

ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE INC.
JEFFERSON DAVIS HOTEL
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
MAY 6, 1967

The Alabama Democratic Conference, Inc. was opened for its semi-annual or spring meeting on the above date and place at 11:15 A.M., with Attorney Arthur Shores presiding. This was the business session. Prayer was offered by Rev. Reese of Dallas County.

Mr. O. F. Frazier, Chairman of the organizing committee, was called upon to make his report. Mr. Frazier's report follows: Requests were sent to chairman of varied groups asking for an opportunity to come to group meetings and set-up a democratic organization. The only counties responding were Mobile and Monroe. Districts represented at meeting on May 6, 1967 were as follows:

First District-----	No representation
Second " -6***----	All counties
Third " -----	Houston and Macon
Fourth " *-----	Dallas
Fifth " -----	No representation
Sixth " -----	Well represented
Seventh " -----	Etowah but no finance
Eighth " -----	No contact

Out of 67 counties, only 17 counties were represented.

It was moved by Peter Hall and seconded by Rufus Lewis that the report of organizational committee be accepted. Same carried by conference.

Rufus Lewis motioned and Rev. Barber seconded that extension

of thanks to Mr. Frazier for the fine work he had done be made. Same passed upon satisfactorily by conference. Peter Hall in his thanks to Mr. Frazier for a good effort called upon the conference for a vote of thanks for Mr. Frazier which Mr. Lewis made and Rev. Barber seconded.

After some discussion on what can be done relative to contacting citizens in different counties, Attorney Shores said he would personally be responsible for contacting Talladega.

James Johnson of Birmingham said there must be personal contact to stretch out over this State for real response.

Mr. Jones, Chairman of finance was not present. No report.

Mr. W. Kiser Wilson, Chairman of Registration Committee reported: There is still great need for getting more interest in voting. It is evident that apathy still exists.

Mr. Alvin Holmes, Chairman of Constitution Committee reporting: Mr. Holmes read the entire Constitution. At conclusion of reading Mr. Shores asked for procedure to be followed. Peter Hall suggested that we consider it article by article. This was done.

Article 1 -- accepted; article 2 accepted; article 3 amended-- Membership shall be open to any organization.

On Article 7 it was referred to Executive Committee with power to act and action of committee would make it a part of the Constitution. Note: The objection of monetary allocation to districts and with same representation otherwise.)

Mr. Emory O. Jackson moved that Section A under Article 8 be amended that we meet once per year when there is no State wide or National election. This was seconded by Mrs. Smith. This matter of number

Peter Hall seconded properly and carried by conference.

The Constitution was adopted by convention with written-in amendments, some deletions and additions.

Report of Nominating Committee:

The report was read, received and adopted. The list of officers proposed and elected is as follows:

Chairman ----- Rufus A. Lewis
Vice Chairman --- Peter A. Hall
Secretary ----- Paulish G. Johnson
Assistant Sec'y - O. F. Prasher
Treasurer ----- Charles G. Gemillion
Chaplain ----- C. H. Montgomery
Parliamentarian -- Joe L. Reed

Congressional District Committee Members

T. O. McClammy -- 1
Rev. David Barber -- 2
C. G. Gemillion -- 3
Rev. F. D. Boone -- 4
W. H. Hollins -- 5

It was moved that the secretary be empowered to cast an unanimous ballot vote for the elected officers. This was done by the secretary.

At this point it was brought to the attention of the conference that Governor Larrison Wallace had not put any Negroes on Delinquent Committee. Also the fact that Tuskegee Institute was having funds withheld as recommended by the Governor.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Shores be empowered to appoint a Resolution Committee. Mr. Shores named the following to serve on this committee: Emory O. Jackson, Mrs. Early, O. F. Prasher, Peter Hall and Alvin Holmes.

Adjournment 1:58 P.M.

Sunday Afternoon Session

FUNDS COLLECTED -

Assessments - Jefferson County ---	\$400.00
Crenshaw County ---	15.00
Dallas County ---	50.00
Covington County -	8.00
Montgomery County -	125.00
Total --	\$598.00
Public Collection -	40.37
Grand Total ----	\$638.37

Resolutions were sent as follows:

1. To Governor Lurleen Wallace

On Delinquency Committee omitting Negroes to serve on same

2. President Johnson as Leader of Democratic Party

3. On reinstatement of Tuskegee Appropriation Annual Budgetary Allowance

All of the above named resolutions were adopted by the Conference.

Beulah C. Johnson, Secretary

Rufus A. Lewis, Chairman

Arthur Shores, Presiding

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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MAY 6, 1967

Saturday, October 8, 1966

The Jefferson Davis Hotel
Montgomery, Ala.

12:00 - 2:00 P. M.

Registration of Delegates

(MDC
\$1.00 Fee)

2:00 - 2:30 P. M.

General Session

Presiding: Mr. Rufus A. Lewis

County Clerk

keynote Statement

Mr. C. C. Conliff

2:30 - 4:30 P. M.

Workshops

Workshop A - Race

Chairman - Shera n Hall

1. "The Structure, Functioning, and Problems of the Democratic
State and County Executive Committees"

STATE - Shores
County - C. H. Montgomery

2. "The Status, Role, and Problems of Negro Municipal and County
Office-holders in Alabama"

a. Member of the City Council
- Mr. E. L. Buford or Mr. Stanley H. Smith

b. Member of the County Board of Revenue
- Mr. V. A. Lewis

c. Member of the County Board of Education
- Mr. C. C. Conliff

d. Member of the County Democratic Executive Committee
- Mr. C. H. Montgomery

e. Member of City/County Planning Board
- Arthur Hollis

f. Housing - Mr. Jacoby, W. L.
g. - Brundis & Saunders - L. J. Willie

3. "How to Work Effectively to Secure the Appointment of Negroes
to County and Municipal Governing Bodies"

Emory Jackson

Back Speaker
3-5 minutes

Workshop B --- Room

Chairman - *Hyser Wilson*

1. "How to Organize Negro ~~Business~~ Democrats on the County, Municipal, and Precinct Levels"

- *Mr. O.F. Frozier - Rural*- *JAMES JOHNSON - Carbon*

2. "How to Stimulate and Facilitate Effective Voting in Primary and General Elections", or "Getting Out the Vote"

- *Mrs. Fannie Neal*- *EARL DAVIS or Phil Wakeman Weighman*

3. "Developing, Organizing, and Executing a Program of Political Education in Cities and Rural Areas"

- *Mrs. Bernice Johnson*

4. "Financing County and Democratic Groups, and the Alabama Democratic Conference"

~~*Mr. Robert H. Smith*~~*Mr. James Hall*

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7:30 P. M. ----- Conference Banquet

Place

Treasurer - *W. C. Thompson or E. L. Ligon*

1. Invocation -----

2. Remarks ----- *Joe Louis Reed*

3. Meal

4. Presentation of Speaker - *Rufus Huffman*

5. Message ----- ⁽¹⁾*Mayhall*, ⁽²⁾*Robert Vance*, ⁽³⁾*C. W. McKay*, ⁽⁴⁾*Wiley Brant*

6. Presentation of guests -

⁽⁵⁾*Vernon Jordan*

7. Announcements ----- *Mr. Rufus A. Lewis*

8. Adjournment

Sunday, October 9, 1966

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9:00 - 11:00 A. M. Business Session

Presiding - Mr. Rufus A. Lewis

1. Report of the Organizing Committee - Mr. O. P. Fowler
2. Report of the Finance Committee - Mr. Robert D. Jones
3. Report of the Treasurer - Mr. Leon Claxton
4. Report of the Voter-Registration Committee - Mr. W. R. Roper Wilson
5. Report of the Research Secretary - Mr. O. C. O. Conliffe
6. Report of the Research Committee

3:00 P. M. Public Meeting

Place - City Auditorium

Presiding - Peter Hall

1. Invocation - Mr. Rufus A. Lewis
2. Statement - Mr. Rufus A. Lewis
3. Music - (MDC)
4. Plenary Appeal - (MDC)
5. Presentation of Alabama Negro (a) Governmental Office-holders and (b) Democratic Business for Political Offices
6. Message -
7. Presentation of Guests - (MDC)
8. Benediction

Introduction of the Speaker -

Mr. Frank Thomas

Mr. Emory Jackson