

Negro Rights Leader Assails Congress Tories Before Young Farmers

Walter White of NAACP Tells Negro Farmers That Vigorous Defense of Democracy Is Needed

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BORDENTOWN, N. J., Aug. 8.—A denunciation of the reactionary Tory Congress which has just adjourned, was made here Sunday by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Addressing the delegates to the fifth annual convention of the New Farmers of America, an organization of Negro students of agriculture with 25,000 members in the South, he urged cooperation of all racial

groups and labor in defense of American democracy which the Tories are attempting to destroy.

Mr. White, speaking in the assembly building last Sunday night, condemned Nazism in Germany and warned the delegates against definite trends of fascism in America as seen in the actions of southern Senators and Congressmen.

"As a Southerner," he declared, "I hang my head in shame at the incompetent and bigoted Southern Senators and Congressmen now passing on legislation in Washington. Before there can be any appreciable gains in agriculture, legislative action designed to aid the people is required. To obtain this, unity of black and white labor in the South is vital."

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He said that there is yet hope for democracy as long as there is a growing belief among the people that discrimination and race preju-

dice must end. He leveled sharp criticism against the A. F. of L. for its discriminatory policies in matters involving Negro and white labor.

Close to a thousand delegates are attending the convention from 15 Southern states, a large percentage of whom are small home owners who have been saved from bankruptcy through efforts of the New Deal Farm Security Administration.

The purpose of the N.F.A. is to develop the talents of rural young people, to teach them new scientific methods of farming, soil conservation and how to live as useful citizens in a democracy. Undoubtedly, much has been done in this respect to check the tremendous migration from rural areas caused by the general crisis in agriculture.

Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, N. C., will present a cash prize of \$100 to

the ranking superior farmer of 1939, at the New York's World's Fair on Wednesday.

Mr. Lester Albert, national president of the N.F.A., speaking at Monday's session of the convention, reviewed the work of the organization for the past year. He told of achievements in fighting ignorance and bringing education to the farmer in many isolated sections of the South.

Community cooperation as an effective weapon in the fight against the impoverishment of the farmer was strongly emphasized by Leon R. Harris, president of the National Federation of Colored Farmers.

