NATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE — Participating in the 21st annual convention of the National Council of Women which was held at the Sheraton Park Hotel last week last week were from left to right, Dr. Majorie Parker, past national basileus of AKA Sorority; Dr. Geraldine P. Wood, national president of Delta Sorority; Dr. Lorrette Haile, national basileus, AKA and Mrs. Carey Preston, executive director AKA. Center, from left to right, Mesdames Sonia Richards, Marion Jackson and Mayme Norwood are busy manning the information and registration desk. Right, J. Edward Atkinson, public relation supervisor — Carnation Company, Los Angeles and Moss Kendrix, public relations consultant are chatting with Dorothy Height (standing) national president of the National Council and Dr. Jeanne Noble, vice president of the council — (Photo by Cabell)

The National Council, Its Women In Action

By LILLIAN WIGGINS

WASHINGTON

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc., held a three-day conference in Washington's Sheraton Park Hotel to which more than 200 registered representatives from all over the country attended.

The National Council, which was founded by Mary McLeod Bethune 31 years ago, has as its program goals the development of independent and cooperative projects for service to the community to recruit and train non-white women for effective participation in community service and leadership to work for legislative enforcement and administrative and legal action to protect civil rights and to combat poverty and to broaden the base of involvement of women of different backgrounds to achieve these goals.

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ON WEDNESDAY, one day before the conference which began Thursday, the Board of Directors held a meeting.

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A FEW BRIEFING sessions were also held and chairmen of committees on consumer education, legislation, household employment, and Women in Community Services, presented summaries of their year's activities.

The conference which continued through to Sunday morning had an array of personalities attending.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Sterling Tucker, executive director of the Washington Urban League, called upon the convention to channel the positive aspects of black power into fruitful avenues. "As a strategy", he said, "I think black power can work."

He went on to say that the use of black power must be inclusive rather than exclusive.

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MR. TUCKER pointed out that colored citizens must mobilize all support, effort and energy in concert with the support and energy of anyone who wants to help them.

"We have neither the strength or the power to do it alone," he said.

At a luncheon forum on Friday, an equally enchanting speaker kept the women spellbound as he spoke briefly on the results of the elections and the "Freedom Budget."

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BAYARD RUSTIN, director of the A. Philip Randolph foundation, was the keynote speaker. A. Philip Randolph, president of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL-CIO was to have been the speaker but due to illiness, he was not able to attend.

Mr. Rustin remarked that it is seldon that he is nervous when speaking to groups of people but when trying to substitute for a person like Mr. Randolph it was like "a mouse trying to play with an elephant."

In a more serious vein, he seemed to have been aprising the audience of the fact that Mr. Randolph was not well and softly said, "We hope he lives for many a year."

In his talk to the ladies, he saluted the National Council for all of the work they had done in the field of civil rights and warned the country that there is "no civil rights way to deal with education."

He emphasized that the nation would have to move into the human rights phase because civil rights won't give the non-white citizen the things he needs to become a first class citizen.

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MR. RUSTIN also made it very clear that the non-white citizen need every American who is dedicated to justice and this includes all whites.

He said, "It is not just a struggle of blacks, but a struggle of all citizens to bring all Americans together."

Speaking on the program along with Mr. Rustin was Leon Keyserling, director of "The Freedom Budget" and his wife Mrs. Mary Dublin Keyserling, director Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

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ALSO PARTICIPATING on the program as well as being dais members were Mrs. Leota Brown, basileus, Chi Eta Phi Sorority; Dr. Geraldine P. Wood, national president of Delta Sigma Theta; Mrs. Mahalia Evans, basileus, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority; Mrs. A. Mathis; president of Fashion Accessory Designer; Mr. Nora Hailes, basileus, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Mrs. Julia Long, president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Medical Association and Mrs. Julia B. Watson, basileus of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

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MRS. CERNORIA JOHNSON, director, Washington Bureau, National Urban League spoke on the welfare crisis. She is one of 12-member team of the Advisory Council on Public Welfare, appointed by Secretary Celebreeze.

Serving as mistress of ceremonies was Mrs. Flossie Dedmond, national vice president of the National Council.

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MISS DOROTHY HEIGHT, national president of the National Council, introduced the speaker of the afternoon.

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LATER FRIDAY night at the State Department Auditorium, the council members and their guests were entertained in a program of blues, ballads, folks songs and poems called "A Hand Is On The Gate." This production was brought here by the Council directly from New York.

Serving as program chairman for Friday night's affair was Dr. Jeanne Noble, vice president of the Washington Chapter of the National Council.

Misses Conchita Nakatani and Ruth Sykes of the Washington office had their hands full seeing to it that all of the Council activities were coordinated.

Even though the conference ended Sunday, a number of interested women attending remained a week longer for training sessions in order to participate in and stimulate informed volunteer activity in their communities.

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MT. WINANS HAPPENINGS

Union Thanksgiving services planned

By GERTRUDE M. PARKER

Union Thanksgiving services of the four churches in the Mt. Winans Community will be held at the Winans First Baptist Church Thursday, Nov. 24. At 11 p.m. Rev. William E. Brown of Mt. Winans Methodist Church will deliver the sermon. Combined choirs will render the music. Rev. Stuart Turner is host minister.

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MRS. ALICE Lee and her daughter Carolyn and son, Albert Beads, spent the weekend in New York City attending the funeral services for her cousin, Mrs. Louise Thomas, of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

OLD TIMERS Variety Supper will be given by the Fabulous Alamonts Pleasure Club at the Monumental Elks' Home, 1528 Madison Ave., on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m. until. Walter Fisher is the chairman, Bertie Brooks is president of the club.

THE FACULTY and PTA of Mt. Winans Elementary School Number 156 will honor Mrs. Lillian Grace K. Martin on Friday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium, 2401 Harman Ave.

Mrs. Martin has retired from teaching after years of service in the public schools.

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BELATED BIRTHDAY greetings to Miss Violet Hemsley on Nov. 11 and to Mrs. Edna P. Ross and son, Dr. William A. Ross Jr. on Nov. 15 and Albert Beads on Nov 18.

The program committee of the woman's society of Christian Service of Mt. Winans Methodist Church presented for their topic "Preserving Democratic Processes"— at their meeting on last Thursday held at the church.

Mrs. Faye Jones was the hostess. Mrs. Veneta Butler, Mrs. Gladys Burkett, program committee, Mrs. Sadie Blocker, president of the Society.

Council of Churches fund appeal launched

The Maryland Council of Churches has announced the beginning of its 1967 Financial Appeal for $130,000. The Appeal will last up through Dec. 15.

The Council program includes Christian Education, radio and television, social concerns, evangelism, migrant ministry, research for care and other areas of endeavor.

It has 22 Protestant, Angelican and Orthodox denominations as members with over 2,000 churches in Maryland.

The objective of the council is to give the community an opportunity to work together in order to strengthen the churches and enable them to reach the unchurched persons in Maryland, a spokesman said.

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UNDER THE direction of the Rev. Allan G. Moore, "Faith to Faith" television program, has entered its seventh series.

Dr. John T. Middaugh, speaking for the Protestant churches, and Father Joseph M. Connolly, the Roman Catholic Church are featured. Contributions for the Maryland Council of Churches' Financial Appeal are being received at 14 West Madison St.

Council maps future goals

The National Council of Negro Women have mapped out general directions of action for the future and listed among them are the creation of more opportunities for service to develop structure on the local level to effectuate this; and becoming concerned with expansion;

Development of a clear statement of purpose and goals necessary for program interpretation; development of a more effective system of recognition for service to give status to those who give service;

Clarity of the relationship of the Affiliate to the National Council; role of members of Affiliates in NCNW; and making sure that leadership training relates to actual program activities, to the needs of people and the needs of the community;

Also, the establishment of a sound financial structure; Consider ways in which women of the poverty community can be brought into membership of the NCNW; review council structure in relationship to projected employment of staff, number of committees, size of Board of Directors; exploring ways in which program decisions can be carried out along these lines and involving personnel development and improved communications.

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OEO funds Ala. programs despite protests by Wallace

(UPI)

The Office of Economic Opportunity has announced it is funding anti-poverty programs in two Alabama counties over the objections of Gov. George Wallace.

The grants consist of $241,604 to the Lowndes County Christian Movement for Human Rights and the Wilcox County Anti Poverty Committee for adult education, pre - vocational training and family development services for low income farm workers.

Wallace objected to the grants on grounds that the programs appeared likely to be influenced by the black power movement in the area.

OEO Director Sargent Shriver said the Wallace allegations had been investigated and no basis was found for withholding the funds.

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SHRIVER SAID the anti-poverty programs involved two of the three poorest counties in Alabama and said they are among the poirest counties in the entire nation.

"Lowndes is Alabama's poorest county and in fact is the 12th poorest county in the United States," Shriver said. "Wilcox is the third poorest in Alabama and the 20th poorest in the nation."

Shriver said the grants will provide anti-poverty programs in these counties for the first time. He said that because of questions raised by Wallace the OEO has obtained specific assurances from the two agencies invoved.

The OEO retained power to approve the staff director of each agency, require setting up books under the supervision of an auditing firm with periodic audits thereafter and forbid any member of the governing body of either agency to be an official or a candidate in any partisan political organization.

These conditions assure that no federal funds that become available to the grantees will go for the financing of any partisan political activity, Shriver said.

Lt. Col. McDawson Burton, a retired Air Force officer on the staff of Tuskegee Institute, was named director for Lowndes County and Willie R. Stephens, a science teacher in the Machen County Alabama Training School, was nominated for Wilcox, the OEO said.

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'Christ, city' institute topic at Lutheran

"Christ and the City," will be the theme of the annual human relations institute, sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of the Lutheran Human Relations Association of America, this Sunday, Nov. 20, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Loch Raven and Belvedere, from 3 to 8 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Arthur Simon, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, on New York City's Lower East Side, and author of the challenging book, "Faces of Poverty."

The dinner speaker will be Dr. Furman Templeton, director of the Baltimore Urban League, and an acknowledged expert on the Baltimore scene.

The registration fee of $1.50 includes the entire institute and evening meal. Following Rev. Simon's presentation there will be a panel discussion on, "Lutherans and the Baltimore Situation." There will also be a reading of, "An Anatomy of Prejudice," and an opening and closing worship service.

Everyone is invited, regardless of religion, to learn more about the present civil rights struggle and how it concerns the church.

S. C. Baptists challenged to aid Africa unity

GREENVILLE, S.C. (UPI) —Predicting African Unity in the near future, Liberian Vice President William R. Tolbert Tuesday challenged South Carolina Baptist to help toward that end with all their resources.

Tolbert, the first member of his race to serve as president of the Baptist World Alliance, told the 146th Baptist Convention here that they could benefit Africa a great deal by providing missions and by improving education.

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TOLBERT TOLD the Baptist delegates to close ranks in order to combat "the evils in this world."

Tolbert said it was his belief that the African nations "will offer friendship to them who offer friendship in return without being alligned with any particular bloc."

The Convention discussed the controversial issue of federal aid to church - related institutions and the question of a record $4.5 million budget.

The federal aid question is the subject of a report by a special committee expectd to be heard this afternoon.

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CONCORD, N.C. — Barber-Scotia College was one of the 25 southern colleges and universities voted into membership at the annual two-day meeting of the College Entrance Examination Board and the College Scholarship Service in New York City.

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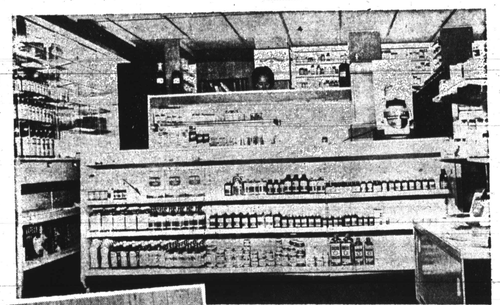

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