

NAACP

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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Urges Adoption of Poll Tax Amendment (No. 1) and Seeks Death of Racial Segregation in Alabama and the South

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored people (NAACP) with many thousand members throughout the nation, is waging an aggressive campaign in Alabama for adoption of the Poll Tax Amendment. Its declared aims are:

1. "To get 200,000 qualified negro voters on the books in Alabama by 1956." (From address of Walter White, national NAACP president, before Alabama State NAACP Conference in Mobile Nov. 9.)
2. To end segregation in our State and the South.

The NAACP Plan Is This:

According to Emory Jackson, columnist of the Birmingham World, negro newspaper, "there are 108,000 negroes of voting age in Jefferson County." He also notes that "there are 25 incorporated municipalities in Jefferson County, with Bessemer and Fairfield having more negroes than white citizens."

If the cumulative feature of the Poll Tax is removed, thousands of negroes in our County will be induced or helped financially by NAACP to pay \$3.00, and so get on the voting lists.

NAACP is strongly financed. It receives support of colored citizens throughout the country and many wealthy white "liberals" in the North, who have helped back its many legal battles against segregation in our homeland.

Death of Racial Segregation Prime Goal of NAACP

NAACP is backing the case in the U. S. Supreme Court to end segregation in our public schools.

NAACP has brought legal action to enroll negro women in the University of Alabama.

NAACP (Alabama branch) voted at its State Conference to launch a legal attack on segregation in Alabama's State Parks.

NAACP (Alabama branch) has urged its members to run for public office.

NAACP is vigorously attacking the banning of inter-racial dating by authorities at Earlham College, in Richmond, Ind.

NAACP's current bulletin declares that "our nation cannot remain half-integrated and half-segregated."

The Democratic Executive Committee of Jefferson County does not believe that the fulfillment of these aims of NAACP is in the best interests of our citizens or good government in our city, our county and our state. It urges you to

Vote "NO"

on AMENDMENT NO. 1

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