

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONFERENCE OF N.A.A.C.P. BRANCHES
1072 West Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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Dear Friend:

Are you satisfied with twenty-seven (27)⁰⁰⁰ Negro landowners in Mississippi, and less than 25,000 Negroes registered to vote?

Are you impressed with Mississippi spending millions constructing buildings that look like schools?

Are you content with spending your dollars where Negroes do not enjoy equal employment?

Are you pleased with Mississippi officials continuing to humiliate and intimidate Negroes on buses, trains and other places of public accomodation?

How would you like for your son to be snatched from a jail cell and lynched by ungodly white hoodlums? What would you do if your daughter or child was raped by some uncultured "white rebel?"

These are soul searching questions that we must face and answer, as we ride the crest waves of a social change from second to first class citizenship. You can answer by your response Sunday, May 17th, 2:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Wilkins was scheduled to speak in New Jersey on May 17th. I appealed to him to come to Mississippi where the problem is most acute. There will be May 17th Celebrations in forty-two states. We are highly honored to have one of the number one leaders of this nation as our guest speaker.

Your presence will not be enough. Share your car; bring your neighbor; persuade your friends; and insist upon your brother. Come in cars. Bring bus loads. Let us say to America, and to the world, by our presence that we abhor all forms of discrimination; we deplore every thing that is contaminated with segregation; and we condemn the lynching of M. C. Parker and Mississippi's lynching record.

We are depending on you to be among the 3,500 persons to hear one of the nation's greatest civil rights leader today, Mr. Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary N.A.A.C.P.

Sincerely yours,

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