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During 1963 your New Orleans Branch of the NAACP has been active in many areas.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF BRANCH ACTIVITIES IN 1963

The POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, with Mr. Wilfred S. Aubert, Jr., as Chairman, has set up Voter Registration Schools at St. David Catholic Church, Hartzel Methodist Church, Bethel Methodist Church, The Church of God, and the Second Rose of Sharon Baptist Church. In cooperation with the Coordinating Council of Greater N.O., the Committee drive to register more voters has been intensified.

The EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Mrs. S. Miller, Chairman, has been active on many fronts. The Committee held meetings for parents of children eligible to attend integrated schools; it was active in integrating the Benjamin Franklin Senior High School for superior students; and it continues to work for the fuller integration of N. O. public schools by conferring both with citizens and school officials. At least partly through its efforts, there was an increase of 240 Negro children attending integrated schools in the Fall semester of 1963 - making a total of 347 Negro children attending 25 integrated schools for the 1963-1964 school session.

The LABOR AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, Mr. W. L. Dumas and Mr. E. B. Spriggins, Co-chairmen, is engaged in an effort to organize the Negro barbers of New Orleans.

The COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, Mr. Steven H. Rubin, Chairman, reports a decrease in unnecessary racial identifications on local TV and radio news reports. Its efforts in this area continue.

The VETERANS COMMITTEE, Mr. Edwin Barthe, Chairman, is still attempting to integrate the La. National Guard. Mr. Barthe needs qualified applicants; those interested should call 947-4346, or write the chairman at 3412 Pauger St., N.O.La.

The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, Dr. L. L. Burns, Chairman, after an all-out campaign, boosted the Chapter's total membership to 4,980. Volunteers Needed!!! Do you have a little time to spare? Give it to the fight for freedom. Call or visit us.

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HIGHLIGHTS CONTD.

The YOUTH COUNCIL, Mr. Ralphael Cassimere, President, engaged in diverse activities in 1963. Its delegates attended the National Convention in Chicago. It engaged in a selective buying and picketing campaign on Canal Street (which still continues) and held a mass rally in connection with the campaign. It took part in the sit-ins in City Hall cafeteria, and it negotiated successfully with a neighborhood bakery about its hiring policies.

The LEGAL REDRESS COMMITTEE, Mr. A. J. Chapital, Sr., Chairman, has been in constant action over the year, pressing the City on such matters as police brutality, conduct unbecoming an officer, civil rights, police negligence, criminal assault by civilians, and discourteous treatment of Negroes by police. Successful actions were completed in all these areas. While abuses continue, the Committee's pressure on the City is obviously having a salutary effect. The Committee successfully fought legal actions for the hiring of the Municipal Auditorium by the NAACP and against the City's separate seating statute. NOW is appealing our victory desegregating their playgrounds and activities. This committee, with the Education and Labor and Industry Committees, is presently looking into the area of vocational and technical training opportunities for Negroes.

NEWS NOTES

NAACP BRANCH MEETINGS HELD EVERY SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 P.M., IN THE PARISH HALL OF CENTRAL CHURCH, BIENVILLE AND NORTH TONTI STREETS.

THE NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE NAACP WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C., FROM JUNE 22 THROUGH JUNE 28, 1964.

Mr. Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary addressed an integrated audience in the Municipal Auditorium. He also spoke at Dillard, Tulane & Xavier Universities.

Mrs. Constance Baker Motley, NAACP associate counsel for the Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., appeared here to kick-off our spring membership campaign.

Mr. Clarence Mitchell, Director, NAACP Washington Bureau, spoke at a testimonial banquet honoring Mr. A. J. Chapital, Sr., who served as Branch president for over 11 years and who continues to be one of New Orleans' most effective fighters for civil rights.