

Mims, Florida

April 23, 1945

Legislators and Chief Executive  
State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sirs:

We feel impelled to express our deep concern over certain legislation pending in this session of the Legislature, which seems designed to circumvent the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Texas Primary Case. We have in reference to the bill introduced jointly by Senators Mathews of Duval County and Sanchez of Suwannee County, which would remove primary elections from state control.

It is our candid opinion that this bill, if passed, will be detrimental to the future interests of all honest and liberal-minded citizens of Florida, both white and colored. Everyone knows how easy it is for politics to sink into the lowest form of corruption, ~~leading into the streets~~. If primaries are removed from state control, corrupt, selfish politicians will have full sway. Surely the better thinking citizens of Florida do not desire such a situation.

We note that the sponsors of this bill seem to be fearful that Negro voters will gain control of the Democratic Primary. We see little foundation for such fears. Bober-minded Negroes do not desire control of any election. All we ask is full and unlimited participation in the affairs of our government. Naturally, this includes the unrestricted use of the ballot. As a minority group, we should not expect more; as loyal citizens of this country, we cannot ask for less.

American democracy is on trial now as never before. Oppressed peoples of other lands are looking to America as a guiding light that will eventually lead to the fuller enjoyment of these democratic rights and privileges so beautifully expressed in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution of the United States. If America is to be consistent in her efforts to win these fundamental principles of democracy for oppressed peoples of other lands, she must be willing to grant these same rights to minority groups within her own borders.

In view of these facts, we respectfully urge that every effort be made to defeat the bill mentioned above. Such a victory for democracy at home will do much to enhance our position in the broader struggle for world democracy.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore, President  
Florida State Conference, N. A. A. C. P.

Florida State Senate  
Tallahassee, Florida  
April 30, 1945

Mr. Harry T. Moore  
Mims, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the  
twenty-third and to assure you that I am glad indeed to  
get your views and to co-operate in every possible way.

Sincerely yours,

Walter W. Rose, President

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July 26, 1945

Mr. Harry T. Moore  
Mims, Florida

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Florida Delegation has been received, regarding the FEPC legislation, anti-lynching bill, anti-Jim Crow Travel bill and anti-poll tax legislation.

Although I am not in favor of any of these bills I am glad to have this expression of your views.

Yours very truly,



CHARLES O. ANDREWS

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August, 1945

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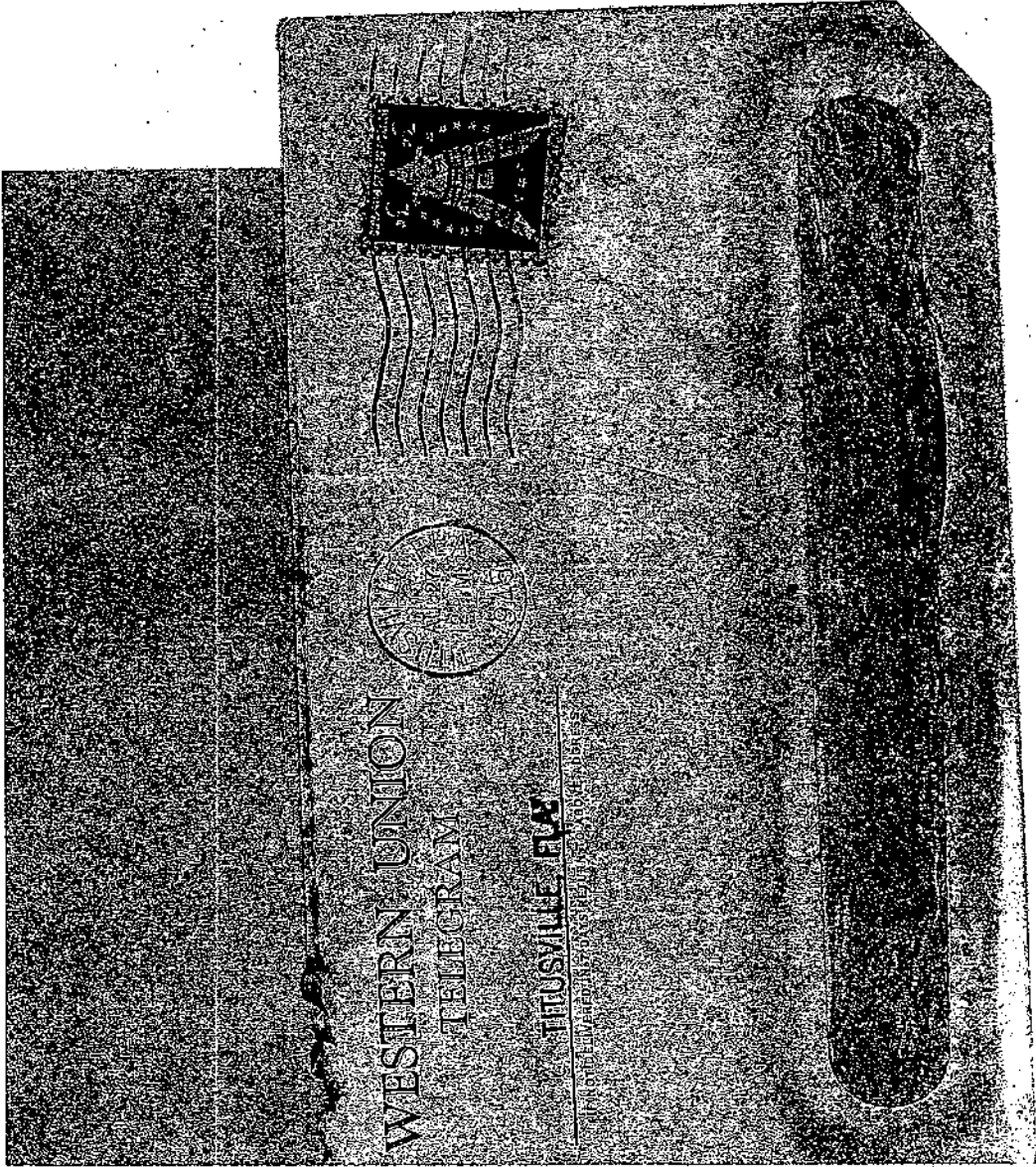
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(July-December, 1945)

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Alachua County	52	2.50	2.50
Bay County	54	2.70	2.70
Brevard County	350	17.50	17.50
Brevard County Y. C.	11	.30	.30
Clearwater	19	.95	.95
Dixie County	32	1.60	1.60
Ft. Lauderdale	50	2.50	2.50
Ft. Pierce	43	2.15	2.15
Lake County	88	10.35	4.40
Lake Wales	20	.85	.85
New Smyrna	101	3.95	3.95
Okeechobee	65	3.25	3.25
Orange County	8	.40	.40
Pompano	46	2.25	2.25
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Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore, President  
Mims, Florida

Florida Youth Councils, *YCAA - F*

(Statement from National Office)

July 25, 1945

Belle Glade - 33 members

Bertha M. Ruthledge, President P. O. Box 323  
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*(Crawford County)*  
Cocoa - (newly organized) 47 members

*Ap.* Henry Henderson, President 27 Magnolia Street  
Margaret Williams, Secretary 25 St. John Street

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Evangeline Moore, Secretary Mims

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Clara Mosely, Secretary 802 Sanford Avenue

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Wallace Lett, President 2511 18th Ave., Tampa 5  
Ollie M. James, Secretary 3211 Holmes Street " 5

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Mr. Allen Attaway, Deland  
Mrs. Bernice Sapino, Hasting  
Dr. D. Davis Leesburgh for Lake County  
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Development and activities of The NAACP in Florida  
During 1945

The year 1945 witnessed the steady growth of the NAACP in Florida. At the close of 1944 there were about 24 branches in the state. During 1945 this number was increased to 48 branches. The increase for 1945 exceeded the total number of branches that existed in Florida in 1941. Among the new branches organized in 1945 are Daytona Beach, Citrus Haven, Lee County, Perry, Santa Fe, Winter Park, Alachua County, Maitland, St. Augustine, Ft. Lauderdale, Chokolahatchee, and Gulf Breeze. This remarkable increase is largely the result of the hearty co-operation that we have received from our officers and workers in various sections of the state. Among those deserving honorable mention in this respect are F. L. Bryant, Old Town; Rev. T. C. Cook, Gainesville; Rev. D. C. Clayton, Perry; Rev. J. C. Williams, Ft. Pierce; Rev. W. J. H. Black, Lake Wales; Mrs. Louis Blackman, Orlando; J. D. Brown, Panama; W. E. Davis, Ft. Lauderdale; and Carl River, St. Augustine. Preliminary efforts have been made to get branches organized in Grand, Northwood, Grandport City, Lake City, Palmetto City, and other places; and it is our hope that these efforts will soon develop favorably.

It is particularly encouraging to note that the spirit of the NAACP has moved into such places as Perry, Gulf Breeze, Chipley, Alachua County, and Suwannee County. We all know that Negro citizens in some of these communities do not enjoy quite as much democracy as we do in other sections of Florida. Negro citizens in Alachua County, for example, were not even permitted to register and vote in the 1944 General Election. Negroes in these more restricted areas deserve special praise for their determination to organize themselves and support the NAACP in its heroic fight for the complete emancipation of the American Negro.

The NAACP has been quite active in Florida during 1945. The Pensacola and Jacksonville Branches have been successful in their efforts to gain for Negro citizens the right to register and vote in Democratic primaries. The Tampa Branch also won a landmark suit against the city Registrar, and this brought to an end the prosecution of Tampa election officials who had denied Negroes from the City Primary, even after they had been properly registered. Other branches are preparing similar action against those who have denied Negro citizens the right to vote in primaries. The Progressive Voters League of Florida, under the energetic leadership of Carl E. Doughton and Milton P. Nease, is lending splendid co-operation in this campaign to gain for Negro citizens the unrestricted use of the ballot.

The Florida State Conference, in co-operation with the various branches, has been busy investigating rape cases and seeking action against lynchings. In January, at the request of the Palm Beach and Panama Branches, we investigated the conviction of Henry Sparks on a charge of rape. Atty. L. E. Thomas, member of the Conference Legal Committee, reported that the circumstances surrounding this case were of such a nature that further action by the NAACP was not advisable. Later we engaged Atty. Thomas to investigate the conviction of William S. Anderson, Ft. Lauderdale, on a charge of rape. Atty. Thomas carried this case to the Florida Board in an effort to have Anderson's death sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Not only reports that Anderson's reluctance to furnish certain testimony in his own behalf made it impossible to carry up a strong case. About the same time Atty. C. D. McGill was retained to appeal the conviction and 15-year sentence of Joseph Palmer, St. Augustine, on a charge of attempted rape. This case is still pending. We also made strong appeals to Gov. Caldwell and Attorney General Nelson for positive action against those responsible for the lynching of James James Payne in Marion County. We secured affidavits from the relatives of Payne and forwarded them to Tallahassee. We particularly urged the suspension of Sheriff Lewis for his apparent carelessness in this matter. The St. Augustine Branch also retained McGill to investigate the murder of George Floyd, who was beaten to death in the jail there on Oct. 30th.

There should be a branch of the NAACP in every community of some size in Florida. You need only 25 members to get a chartered branch. Drop us a card; we shall be glad to help you.

Harry E. Moore, President  
Miami, Fla.  
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