

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

MISSISSIPPI STATE OFFICE  
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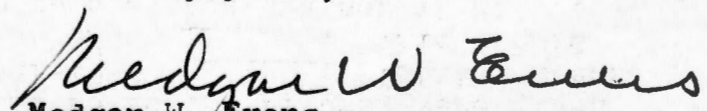
Dear President, Officers, Members:

We have returned from our National Convention where we had many interesting and important discussions about ways and means to increase our membership in our state and local branches. At present we have the lowest membership of any state in the union. This we haven't always had, for we have ranked in the past with some of the stronger State Conferences in this country as to the number of members, but we have suddenly slipped to the very bottom. Now, being a proud Mississippian, as I know you are, it hurts me deeply when people can look upon us and say we are the last in everything, when all we have to do is put a little more work into our efforts. We can then hold the respect of other State Conferences and the National Office that we once had.

For your information, according to figures from Miss Lucille Black's office, July 22, the following figures were given me for your branch: Membership Goal-1958 450; Total members received in National Office 1/1 - 6/30/58 7. This should give you a picture of where your branch stands and how it affects the overall total figure.

Our recent Civil Rights suit involving Reverend Darby should enable us to get more members into your branch. Take advantage of the situation while it is fresh in the minds of the people and let them know their names will not be made public.

Sincerely yours,

  
Medgar W. Evers  
Field Secretary

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