

NAACP OPENS FIGHT TO REGISTER VOTERS FOR ALA. BALLOT

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 2. (ANP)—A campaign to gain the ballot for disfranchised groups was launched here last week by the Birmingham branch of the NAACP, headed by J. J. Green.

Leaders have carefully designed the campaign in a way to institute court action if that becomes necessary.

In Birmingham, provided one pays the poll tax, he can vote, but the difficulty is in getting the board of registrars to register applicants.

COURT UPHELD REGISTRARS

Refusal by the board of register applicants was upheld recently in the "Boswell case" by the Alabama Supreme court in a four-to-three decision.

Except in a few "liberal" cities,

Alabama Negroes cannot vote in the primary which, unlike Texas, is tax-financed. Fear has been voiced that the system is likely to be contested.

The register-to-vote campaign opened June 24 and extends through July 23. Slogan is, "Winning democracy for the Alabama Negro is winning democracy for Alabama."