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REFERENCE IS MADE TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE CONCERNING THE YOUTH MOBILIZATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 21-22. AS OUTLINED IN THOSE LETTERS, THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO SHOW BY A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON THAT THE VOTING AGE SHOULD BE LOWERED TO 18.

IT IS REALIZED THAT THE LEGAL VOTING AGE IN GEORGIA IS 18; HOWEVER, GEORGIA IS JUST ONE OF THE FEW STATES THAT HAS SEEN THE NEED TO PASS LEGISLATION TO CORRECT UNJUST DISENFRANCISEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE MATURE ENOUGH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE SHOULD SEND DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION TO TAKE PART IN THIS LOBBYING EFFORT, SO THAT THEY CAN POINT OUT THE SOUNDNESS OF FEDERAL ACTION TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE SINCE 18 YEAR OLD YOUTH IN GEORGIA HAVE ALREADY PROVEN THEIR POLITICAL MATURITY.

TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS, YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED BY THE YOUTH COUNCILS IN YOUR AREAS. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT MONEY BE SOLICITED ON A CRASH BASIS TO SEND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE. THOSE BRANCHES WITHOUT ACTIVE COUNCILS SHOULD SELECT YOUTH DELEGATES FROM THE COMMUNITY AND SPONSOR THEIR TRIP TO WASHINGTON.

HOUSING FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Branches are urged to request reservations for housing for their delegates as soon as possible. Information has been received that only a limited number of rooms are obtainable in the Downtowner. Some rooms are obtainable in the nearby Sun And Sand Motels but are being grabbed up fast. Contact the hotel of your choice in Jackson, Mississippi immediately to make your desires known.

GEORGIA STATE CONFERENCE DISTRICTS

Attached are revised Georgia State Conference Districts. In the near future, meetings will be held with representatives from each branch attending their district meeting. Meetings will be set up in cities most centrally located in the respective districts. More information on this will be provided at a later date.

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MRS. HURLEY WENT HOME FROM THE
HOSPITAL ON SEPTEMBER 3, BUT SHE IS
STILL CONFINED TO HER HOME. SHE IS
UP AND DOING VERY WELL. WE APPRECIATE

ALL THE LOVELY CARDS, FLOWERS, FRUIT AND ESPECIALLY YOUR PRAYERS FOR MRS. HURLEY. ALL THESE AND OTHER DEEDS OF KINDNESS HAVE MADE IT EASIER FOR HER.

With the Long Hot Summer behind us, we are still leading the nation in Memberships. How about that Co-Workers? We are over half way toward our goal of 95,175 Memberships, and with a little begging and hard work we can reach our goal. We have done very well the first 9 months of this year, now let's do just as well the next 3 months. Get with it and make Mrs. Hurley proud of the way we are carrying on during her illness.

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MEMBERSHIPS AND MONEY

Although we are over half way our 1968 quota of Memberships, some of our branches are not sharing their part of the load. Wont you start now and help your State to make its quota? Region 5 is known for cooperation and togetherness, so all you branches that have fallen behind in Memberships, get busy and solicit at least 50 Memberships. If you need the help of your neighbor branch or your Field Director call on them, or the Regional Secretaries. Remember, we are willing to help and make Region 5 go over the top ...A WINNER.

Charles McLean, our North Carolina Field Director and K. L. Buford Alabama's Field Director are co-chairmen of the Regional Membership and Freedom Fund drives for Mrs. Hurley's 25th Anniversary with the NAACP. They urge you to renew your efforts during the next few months of the year and they too are willing to help you.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

I am deeply appreciative for the hundreds of expressions of interest and concern that came from NAACP state conferences, branches, youth councils, officers, members and staff during my extended illness. We are most grateful for your prayers which helped bring us through some serious and trying periods. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you again, for carrying on the work of the Association in the tradition of the Southeast Region. I am trying to catch up on what has been going on since August, but from what I have heard and read it appears that we are continuing to grow in numbers and strength in this part of the country.

It is heart-warming to learn that while some people are fighting the NAACP and thereby fighting themselves in other areas, your eyes are still on the goals for which many of our people gave their lives, that progress continues to be made and that there is the dedication to work at the Fight for Freedom until we are truly Free.

I am indeed proud to be a part of the NAACP Southeast Region team.

THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONVENTION

We hope that state conferences and branches have already planned to be represented at our 17th Annual Regional Convention because we meet earlier this year than we have for the last several years and, there are a great many problems which need our collective attention.

Newly-elected officers need to know how they can be the best officers possible.

What can we do to insure Economic Opportunity and Security to more of our people in the cities and in the rural areas?

What must we be prepared to do to desegregate more schools and get quality education for our children under the incoming Nixon administration and 15 years after the U. S. Supreme Court Decision which declared segregation in public education unconstitutional?

What are our next steps in Political Action?

What can we do in the area of Housing under the new laws?

And, what can and must we do to get Equal Justice under the Law in the face of Wallace and Agnew type criers for "Law and Order?"

These are some of the things we want to consider at our Regional Convention and we need your help to develop an effective Regional Program for the coming months.

As we indicated above, we meet early this year, but we must, because we need time between our Convention and the Annual Convention which meets in Jackson, Mississippi in June.

So - - - Please, Please, work overtime to get your delegates ready and have them at our meeting.