. The chief complaint seems to be that the Army and Navy are not permitting negroes to obtain positions of importance; negroes are excluded from jobs in certain plants holding defense contracts. It was stated that the trouble is due to the Unions' refusal to permit negroes to membership.

Reverend HAROLD M. KINGSLEY (negro), Pastor of the Good Shepherd Congregational Church and Reverend JAMES A. BRAY (negro), Bishop Methodist Church, were speakers and stated that negroes were justified in feeling cool toward defense efforts and should be slow in condemning Germany because German Generals were the salvation of the Northern Armies during the latter years of the Civil War and without their help, the North would not have been victorious.

Professor PAUL H. DOUGLASS of the University of Chicago stated that negroes should enjoy equality with whites in the Army and Navy.

b7D { [REDACTED] reported that a meeting of the NAACP was held on February 16, 1941 at the YMCA, corner of Wabash and 37th Streets. The Chairman of this meeting was ROY QUINN and Mr. MADISON JONES, National Chairman of the NAACP was the principle speaker. JONES stated, "We can't continue in the present form of democracy."

b7C { BERTTE SILVERMAN spoke on the American Youth Congress Townhall in Washington and told what they had done against negro discrimination. She was accompanied by VICTORIA KRAMER and EUGENT F. VAN WINKLE. [REDACTED]

b7C { ERNEST GALLOWAY [REDACTED] spoke in regard to his Draft Status. He stated that he had appealed his

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1-A classification on the basis of his social concepts and discrimination and if this didn't work, he would use religion as an escape.

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[redacted] reported that the NAACP is a Communist Front Organization in the State of Wisconsin.

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ARTHUR SPINGARN is at present the National President of the NAACP and WALTER WHITE is Executive Secretary. The Informant reported that SINGARN is a Jewish Attorney and that WALTER WHITE is a negro. WALTER WHITE has a daughter, JANE WHITE who has recently been elected President of the House of Representatives at Smith College. The Informant further reported that the "Crisis" Magazine is the official organ of the NAACP and the the following are the officers of this magazines:

RAY WILKINS, Editor
GEORGE S. SCHUYLER, Business Manager

Editorial Advisory Board

LOUIS S. GANNETT
ARTHUR B. SPINGARN
STERLING A. BROWN

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WILLIAM ALLEN ~~MOLLISON~~
WALTER WHITE
CARL ~~MURPHY~~
JOHN ~~HAMMOND~~

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This magazine is published by the "Crisis" Publishing Company, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dr. LOUIS T. ~~WRIGHT~~ is the President of this publishing company, WALTER WHITE is the Secretary, and Mrs. LILLIAN A. ~~ALEXANDER~~ is the Treasurer. The Informant further stated that R. ~~WALTER ABERNATHY~~ is listed as a member of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Branch, is the owner of the Abernathy Clothing Company.

Bishop JAMES I. ~~FRAY~~ is the Bishop of the colored Methodist Episcopal Church in South Chicago. Rev. MARY G. ~~EVANS~~ is the Pastor at the Cosmopolitan Community Church, 51st and Wabash. BENJAMIN ~~GRANT~~ is a former Alderman of the City of Chicago. CHARLES J. ~~JERKINS~~ is a member of the State House of Representatives. IRVIN C. ~~MOLLISON~~ is an Attorney. ROOSEVELT ~~PHILLIPS~~ is the owner of the Filling Station at the corner of 46th and Wabash and C. ~~UDELL TURPIN~~ is associated with the Eighth Regiment at the Armory in Chicago.

The following information was obtained from an article which appeared in the "Chicago Defender" on May 29, 1943:

Se delegates were elected by the Executive Committee of the Chicago Branch of the NAACP at its monthly meeting to attend a war emergency conference to be held in Detroit June 3 to June 6. This announcement was made by OSCAR C. ~~BROWN~~, President. The delegates elected were as follows:

OSCAR C. ~~BROWN~~
MRS. EFFIE R. ~~FOSTER~~
ULYSSES S. ~~KEYS~~
A. C. ~~MAC NEAL~~
IRVIN C. ~~MOLLISON~~
CHARLES B. ~~MURRAY~~

The alternate delegates were as follows:

R. ~~WALTER ABERNATHY~~
WILLIAM HENRY ~~HUFF~~
JESSE B. ~~MANN~~
EUGENE O. ~~SHANDS~~

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IRA W. ~~WILLIAMS~~
REV. D. DE WITT ~~JURPEAU~~

It was also learned that the legal staff of the Local Chapter of the NAACP was composed of State Senator C. C. WIMBISH and Attorney WILLIAM TEMPLE.

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This refers to the shooting of ELMO VASSAR on May 13, 1943 in the Morgan Park District by two Police Officers.

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TEMPLE of the NAACP, who resides at [REDACTED] and whose tele-
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION: At New York City. Copies of this report are being designated for the New York Field Office for their information. The New York Field Division will consider opening a case on this organization whose headquarters are in New York City. u

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Washington Bureau of NAACP established June 1, 1942; considered the national association's most important new venture with the principal duty to maintain a constant watch over all Congressional bills and resolutions affecting the welfare of negroes. Total membership in Washington, D. C. in 1943, was 2200. District of Columbia chapter of NAACP conducted membership drive in February and March, 1944, and total membership became 3075. More white persons enrolled in 1944 than any previous year. Civil rights committee of students branch of NAACP at Howard University on several occasions has organized picket lines in protest against alleged discrimination by white restaurants against negroes. In June, 1944, WILLIAM H. HASSIE, Dean of Howard University Law School and former Federal Court Judge in Virgin Islands, became president of District of Columbia chapter of NAACP. Organization more militant as result of his leadership. Association has vigorously supported passage of Bill by Congress for permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee. Generally the organization has injected itself into issues concerning alleged discrimination against negroes in employment, housing facilities, segregation of white and negro blood plasma at the blood donor center, segregation of white and negro veterans in rest centers and hospitals, alleged mistreatment of negroes in the armed forces, and alleged activities of white terrorists in Southern states. Recently, GALT REYNOLDS, Administrative Assistant of Washington Bureau of NAACP, resigned to take more active part in work of Non-Partisan Council for Abolition of Discrimination in military and veteran affairs. No indication

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that organization is engaged in subversive activity but is active in program of freedom for negroes from alleged discrimination.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 11, 1941, at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On June 1, 1942, the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was established at 100 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. The establishment of the Washington Bureau was considered as the national association's most important new venture and its duties were as follows:

- (1) To maintain a constant watch over all Congressional bills and resolutions affecting the welfare of the negroes;
- (2) To examine the policies of the Federal Departments and Agencies handling the armed services, employment, housing, etc;
- (3) To prepare memoranda briefs to support good legislation or to oppose bad legislation;
- (4) To inform the country on such measures; and
- (5) To cooperate with other organizations interested in the same or similar objectives.

At the time the Washington Bureau was established, Reverend ~~ARTHUR D. BRY~~ became its initial president and ~~LOSMIE S. BRY~~ and ~~FRANK D. BRY~~ were administrative assistants. ~~MARY McLEOD BETHUNE~~ was a vice-president of the national association. She is the president of the National Negro Council for Women at Washington, D. C. On the Board of Directors of the national association are the following persons from Washington, D. C.: ~~WILLIAM W. HENNE~~, Dr. ~~ELIZABETH VAUGHAN~~, and ~~FRANCIS McLEOD BETHUNE~~.

WILLIAM H. HASTIE is chairman of the National Legal Committee and the Washington members of this committee are CHARLES H. HANCOCK, EDWARD P. ROBERTS, W. ROBERTSON, Jr., JAMES H. HARRIS, Jr., and LEON A. HANCOCK. WILLIAM HASTIE is Dean of the Howard University Law School and was formerly civilian-aid to Secretary of War SMITHSON. Prior to his service in that capacity, he acted as a Federal Court Judge in the Virgin Islands.

The head of the legal staff is THURGOOD MARSHALL, whose legal defense work in behalf of the NAACP carried him to all sections of the country during 1940. The national legal committee consists of 29 lawyers, white and colored, in 18 cities. The executive secretary of the national organization is MALVERN HIND and the assistant secretary is ROY WILKINS, who is also editor of "The Crisis", the official organ of the NAACP since 1910.

A chronological resume of the diversified activities of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP since its inception, are set forth as follows:

December, 1942:

The NAACP renewed the fight against the poll tax at the fall opening of the 73th Congress. The stand taken by the association was the abolition of the poll tax in eight Southern states.

January, 1943:

The association directed Secretary of War SMITHSON's attention to discrimination against negroes in armed forces.

February, 1943:

Judge WILLIAM H. HASTIE, chairman of the radio committee of the local branch of the NAACP was appointed as the key worker in the 1943 membership drive of the local branch. It is to be noted that on January 31, 1943, HASTIE resigned his position as civilian aid to the Secretary of War in protest against the unfair treatment of the negroes by the armed forces as alleged by him.

March, 1943:

Local NAACP requests larger representation of colored people on public agencies. A resolution expressing opposition to the proposed

10 establishment of a second all colored fire department station house
11 was unanimously adopted.
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13 April, 1943:
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15 Civic Rights Committee sponsored by the Howard University
16 chapter of the NAACP began an intensive campaign to urge passage of the
17 "BARBOUR-TOMM" Equal Rights Law for the District of Columbia. In line
18 with this campaign, Howard University students picketed several local
19 restaurants as a result of their refusal to serve colored persons.
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21 July, 1943:
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23 The District of Columbia branch of the NAACP inaugurated
24 a series of membership meetings aimed at the organization of NAACP clubs
25 in Washington schools, churches, and other institutions. There was
26 continued pressure on Congressmen for passage of the pending Civil
27 Rights Bill for the District of Columbia.
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29 August, 1943:
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31 The District branch of the NAACP viewed the opening of the
32 Hearststone War Workers Club at 1703 - 11th Street, N. W. as a major
33 defeat for Democracy in that it extended the pattern of segregation.
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35 January, 1944:
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37 WALTER HINE of the NAACP asserted that the increased efforts
38 by Communists to spread their doctrines among the colored people should
39 serve as a warning to the Democratic and Republican parties who have
40 been "using the negro as a political football". He pointed out that
41 recently schools in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles had come under
42 Communist control.
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44 ANDREW ROSS was elected vice-president of the NAACP Youth
45 Council in Washington, D. C. and EMERICH HOLLORICH was elected assistant
46 secretary. ~~WALTER HINE~~, Youth Council President, named committee members
47 who were to deal with problems facing the council and community.
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49 The annual report of the NAACP revealed that the membership
50 of the District of Columbia chapter of the association for 1943, was 3910.
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RUTH L. HARVEY was elected president of the Howard University chapter of the NAACP and other officers elected were as follows:

- AUGUSTA COLDEN, Vice-President;
- CARRIE BRADY, Secretary;
- GLORIA ROOPER, Assistant Secretary;
- BLANCHARD WELLS, Treasurer;
- ANDREW ROSS, Reporter; and
- JOSEPH W. HOWARD, Chairman of the Civil Rights Committee.

Four major objectives for the year were decided upon by the NAACP Youth Council as follows:

- (1) Demand by negro governmental clientele of respect and equal opportunities on the job;
- (2) Education of negro business men in respect demanded of and given to his customers;
- (3) Promote wholesome recreational activities for war workers and service people; and
- (4) Support legislation favoring the Civil Liberties Bill for the District of Columbia.

EUGENE W. ANDERSON was appointed chairman of the 1944 Membership Campaign of the Washington NAACP. He was formerly administrator of the New Negro Alliance and was then employed as assistant director of field operations of the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

February, 1944:

It was asserted that the annual membership drive by the NAACP was offering Washington teachers an opportunity to help thousands of teachers in the South and through them thousands of students.

May, 1944:

It was announced by Reverend ABNER D. GRAY, president of the District of Columbia branch of the NAACP that the annual membership campaign which started on February 12, 1944, had reached an enrollment of 1075, with contributions and membership fees totaling \$11,913.73. Dr. GRAY stated that the NAACP which is a bi-racial organization had enrolled more white

persons in 1944 than in any previous year. The membership goal was to secure 10,000 members in Washington, D. C. in 1944.

Howard University students identified with the Civil Rights Committee of the Howard University chapter of the NAACP, picketed Thompson's Restaurant at 1109 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., in protest against a refusal of the restaurant to serve negroes. Spokesmen for the group contended that they had no special grievance against that particular restaurant nor the Thompson firm, but that the protest was instituted because there are very few downtown restaurants in Washington, D. C. where negroes are allowed to eat.

THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special Counsel, and WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Chairman of the National Legal Committee of the NAACP, declared that all NAACP branches in the South had been advised to file complaints with United States Attorneys where negroes were barred from voting in the primaries.

It had been rumored that Dr. ~~MCDECAT~~ JOHNSON, president of Howard University, had ordered the Civil Rights Committee, the student's branch of the NAACP, disbanded at the University because it would open the University to attack by reactionary Congressmen in whose lands Howard University's appropriations rest from year to year. However, the national negro press association reported that Dr. JOHNSON had expressed a sympathetic attitude for what the students had been endeavoring to accomplish with some success but he felt that the same results could be achieved without the students making use of the University's name in their operations.

June, 1944:

Reverend ARTHUR D. GRAY as president of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, was succeeded in that capacity by WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Dean of Howard University Law School. It was expected that as a result of the new leadership of WILLIAM H. HASTIE the local group would become more militant in character. It was noted that the District of Columbia chapter of the organization had given its full support to the program started by the Howard University branch of the NAACP in picketing restaurants in the downtown area demanding interracial service. It was understood that the majority of the Howard University faculty approved of the ideas expressed by the group but opposed the activity on the ground that it might bring the University in to disrepute among members of Congress. Reverend GRAY resigned his position as president in order to accept a pastorate in Chicago.

10 - July, 1944:

11 The NAACP pointed out that the Fair Employment Practices Committee
12 fund was a very small part of the total amount that Congress voted this year
13 for the war and operation of the government and the NAACP vigorously
14 urged the Senate Appropriations Committee to vote favorably on the Fair
15 Employment Practices Committee item in the National War Agencies appro-
16 priation bill for 1945.
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18 GRANT RYNDOLDS, Administrative Assistant in the Washington office
19 of the NAACP, assumed such capacity to succeed LESLIE BERRY who was trans-
20 ferred to the New York office of the association to occupy a similar
21 position. A graduate of Hampton Institute, Mr. RYNDOLDS did college work
22 in New York University before studying theology at Eden Theological Seminary
23 in Oberlin. He entered the United States Army Chaplain Corps two years
24 ago and served three consecutive terms as president of the Cleveland NAACP
25 branch.
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27 In a letter to Mr. PAUL V. McNUTT, Director of War Manpower
28 Commission, the discriminatory practices of the USDS were assailed by the
29 Washington Bureau of the NAACP. The letter demanded that McNUTT order all
30 of his field officers to cease requiring negro job seekers to use separate
31 entrances or to be interviewed in segregated quarters or to fill requi-
32 sitions of employers who seek workers by racial description.
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34 August, 1944:

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36 EARL J. AEBEL, NAACP Youth Council Delegate to the NAACP
37 war time conference in Chicago, stated that the District of Columbia groups
38 resolution proposing the establishment of a national planning and advisory
39 committee of local NAACP Youth Councils, had been adopted by the war time
40 conference. The resolution calls for a Youth Council Planning and Advisory
41 Committee that would be composed of representatives of the local youth
42 groups in college chapters.
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44 September, 1944:

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46 The executive board of the NAACP decided to set up a permanent
47 housing committee as a result of the public attention focused on the critical
48 colored housing shortage in Washington, D. C. The personnel of the committee
49 were to be chosen at the October meeting of the board
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51 The Washington Branch of the NAACP was one of the sponsors of
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10 a mass meeting staged on September 4, 1944, at the Blood Donors Center,
11 Acacia Building, 51 Louisiana Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. to protest
12 the segregation of white and negro blood plasma. This was a peaceful
13 meeting which, after about one hour, was disbursed by the Metropolitan
14 Police because the group had not obtained a license from the District for
15 such demonstration. WILLIAM H. HASBIE was the leader of this demonstration
16 and in the October issue of "The Crisis", he assailed the deplorable
17 spectacle of the use of the combined authority of the District of Columbia
18 police and the Federal authority through the national park police in
19 preventing a meeting which was particularly inspired for the purpose of
20 increasing interest in blood donations for the armed services.
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22 October, 1944:
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24 The NAACP, the AIA Non-Partisan Council, and a group of prominent
25 New York citizens were among those who protested to the president the
26 anticipated plan of the Army for the establishment of separate re-distribution
27 stations for white and colored overseas veterans returning to the States.
28 The negro press carried statements to the effect that Major General
29 SCHERWELL was being blamed for the decision of segregation by the Army.
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31 WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, revealed that in
32 the near future he intended to go to India. This announcement came after
33 a conference in which he and two other negroes participated with the President.
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35 THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special NAACP Counsel, arrived by plane in
36 San Francisco, California to assist in the civilian defense of the 30 negro
37 sailors charged with mutiny for refusal to load ammunition at the Mare
38 Island Depot on August 9, 1944.
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40 The Standard Oil Company, part of whose building in Washington,
41 D. C. is leased to government agencies including the Fair Employment
42 Practices Committee, was being urged to end discrimination in the canteen
43 operated in the building by a private lessee who allegedly had refused to
44 serve colored people or whites seen with them and the NAACP has exhibited
45 an interest in the elimination of this discrimination.
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47 WILLIAM H. HASBIE, NAACP President, sent a letter to Major General
48 FREDERICK SULLIVAN, Superintendent of Soldiers Home Hospital, and in that
49 letter HASBIE protested discrimination through segregation of negro veterans.
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51 Accompanied by representatives of the Washington Bureau of the
52 NAACP, J. LEO BERRY, one of the citizens of New Iberia, Louisiana who were
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14 allegedly beaten and driven from their homes on May 16, 1944, had two
15 lengthy conversations with VICTOR M. ROSELI, Chief of the Civil Rights
16 Section at the Department of Justice, in which it was urged that the Depart-
17 ment begin immediate prosecution of white terrorists in New Iberia.

18 Letters protesting the dismissal of Mrs. ~~BIRMAN~~, white
19 dietitian in charge of the 11 colored people from the Statler Hotel were
20 sent to S. ~~W. COOPER~~, President of the American Civil Liberties Union,
21 National Lawyers Guild, Workers Defense League, and others. The local
22 NAACP requesting that the letters be sent following dismissal of Mrs.
23 ~~BIRMAN~~ early in August for eating with the colored group, has demanded that
24 Mrs. ~~BIRMAN~~ be reinstated.
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27 It was announced that GRANT REYNOLDS for two years a chaplain
28 in the United States Army, and more recently an administrative assistant
29 in the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, had resigned his post in order to
30 participate more actively in the work of the Non-Partisan Council for the
31 Abolition of Discrimination in Military and Veteran Affairs. In his letter
32 of resignation, he charged that the government continuously indicates its
33 unwillingness to protect colored veterans and soldiers against humiliation,
34 abuse, and outright mob violence.
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36 Discriminatory practices by the proprietor of a restaurant and
37 canteen in the building housing offices of the Fair Employment Practices
38 Committee and other Federal agencies were vigorously protested during the
39 last week of October, 1944, by the NAACP in a letter to the Standard Oil
40 Company, owner of the premises at 261 Constitution Avenue, N. W. The NAACP
41 urges that all patrons and interested citizens mail in protests now against
42 the renewal of a lease to a tenant occupying said premises participating
43 in such un-American practices.
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45 The NAACP has issued a statement praising the recently announced
46 policy of the Navy to admit negro women into the WAVES and expressed the
47 hope that the negro WAVES will be integrated into existing units rather
48 than into Jim Crow Units.
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50 Addressing a meeting of the Americans United for World Organization
51 in the State Department during the latter part of October, 1944, Dr. H. H.
52 ~~FRANK~~ IS, Director of the NAACP's Bureau of Research, declared that the
53 Luxembourg State Conference on the future world peace organization depressed
54 him as a result of its passing over the matter of colonies in its delibera-
55 tions. Other negroes attending the meeting in the State Department were
56 WILLIAM H. EASTIE of the NAACP, and Mrs. ~~WILLIAM~~ President of the
57 National Council of Negro Women. In reference to the meeting, Mr. EASTIE
58 observed that in inviting negro groups to participate, a small and wholesome
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11 WILLIAM H. HASTIE denied the report that he had resigned
12 from the National Citizens Political Action Committee. ✓

13 Under the auspices of the District of Columbia branch of the
14 NAACP and cooperating organizations, a mass meeting was held in
15 Washington, D. C. on October 22, 1944, to urge support for the passage
16 of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee act by Congress.
17 There were several speakers at this meeting, all of whom urged the
18 advisability of one necessity for such legislation. The meeting was
19 attended by approximately 700 people and about 90% of those present
20 were negroes. This constituted the most recent activity of the Washing-
21 ton Bureau of the NAACP with a broad scope.

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23 Inasmuch as investigation has not disclosed any activity
24 on the part of this organization which is subversive in nature, this
25 case is being closed subject to being reopened after consideration of
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) incorporated under NYS Membership Laws, 6/19/11. Stated aims, objectives, history and officers set forth. Informant reports NAACP operates approximately 1000 branches throughout 40 of the 48 states. Reported a total membership of about 200,000. NAACP leaders denounce Communism and reveal awareness of the CP to infiltrate and "Push" CP line.

Contents of article "The NAACP Convention" in November 1953 issue of "Political Affairs" set forth.

Instant organization considered by the CP as a "Prime Organization" and an "Umbrella to get out of the rain". Indications of CP to infiltrate and dominate the NAACP Branches throughout the United States and its territories set forth.

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DETAILS: For purpose of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth in this report be referred to as the NAACP; in like manner, the Communist Party as the CP and the Communist Political Association as the CPA.

All Informants utilized in this report are of known reliability, unless otherwise indicated.

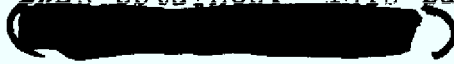
The CP and CPA have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Organization

Origin

From a pamphlet publicly distributed by the NAACP entitled "How The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Began", a history was obtained. This pamphlet was made available by

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The NAACP was born when MARY WHITE OVINGTON, its first member, met with WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING, a columnist, during the first week of January, 1909, in a small room of a New York apartment.

The first conference was held on the evening of May 30, 1909, at Cooper Union, New York City. Over 1000 guests were invited and the initial conference was considered a success.

It was not until the second conference held in May, 1910, that the group organized a permanent body to be known as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people. Its first officers were listed as follows:

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MOORFIELD STOREY, National President;
WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING, Chairman of the
Executive Committee;
JOHN E. MILHOLLAND, Treasurer;
OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, Disbursing Treasurer;
FRANCIS BLASCOER, Executive Secretary;
Dr. W.E.B. DU LOIS, Director of Publicity and
Research

In November of 1910, the first edition of the NAACP magazine "The Crisis" was printed with Dr. DU LOIS as its editor.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Dr. DU LOIS was known to ^{b2}
the Informant to be a member of the CP as of 1945. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ^{U670}

Stated Aims and Objectives

A review of the Certificate of Incorporation at the Hall of Records, New York County, Clerk's Office, on May 11, 1954, revealed that the NAACP filed its Certificate for Incorporation under the New York State Membership Corporation Laws on June 19, 1911.

The principal objects for which the Corporation was formed are:

To promote equality of rights and eradicate caste or race prejudice among the citizens of the United States.

To advance the interest of colored citizens.

To secure for them impartial suffrage.

To increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for their children, employment according to their ability, and complete equality before the law.

To ascertain and publish all facts bearing upon these subjects and to take any lawful action

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thereon; together with any and all things which may lawfully be done by a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York for the further advancement of these objects.

To take, receive, hold, convey, mortgage or assign all such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes of the corporation.

The territory in which the operations of the corporation are principally to be conducted, shall be the United States of America.

The principal office of the corporation and the center of its operations shall be in the city, County, and State of New York; but the directors may establish branch or auxiliary offices elsewhere in the United States for the purpose of carrying on the work of the corporation, each to be managed by its local organization under such powers as lawfully may be prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be 30. The names and places of residence of the persons to be Directors of the Corporation until its first annual meeting were as follows:

Mr. MOORFIELD STOREY, 735 Exchange Building,
Boston, Massachusetts

Mr. JOHN E. MICHOLLAND, Hotel Manhattan,
New York, N.Y.

BISHOP ALEXANDER WATERS, 208 West 349th
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Mr. OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, 20 Vesey Street,
New York, N.Y.

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Mr. WALTER E. ~~SACHS~~, 60 Wall Street, New York, NY

Dr. WILLIAM E.F. DU BOIS, -1233 West 63rd Street,
New York, N.Y.

MARY WHITE ~~WINGTON~~, Hotel St. George,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rev. WILLIAM H. ~~BROOKS~~, 231 West 53rd Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dr. JOHN LOVEJOY ~~ELLIOTT~~, Ethical Culture
Society, New York, N.Y.

Mr. THOMAS EWING, Jr., 67 Wall Street, New York, NY

Rev. JOHN HAYNES ~~HOLMES~~, 28 Garden Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. FLORENCE ~~BELEY~~, 105 East 22nd Street, New
York, N.Y.

Mr. PAUL ~~KENNADAY~~, 640 Madison Avenue, New York, NY

Mrs. MARY D. ~~MCG LEAN~~, 259 West 92nd Street, New
York, N.Y.

Rev. A. CLAYTON ~~POWELL~~, 255 West 134th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Mr. CHARLES EDWARD ~~RUSSELL~~, Hotel Braztoll,
New York, N.Y.

Prof. JOEL E. ~~SPINGARN~~, 9 W. 73rd Street, New
York, N.Y.

Miss LILLIAN D. ~~WALD~~, 265 Henry Street, New
York, N.Y.

Mr. WILLIAM ENGLISH ~~WALLING~~, Hotel Brevoort,
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Dr. OWEN M. WALLER, 762 Henkimer Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. W. J. EUCKLEY, Ridgetfield, Park, N.J.

Mr. ALBERT E. PILLSBURY, 6 Beacon Street,
Boston, Massachusetts

Miss JANE ADDAMS, Hull House, Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. IDA E. WELLS BARNETT, 235 Rhodes Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. FRANCES R. REYSER, 217 E. 86th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dr. CHARLES E. BENTLEY, 100 State Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. NOAH P. MOSSELL, 143 Lombard Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. WILLIAM A. SINCLAIR, 1221 Pine Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mrs. MARY CHURCH TERRELL, 326 T. Street,
Nw, Washington, D.C.

Rev. J. MILTON WADDON, 1334 V Street,
Washington, D.C.

A Certificate of Increase of Directors for the
NAACP was filed on March 31, 1919 increasing the number
of Directors to 40.

An additional Certificate was filed July 14,
1941, resolving that the number of Directors shall be
not less than 30 and not more than 48.

National Headquarters

According to the current listing of the
Manhattan Telephone Directory, the NAACP National

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Offices are located at 20 West 40th Street, New York City.

Officers for 1954

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National Officers

- President
ARTHUR E. SPINGARN
- Chairman of the Board
Dr. CHANNING H. TOBIAS
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- WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary
- ROY WILKINS, Administrator
- THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special Counsel
- HENRY LEE MOON, Director, Public Relations
- GLOSTER E. CURRENT, Director, Branches
- EDWARD R. DUDLEY, Special Assistant
- ROBERT L. CARTER, Assistant Special Counsel
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- RUBY HURLEY, Southeastern Regional Secretary
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Secretary

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Washington Bureau

HERBERT HILL, Labor Relations
Assistant

WALTER P. OFFUTT, Jr., Church
Secretary

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JOHN G. LEWIS, Jr.; Boston, Mass., Dr. ALLAN KNIGHT
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~~u~~ [redacted] the officers ^{b2, b7d} of the N.A.A.C.P. are elected annually and for the most part offer their services with no compensation. According to this informant, the N.A.A.C.P. operates approximately 1000 branches throughout 40 of the 48 United States.

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u - [REDACTED] he knew MARY MC LEOD BETHUNE as a noted Negro editor. According to this informant, Mrs. BETHUNE worked with the Communists for some years in such institutions as the Southern Negro Youth Congress and eventually became an adherent of the CP. The informant stated that there is some doubt as to whether Mrs. BETHUNE has continued this close association in the recent past.

The Southern Negro Yough Congress has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

u [REDACTED] was listed as a sponsor for the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

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u [REDACTED] signed an appeal to former President TRUMAN asking him to grant amnesty to the convicted CP leaders.

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According to the National Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, dated April 25, 1951, page 54, the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives evolved from a Conference for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact and its purpose was to further the cause of "Communists in the United States", doing "their part in the Moscow campaign."

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The National Lawyers Guild was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of 1950, as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the CP, its front organizations, and controlled unions", and which "since its inception has

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never failed to rally to the legal defense of the CP and individual members thereof including known espionage agents."

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 7, 1942, page 2, column 3, contained remarks from THEODORE SPAULDING, President of the Philadelphia Branch of the NLRCP, paying tribute to the Soviet Union on the celebration of its 25th anniversary.

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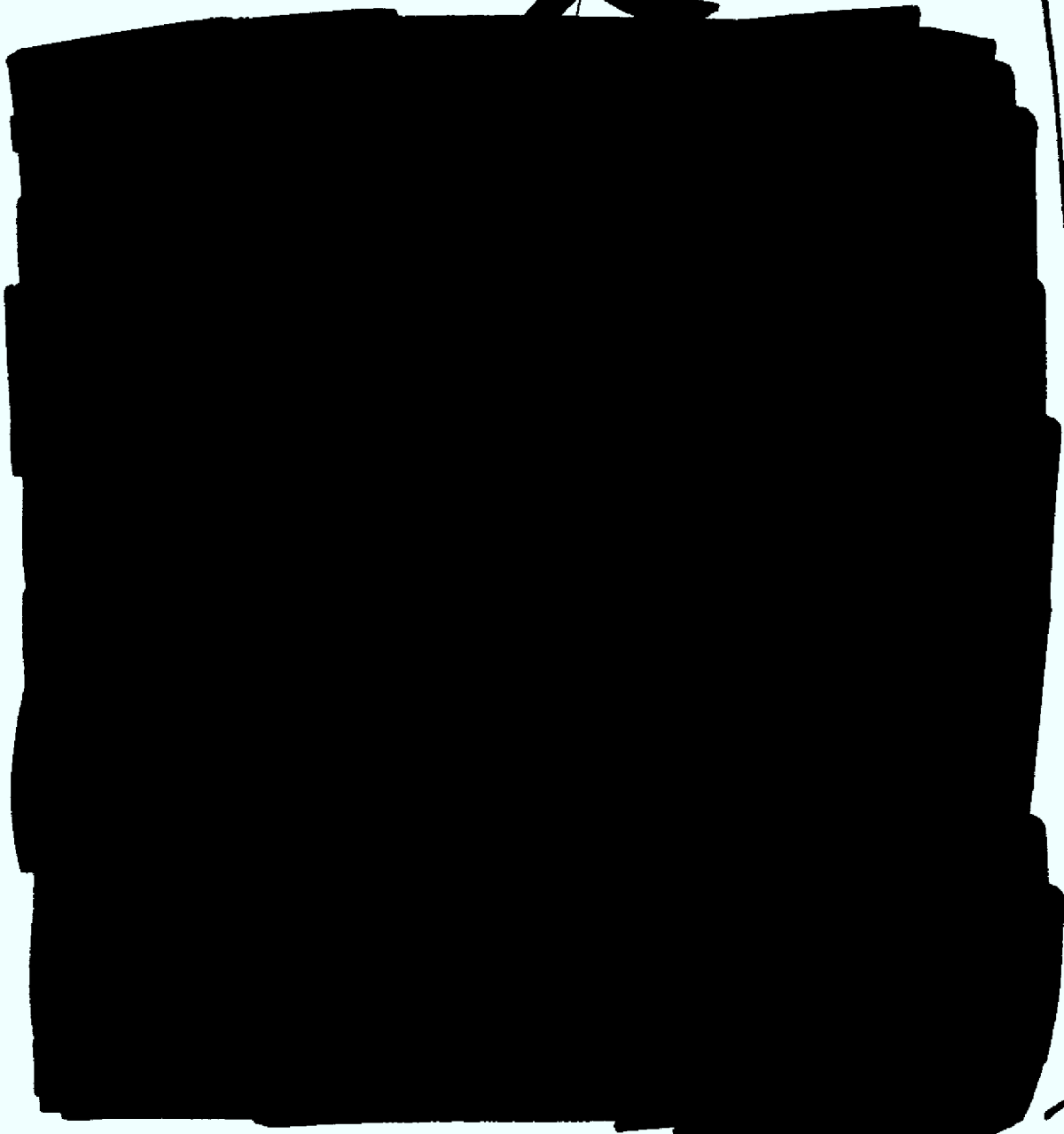
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The November, 1953 issue of "Political Affairs" contained an article entitled "The NAACP Convention" by

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one HUGH BRADLEY. The article is an extract from the report on Negro Work delivered at a National Conference of the CP.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, testifying in the case "U.S. vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, et al", on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

The article pays tribute to the NAACP as the most important Negro organization dedicated to the fight for Negro equality.

In the past, states the article, the NAACP has witnessed a consistent and steady growth in the influence not only among the Negro people, but in the labor movement and among other progressive strata of Americans. It is increasingly becoming a coordinating center for all major organizations among the Negro people and the pivot for the furtherance of the Negro-Labor Alliance. The NAACP has over 200,000 members, reflecting all classes among Negroes and representing the struggle towards unity of the Negro people. At the same time, it typifies the continued dominance of Negro life by the Negro petty bourgeoisie.

According to the article, these factors were strongly revealed at the 44th National Convention of the NAACP held in St. Louis, Missouri, in June of 1953. The convention was held against the background of a new political situation in the country, following closely upon the advent of the Eisenhower Administration. It convened at a time when the hope for peace was rising in the hearts of humanity everywhere, but when, at the same time, the pro-Fascist offensive of the Mc Carthyites had already marked menacing proportions, and when the reign of terror against the Negro people continued unabated. Manifestly, the Negro people were looking to this convention for clear leadership on the vital issues facing them, and expected a call for united and militant action in their behalf.

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The convention lived up to this expectation by adopting a general progressive program on such questions as compulsory FEPC, housing, and an end to Jim Crow in education and in the railroad industry. The delegates associated themselves with the growing movement against Mc Carthyism, calling an end to the book-burning, taking a forthright stand in defense of academic freedom, and demanding a revision of the Mc Carran - Walter Immigration Act, as well as revision of the Loyalty Program. A positive stand was taken in defense of the labor movement; there was a call for Labor-Negro collaboration and the branches and their members were urged to work with the unions in their community.

In arguing persuasively for greater Negro-Labor cooperation, a resolution was adopted at the convention which pointed out:

"Organized labor is an important pioneer center in American life today. The support and cooperation of the American Labor Movement for the Civil Rights Program of the NAACP is extremely important and in certain situations perhaps even decisive. We urge our branches and state conferences whenever possible to seek the support of responsible trade unions for measures that we favor and in turn give our support to such measures supported by organized labor as are consistent with our policy and program."

The program on Foreign Policy adopted by the convention also showed an advance. While still weak in several respects, it represents an important departure from that of the 43rd Convention. In contrast to the almost 100% endorsement of the Truman Foreign Policy a year ago, this convention refused to give such blanket support to the Dulles-Eisenhower conduct of foreign affairs.

The 44th Convention urged the planning and execution of a Civil Rights mobilization in Washington, D.C., and voted to welcome "in the mobilization, the cooperation and support of bona fide organizations genuinely at one with us on our stated objective".

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another important feature was the militant participation of the youth and the overwhelming support given to the Youth Program by the adult delegates. The convention launched a program to rid America of Jim Crow and to win the total integration of Negroes by 1963, the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The article revealed that there were serious weaknesses which evolved from the 44th Convention deliberations. Certain negative and harmful resolutions were adopted which run counter to the progressive and positive ones, and which can only be harmful to the Negro movement.

The article criticized the closing address to the Convention delivered by Mr. WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP. The address was characterized throughout by a fawning attitude which called for complete confidence in and support for the Eisenhower Administration, an administration whose policies are generating further anti Negro measures in the country. WHITE stated that EISENHOWER is an unwilling prisoner of his own cabinet, his party and Congress, and, if the President has failed to do more on the Negro question, it is because he "has been so absorbed with war and foreign problems."

In addition to surrendering to the Eisenhower Administration on the Negro question, WALTER WHITE'S address included an orgy of Red-baiting and anti-Communist slander that is rare even for these times. According to the author, WHITE falsely proclaimed that war and Communism are the two factors which plague the modern world. WHITE stated, "We don't want the Communists running our affairs."

In addition, the article depicted that at no time did the convention approve of Mr. WHITE'S pro-Eisenhower speech, and it was the opinion of many observers that a majority of the delegates were definitely opposed to the Eisenhower Administration. The address by

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WHITE was additionally characterized as "the major weakness and most negative feature of the 44th Convention of the NAACP". The capitulation by the top leadership to the Eisenhower Administration and the orgy of Red-baiting never before was equalled in any Negro gathering.

The author furnishes an explanation for the inconsistent and contradictory policy adopted by the convention - a policy which calls at the same time for struggle and surrender, for anti-Mc Carthyism and Red-baiting, for support to the National Independence Movement of Africans and Condemnation of Mau Mau "Violence". The answer is found in the composition of the convention and its leadership, made up of the Negro middle class and petty bourgeoisie.

The article concludes by stating that the Negro workers in the main were absent; progressives and Communists, in the main, were absent. Therefore, the reformist leadership of WALTER WHITE was not basically challenged and he maintained an iron-fist control over every aspect of the deliberations. The negative features of the convention constituted a prime example of the vacillating role being played today by the Negro petty bourgeoisie and of the continuing subordination of the Negro workers to the bourgeoisie in the Negro Liberation Movement.

The programs adopted by the NAACP and other major Negro organizations reflect the striving for unity on the part of the Negro people. The fight for jobs and FEPC, Negro representation and right-to-vote movement in the South are indicative of unification.

The February, 1954 edition of "Political Affairs" carried an article entitled "On The Slogan Free By '63" by ABNER W. BERRY.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 7, 1952, page 2, column 5, reported that ABNER W. BERRY is a Negro affairs editor of the "Daily Worker".

It is to be noted the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.