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I give and bequeath to the "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People," incorporated in the year 1911, under the Laws of the State of New York, the sum of

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FOREWORD

The record of the year 1927 has again demonstrated that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the only organization of national scope effective on a national scale in its efforts to secure, reaffirm and safeguard the fundamental citizenship rights of the American Negro. It is the Negro's instrument. And the Negro represents the "shock troops" in behalf of all the minority groups in America, which test the reality of American democracy.

As in 1926, the Association's work has been focussed in the courts. And the courts have again shown that where the Negro is organized and prepared to defend his rights, American public opinion, as the courts of the land represent it, is prepared to accord him justice. It is worth while pointing particularly to the eminent legal minds which the Association's cause enlists. The Association's entire annual budget would hardly cover the cost of a single case before the United States Supreme Court if the Association's legal advisers charged for their services instead of generously donating them.

The Association's work, as everyone knows, radiates into every phase of race relations. Its small staff performs many functions, from giving radio talks to investigating riots. It receives hundreds of appeals every month from all parts of the country for aid. It sends lynching statistics to California in an extradition case; investigates discrimination in the Mississippi flood area and calls the facts to the attention of the authorities; fights for the Negro's right to vote in the South; blocks anti-intermarriage laws in the North; continues to fight the Klan with publicity; establishes the Negro's case in newspapers and magazines not only in America but throughout Europe; holds hundreds of public meetings; where it is able, defends the poor and ignorant from injustice issuing from race prejudice; and continues to build up bulwarks in United States Supreme Court decisions for the protection of the Negro's fundamental rights.

The appeals coming in to the Association from all sources, for information as well as for aid, are increasing in number. It is now realized that the Association is unique in its field. Anyone who will even hastily scan this summary of its activities for the year will see at once that the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People vitally affects the welfare of every colored person in the United States.

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