

What They're Saying in the Governor's Race -- See Below

# ADCI Doesn't Mention You-Know-Who

BY ROBERTA REISIG

MONTGOMERY -- From the sound of things at the semi-annual convention of the Alabama Democratic Conference, Inc. (ADCI), you might never have guessed that George C. Wallace is running his wife for governor.

During the Negro political group's two-day meeting here in the Jefferson Davis Hotel, no speaker mentioned the governor or his wife, Lurleen.

Instead, the Negro Democrats pointed to the dozens of Negroes holding public office in Alabama, and heard friendly messages from two white politicians.

Delegates to the convention received a warm greeting from B. Sullivan, Montgomery's commissioner of public safety and one-time enemy of civil rights groups. Sullivan hailed the group as "fellow Democrats."

On Sunday afternoon, Robert Vance of Birmingham became the first chairman of the Alabama Democratic Executive committee ever to speak to a Negro audience. The head of the state Democratic party told the ADCI members: "The time is past when you take one message to one group of people, and another message to another group."

Vance took the Negro Democrats a message of the state



ADCI HEAD TABLE: ROBERT VANCE AT LEFT, PETER HALL AT RIGHT the name Wallace never passed the chairman's lips. Saturday night's guest speaker, E.T. Kehrér of Atlanta, Ga., Southern director of the AFL-CIO's civil rights department, didn't talk about Wallace, either. But he said Lester Maddox, the Democratic candidate for governor in his state, "has one foot in a strait-jacket."

party's accomplishments in education, highways, industrial expansion, and tourist business. He said the Democrats had an "umbrella" party that excluded no one.

Some listeners thought Vance's praise of "our present Democratic administration in Alabama" was a quiet way of asking the ADCI to support Mrs. Wallace in November. But

Kehrér noted that the choice in Georgia is between Maddox and U.S. Representative Howard "Bo" Callaway, a conservative Republican. "Between whom do you choose?" he asked. "A Kluxer in a bedsheet or a Kluxer in a tuxedo?"

Kehrér claimed that the "so-called riots" in Atlanta last month "were stimulated by agent provocateurs to influence the election." The resulting "white backlash" gave Maddox the Democratic nomination, Kehrér said.

But the ADCI delegates seemed not to be bitter about the nominations of Mrs. Wallace and Maddox. Many speakers re-affirmed their belief in working within the Alabama Democratic party structure.

"We're moving," said Peter Hall of Birmingham. "It may be at a snail's pace, but that turtle, he got there faster than the hare."

It was announced that more than five dozen Negro Democrats hold elective and appointive city and county offices in Macon, Mobile and Jefferson counties.

"To those who would start a third party, I say 'Farewell.' History's overloaded with failures of this sort," said Joe L. Reed of Montgomery. "If you don't like what's going on in the Democratic party, the only way to change it is to work within the framework of it."

"We're Democrats. We've got to support the Democratic party and the Democratic candidates," said Hall. That was as close to an outright election endorsement as the convention ever came.

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TEN CENTS

## PROGRAM

8:00 P.M.—Jefferson Davis Hotel Ballroom

### MENU FOR BANQUET

Chicken Elice

Continental Rice      Blue Lake Beans

Tossed Salad w/French Dressing

Rolls      Butter      Coffee

Toastmaster — Mr. William E. Thompson

Invocation.....Rev. James Moody

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Montgomery Commissioner of Public Safety

Remarks.....Mr. Joe L. Reed

Meal

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Presentation of Speaker.....Mr. Rufus Huffman

Address.....Mr. E. T. (Al) Kehrner  
Southern Director, AFL-CIO Civil Rights Dept.

Presentation of Guest.....Mrs. Amelia Boynton

Announcements.....Mr. Rufus A. Lewis  
Chairman A. D. C.

Alabama Democratic Conference Incorporated  
Montgomery, Alabama  
October 8, 1966

The Conference Banquet  
Jefferson Davis Hotel Montgomery, Ala.

Tostmaster            Mr. William E. Thompson

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| 1. Invocation              | Rev. James Moody                        |
| 2. Greetings               | Mr. L. B. Sullivan<br>City Commissioner |
| 3. Meal                    |   |
| 4. Presentation of Speaker | Mr. Rufus Huffman                       |
| 5. Message                 | Mr. E.T.(AL) Kehrler                    |
| 6. Presentation of guests  | Mrs. Amelia Boynton                     |
| 7. Announcements           | Mr. Rufus A. Lewis                      |
| 8. Adjournment             |   |

SECTION LEADERS WEEKLY REPORT  
(To be submitted to Precinct Captain)

Name of Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Period covered by this report: FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Number of workers participating. \_\_\_\_\_

Number Contacted by door-to-door canvassing (surveying) \_\_\_\_\_

Number contacted that were registered voters \_\_\_\_\_

Number contacted that were not registered \_\_\_\_\_

Number applied for registration during this period \_\_\_\_\_

Number successfully registered during this period \_\_\_\_\_

Number denied registration during this period \_\_\_\_\_

State reasons for denial \_\_\_\_\_

Number refusing to participate \_\_\_\_\_ State reasons \_\_\_\_\_

Number agreeing to register at a definite time \_\_\_\_\_

State problems encountered during this period.

How did you resolve these problems?

WEEKLY PRECINCT ACTIVITY REPORT  
(To be submitted to the County Chairman)

PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

PRECINCT CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PRECINCT \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE REPORT SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF WORKERS PARTICIPATING \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER CONTACTED BY DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASSING \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER CONTACTED THAT WERE REGISTERED \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER CONTACTED THAT WERE NOT REGISTERED \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER DENIED REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

REASONS FOR DENIAL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER AGREEING TO REGISTER AT A DEFINITE TIME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE \_\_\_\_\_

REASONS FOR REFUSAL \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING ANY DIFFICULTIES ? \_\_\_\_\_ IF "YES" STATE DIFFICULTIES

DO YOU HAVE ADEQUATE LEADERS IN YOUR PRECINCT? (YES) (NO)

WHAT PROBLEMS ARE YOUR WORKERS CONFRONTED WITH?

DO YOU NEED HELP IN RESOLVING THE PROBLEMS? (YES) (NO)

ATTACHMENT 3

BLOCKWORKERS WEEKLY REPORT  
(To be given to the Section Leader)

IDENTIFYING DATA

DATE SUBMITTED:

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Section Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Worker \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Streets & Blocks Worked \_\_\_\_\_

Number of homes visited in door-to-door canvass (survey): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Voting age people contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people contacted that were registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People contacted that were not registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Number agreeing to register at a definite time: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people contacted by telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Churches \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Number refusing to participate: \_\_\_\_\_ List reasons for refusal \_\_\_\_\_

What problems did you encounter during this period. (give detail explanation)

How did you solve these problems:

List names and addresses of persons in your area that would like to help in our work.

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**- PRECINCT CAPTAIN -**

- 1) Appoint your best workers as Section Leaders and explain to them their duties and responsibilities and the area assigned.
- 2) Receive weekly reports from the Section Leaders and prepare a compiled "Weekly Precinct Activity Report" (see attachment 3) for submission to the County Chairman once a week.
- 3) Receive the "Name" and "Address" cards from the Section Leaders and keep them on file.
- 4) After you are satisfied that your precinct has been thoroughly covered and your files are up to date, make two or more copies of an alphabetical list of all registered voters in the precinct. Submit atleast one of these copies to the County Chairman.
- 5) Appoint the following committees: (a) Telephone Committee, (b) Transportation committee, (c) Baby-sitting Committee, and (d) Poll Worker Committee.
- 6) Insure that the workers are supplied with forms, information and days in which the Registrar's Office is opened for registration.
- 7) Have regular meetings with the Section Leaders.

**- COUNTY CHAIRMAN -**

- 1) Hold weekly meetings with all Precinct Captains in the county, receiving their "Weekly Precinct Activity Reports".
- 2) Prepare and submit to the District Chairman a "Monthly County Activity Report" compiled from the reports of the Precinct Captains. (Attach 4)
- 3) Insure that the precincts have efficient leaders.
- 4) Appoint chairmen for the following committees: (a) Registration, (b) Speakers, (c) Publicity, (d) Finance and (e) Research.
- 5) Keep the committees busy, and the organization functioning.

**- DISTRICT CHAIRMAN -**

- 1) Hold a monthly meeting of all County Chairmen receiving their reports and discussing all problems encountered, resolving them if possible.
- 2) Insure that the district has adequate County Chairmen.
- 3) Meet with and submit reports to State Chairman monthly.
- 4) Insure that the entire District is well organized.

ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INCORP.  
Voter-Registration Committee  
801 Bolivar Street Phone 262-1734  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Outlined below are the duties and responsibilities of various echelons ranging from blockworkers to the state chairman. If these procedures are followed our organization will grow immeasurably.

- BLOCKWORKER -

- 1) Know your area of responsibility and every adult residing therein.
- 2) Know the status of every adult resident by making regular door-to-door canvasses (surveys).
- 3) When making the surveys note in the "remarks" section of the survey sheet all information that will help classify the voter such as: "need help at poll", "need transportation to poll", "need baby-sitter", "Will work", etc.
- 4) Make regular checks with all registered voters/encouraging them to vote on election day and with all unregistered persons urging them to get registered.
- 5) Give the Section leader a copy of all survey sheets and keep a copy to work from.
- 6) Keep the Section Leader posted on all newcomers and persons moving from your area.
- 7) Submit a "Workers Weekly Report" to the section leader weekly.  
(see attachment 1)
- 8) Be courteous, polite and helpful to people with personal difficulties.
- 9) Attend precinct meetings as often as possible.

- SECTION LEADER -

- 1) Secure a sufficient amount of good, interested blockworkers to cover the entire section assigned you. Blockworker should live in the area assigned him or her.
- 2) Receive a copy of the blockworkers' survey sheets, fill out an "Address Card" and a "Name Card" for each registered voter.
- 3) Make-up and submit to the Precinct Captain the "Section Leaders Weekly Report" (see attachment 2) from information secured from all of the "Blockworkers Weekly Reports", also the "Name" and "Address" cards. This should be accomplished weekly.
- 4) Have regular meetings with the blockworkers and the Precinct Captain.

**ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INCORP.**  
**Semi-Annual Meeting**

The semi-annual meeting of the Alabama Democratic Conference, inc., will be held October 8-9 at the Jefferson Davis Hotel in Montgomery. The meeting will be divided into four (4) sessions:

**SESSION I - Davis Room**

12:00 - 2:00 P.M. -----Registration of Delegates

2:00 - 2:30 P.M. -----Orientation session  
Presiding----- Mr. Rufus A. Lewis, Chairman, Alabama Democratic Conf.

Keynote Statement-----Mr. C. G. Gomillion, Research Secretary, ADC

**Workshop I - Jefferson Room**

Leader - Mr. Arthur D. Shores  
Birmingham, Alabama

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

State - Mr. Arthur D. Shores (5 minutes)

County - Mr. C. H. Montgomery (5 minutes)  
Questions (10 minutes)

2. "The Status, Role, and Problems of Negro Municipal and County Office-Holders in Alabama". (Each speaker limited from 3 to 5 minutes)

a. Member, City Council-----Rev. K. L. Buford, Tuskegee

b. Member, County Board of Revenue-----Rev. L. A. Edwards,  
Macon County

c. Member, County Board of Education-----Dr. C. G. Gomillion,  
Macon County

d. Member, County Board of Pensions and Security-----Mr. L. J. Willie,  
Jefferson County

e. Member, City Planning Board-----Mr. W. H. Hollins,  
Birmingham

f. Member, City Housing Authority-----Mr. W. L. Lassiter, Jr.  
Tuskegee

g. Member, County Demo. Executive Committee-----Mr. C. H. Montgomery,  
Mobile

Questions and answer period (25 minutes)

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

Dr. Stanley H. Smith-----Tuskegee (10 Minutes)

Questions and answers (20 Minutes)

Workshop II - Room B

Mr. W. Kyser Wilson, Leader  
Montgomery, Alabama

1. "How to Organize Negro Democrats on County, Municipal, and Precinct Levels"
  - a. Mr. O. F. Frazier, Conecuh County (10 minutes)
  - b. Mr. James Johnson, Jefferson County (10 minutes)
  - c. Questions and answers (10 minutes)
2. "How to Stimulate and Facilitate Effective Voting in Primary and General Elections", or "How to Get Out the Vote"
  - a. Mrs. Fannie A. Neal, AFL-CIO (15 minutes)
  - b. Questions and answers (15 minutes)
3. "Developing, Organizing, and Executing a Program of Political Education in Cities and Counties"
  - a. Mrs. Bernice Johnson, Birmingham (15 minutes)
  - b. Questions and answers (15 minutes)
4. "Financing County and Democratic Groups, and the Alabama Democratic Conference"
  - a. Mr. James Hall, Dothan (10 minutes)
  - b. Questions and answers (15 minutes)

SESSION II

8:00 P.M. -----Conference Banquet

Place: Jefferson Davis Hotel Ballroom

Toastmaster - Mr. William E. Thompson

Invocation-----Rev. James Moody

Greetings-----Mr. L. B. Sullivan,  
Montgomery Commissioner of Public Safety

Remarks-----Mr. Joe L. Reed

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Electoral  
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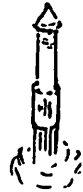
~~Organization~~  
1. State  
2. District  
3. County  
4. precinct

No. of Voters } white  
No. of potential } <sup>+</sup> negroes

Purpose  
Objective  
Voluntary workers

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INCORP.  
JEFFERSON-DAVIS HOTEL  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 8-9, 1966

Alabama Democratic  
conference  
2nd Congressional District  
BANQUET



YOUR VOTE CARRIES WEIGHT

APRIL 9, 1966

8:00 O'Clock P.M.

MID-TOWN HOLIDAY INN

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Orum Frazier

Invocation ----- Rev. Percy Smith, Jr.

Greetings ----- Mr. Alvin A. Holmes

Occasion ----- Mr. Joe Louis Reed

Introduction of Speaker ----- Dr. Alfred Nixon

SPEAKER ----- Mr. Dick Gregory

Introduction of Candidates ----- Mr. Albert J. Wood

Recognition of Guests ----- Mr. Orum Frazier

Observations and Announcements

Mr. Rufus A. Lewis

Benediction ----- Rev. Percy Smith, Jr.

# Montgomery County Democratic Banquet



August 14, 1964

Jefferson Davis Hotel

8 O'clock P.M.

## OFFICERS

Rufus A. Lewis.....Chairman  
Arthur Jones Sr.....Vice Chairman  
Leola C. Baker.....Secretary  
Aaron Robinson.....Treasurer

## PROGRAM

Dr. Moses W. Jones  
Master of Ceremonies

Prelude.....Mr. Benjamine Hall  
Invocation.....Rev. O. R. Flournoy  
Solo.....Miss Delois Martin  
Greeting.....Mrs. J. E. Caple  
Occasion.....Mr. Rufus A. Lewis  
Recognition of Guests.....Mr. James Hall  
Solo.....Miss Joyce Avery  
Introduction of Speaker.....Mr. Jim Wood  
Speaker.....Senator Leroy Johnson  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Remarks  
Benediction.....Rev. I. L. Forbes

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ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INCORPORATED  
1630 Fourth Avenue, North, Room 312  
Birmingham, Alabama

August 13, 1964

Dear Fellow Democrat:

Enclosed herewith is a position statement, as authorized at a meeting of our Board of Directors, in Montgomery, on August 9, 1964. This statement has been presented to Democratic leaders, both locally and nationally.

You are again urged to present to me immediately the names of persons from your District who plan to attend the 1964 Democratic Convention, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on August 24, 1964 (Monday).

I will arrive in Atlantic City on Sunday, and you can contact me through the office of the National Democratic Committee for the purpose of securing tickets for our observers. The office will be located in the Convention Hall. You can easily ascertain the location upon arrival.

Very truly yours,

ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INC.

*Orzell Billingsley Jr*  
Orzell Billingsley, Jr.  
Chairman

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Enclosure

From the  
PRESIDENT'S  
PEN



By Joe Reed

Joe Reed has been chairman of the Alabama Democratic Conference for the past three years. Long active in the area of protecting black teachers' rights, he is now associate executive secretary of the 35,000-member biracial Alabama Education Assn. He was national co-chairman for the Committee of Educators for Humphrey-Muskie in 1968.

Chairman Reed is also one of the original founders of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

The big issue before blacks in Alabama in the 1972 Democratic National Convention is whether or not we are going to take the 1968 Voting Rights Act and make politicians behave.

There is no question but that there is disagreement between John Cashin and myself over the role of black politics.

John Cashin believes blacks should boycott the primaries where 99% of all Alabama office holders are elected. For blacks to do that would be to play right into the hands of the George Wallaces, the Bull Connors and their fellow travelers.

# the BLACK DISPATCH



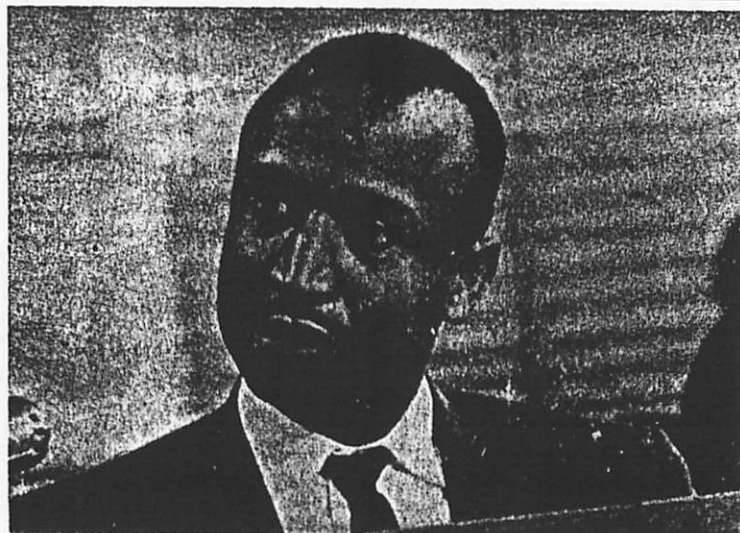
ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE—MONTGOMERY



SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE, JULY 10-13, 1972

**Phony Leadership Unmasked—**

## FROM ALABAMA BLACKS: THE TRUE STORY



Joe Reed, ADC Chairman, tells it like it is. (See Column 1)

## BULL LET OUT TO PASTURE...

Bull Connor has been put out to pasture and the Alabama Democratic Conference can take pride as the organization most responsible.

For years, Connor, as boss of the Birmingham Police Department, blatantly discriminated against black citizens. So bad were his tactics that his name was synonymous with racial injury.

**NO BLACKS IN**

## NDPA CONVENTION FULL OF VIOLATIONS

Dr. John Cashin must be laughing up his sleeve at his own rump party convention held on May 27. It was bossism at its worst and he thinks he is getting away with it.

He selected an inaccessible convention site only 17 miles from the Mississippi line, the tiny rural town of Epes, Alabama (population 293).

His delegates which he wants seated at Miami Beach supposedly were selected at NDPA mass meetings around the state. When the National Democratic Party's own hearing officer looked at Cashin's record, however, he found some startling revelations.

The so-called mass meetings were held in only 19 of Alabama's 67 counties. Statewide a total of 217 persons participated in all of the mass meetings.

Who speaks for blacks in Alabama?

Certainly not Dr. John Logan Cashin, the rich Huntsville dentist who lives in the white community and drives a Rolls Royce.

Dr. Cashin is in fact a late-bloomer in the Alabama civil rights struggle who is trying desperately to take credit for breakthroughs he had nothing to do with.

Where was Dr. Cashin during the Montgomery bus boycotts? Where was Dr. Cashin when fire hoses and police dogs were turned on demonstrators and school children in Birmingham? What was he doing during the Selma to Montgomery March? The good doctor wasn't seen at any of these places.

The chairman of the rump National Democratic Party of Alabama (NDPA) is a smooth talker to be sure but that's about as far as it goes. Cashin's claim to fame is in the field of political opportunism, not

## More of the Challenged Delegates—



The Alabama Legislature has been all-white and conservative since Reconstruction. But the tradition passed in the 1970 elections when Reps. Thomas Reed (left) and Fred Gray, both from Tuskegee, went to Montgomery.

# COLOR LINES FALL IN ALABAMA LEGISLATURE

History was made during the last regular session of the Alabama Legislature when State Reps. Fred Gray and Thomas Reed took their seats in the Alabama House of Representatives.

They became the first blacks to sit in the legislative halls in Montgomery since Reconstruction—and representing George Wallace's home district to boot.

Both are well known fighters in the field of civil rights.

Reed, a successful businessman, is also state president of the NAACP.

Gray, an attorney, has handled most of the civil rights cases over the past 15 years in Alabama's stormy Middle District.

He first achieved fame during the successful Montgomery bus boycotts. He

## AMERSON: AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK SHERIFF

When elected in 1966 Lucius D. Amerson was the first black sheriff in the entire country.

Thus ended a 100-year fight for freedom for black people in Macon County, Alabama. The secret of victory was unity and hard work.

Sheriff Amerson's election, however, was just the beginning. Alabama now has four



## Holmes: Alabama's Black Militant

Alvin Holmes, Alabama's fiery black militant who is the field director for the Alabama Democratic Conference (black caucus), has been actively involved in the civil rights movement in Alabama since his college days.

While at Alabama State University Holmes and other student leaders organized one of the first sit-in demonstrations in the nation at a public restaurant in the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Alvin Holmes was also very actively involved in civil rights activities with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

He has been dismissed from several positions by the white power structure for his leadership in the area of opposing discriminatory policies by city and state governments.

These dismissals have caused

entire university student bodies to go on strike in support of Holmes and also brought Hosea Williams and other SCLC staff members to his aid.

Holmes' most recent battle involves the re-naming of Jackson Street and parts of Interstates 65 and 85 in Montgomery as "Martin Luther King Expressway."

Alvin Holmes has led a militant fight against white racists in Alabama and as a result of his strong stand has been beaten and placed in jail on many occasions. But, quoting Dr. King, Holmes said there is often very little material gain without some personal pain.

For his efforts, Alvin Holmes, who won 4,163 votes in grabbing a seat in Alabama Democratic National Convention delegation, is being challenged by the minority faction, NDPA, which could turn out only five people in a mass meeting May 2 to "nominate" his challenger.



Alvin Holmes, head of the newly formed Montgomery Urban League and ADC field director, is well known for his role in the struggle for confrontation.

## EARLY KING AIDE NOMINATED HIM

Rufus Lewis, the well-liked former football coach at Alabama State University,

deceptive means to achieve their goals," Lewis said. "I don't

VICE CHAIRMAN  
Peter Hall  
Birmingham, Alabama

SECRETARY  
Beulah Johnson  
Tuskegee, Alabama

ASST. SECRETARY  
O. F. Frazier  
Evergreen, Alabama

TREASURER  
Isom Clements  
Mobile, Alabama

CHAPLAIN  
C. H. Montgomery  
Mobile, Alabama

PARLIMENTARIAN  
Joe L. Reed  
Montgomery



## *Alabama Democratic Conference, Inc.*

RUFUS A. LEWIS, Chairman  
801 Bolivar Street Phone 262-1784  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

May 27, 1967

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE  
O. F. Frazier  
Evergreen, Alabama

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
R. D. Jones  
Monroeville, Alabama

RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
Dr. Charles Gomillion  
Tuskegee, Alabama

BUDGET COMMITTEE  
Rufus Huffman  
Union Springs, Alabama

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
Arthur Shores  
Birmingham, Alabama

PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
Rev. Y. T. Rogers  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

VOTER-REGISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
W. Kyser Wilson  
Montgomery, Alabama

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
Rev. Frederick D. Reese  
Selma, Alabama

PUBLIC RELATIONS  
McKinley Kolb  
Birmingham, Alabama

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM  
Joseph Bradford (Federal)  
Wetumpka, Alabama

Rev. William Branch (State)  
Forkland, Alabama

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE  
James Hall  
Dothan, Alabama

TO: Nurses of Montgomery County

FROM: Rufus A. Lewis

RE: Monthly Meeting

The Montgomery County Democratic Conference will hold its regular monthly meeting Sunday, June 4, 1967 at 3 o'clock at the Metropolitan Methodist Church on West Jeff Davis.

A program of interest and importance has been planned including a distinguished political speaker.

We are asking you and the members of your organization to please make plans to attend. Your presence will help make this meeting a successful one.

Sincerely,

Rufus A. Lewis

CONSTITUTION  
of  
THE ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INC.

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known by, and do business under the name of "The Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated."

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to bring together in one organization, through duly elected representatives, members of city and county Democratic organizations within the state, to stimulate and facilitate the organization of such groups where none exists, and to advocate an advance the principles and goals of the National Democratic Party.

Article III - Membership

✓ The Alabama Democratic Conference shall be composed of a specified number of bona fide Democrats elected to represent the Congressional Districts within the State. Each Congressional District shall have the number of votes equivalent to the number of representatives in the lower house of the Alabama Legislature.

Article IV - Meetings

The Alabama Democratic Conference shall meet annually on the second Sunday in April. Special sessions may be called by the chairman upon approval of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. A quorum of the Conference shall consist of at least 27 members; representing at least five Congressional Districts.

Article V - Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the Conference shall consist of a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, an assistant secretary, a treasurer, a parliamentarian, and a chaplain. An officer shall hold office for one year, or until a successor has been elected. Officers may succeed themselves in office.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected annually by ballot at the annual meeting, and shall be installed immediately.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, the chairmen of standing committees, and the District Representatives. Representatives-at-large may serve on the Board of Directors as alternates to the District Representatives.

Section 4. The executive committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers.

Section 5. An executive committee quorum shall consist of at least four (4) elected officers.

### Article VI-- Vacancies

In the event of death, physical or mental disability, or other disqualifications of the chairman, the vice chairman shall take over the duties of the Chairman's Office, and shall conduct such office until the next regular election. In the event of the death or disqualification of any other elected officer, the ~~executive committee~~ shall, by majority vote, appoint a successor to serve until the next regular election.

### Article VII - Dues and Assessments

Each County and each City Democratic Conference shall be assessed ten cents annually for each registered Democrat in the County or City Conference, payable in two installments. Contributions to the National Democratic Party may be made in the form of membership dues or donations through the State Conference.

### Article VIII - Amendments and Revisions

Any proposal to amend must come from at least ten members from at least three Congressional Districts 90 days before the annual meeting in April. The proposal must include the signatures of the members, and must be sent to the chairman, and a copy to the secretary. Any amendment may be changed at the time of the annual meeting as long as the modification is germane to the original proposal, and is voted favorably by 2/3 of the members present and voting.

## BY-LAWS

### Article I - Membership

Section 1. The Alabama Democratic Conference shall be composed of a specified number of representatives of county and City Democratic Conferences or Clubs from each Congressional District in Alabama.

Section 2. Each county within a Congressional District which has at least 100 financial Democrats shall be entitled to a representative.

Section 3. The names of the representatives and their alternates must be certified to the Secretary of the Alabama Democratic Conference by the president or chairman and secretary of the County or City Conference immediately after they are elected or appointed.

### Article II - Meetings

The regular annual meeting shall be held on the second Sunday in April at a place designated by the Conference or the Board of Directors. Special sessions of the Conference may be called by the chairman upon approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. Special sessions may be held only after members have had twenty days notice. Board meetings may be called by the chairman, or by one-third of the members of the Board.

### Article III - Officers

The officers of the Alabama Democratic Conference shall be (1) a chairman, (2) a vice chairman, (3) a secretary, (4) an assistant secretary, (5) a treasurer, (6) a parliamentarian, and (7) a chaplain.

#### Article IV - Duties of the Officers

It shall be the duty of the chairman to preside at all meetings of the Conference and of the executive committee, and to see that the Constitution and policies of the Conference are carried out. The chairman shall appoint all standing committees, and any other committees considered necessary to carry out the program of the Conference.

The vice chairman shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the chairman, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the chairman.

The secretary shall keep all records of the Conference, record the minutes of each meeting of the Conference and of the executive committee, receive all monies of the Conference, and issue vouchers for checks against the account of the Conference.

The assistant secretary shall act as secretary in the absence of the secretary, and at the direction of the chairman.

The treasurer shall receive all monies given to him by the secretary, deposit same in a commercial bank, and issue checks upon vouchers received from the secretary.

The parliamentarian shall see that the meetings are conducted according to parliamentary procedure.

The chaplain shall open and close each meeting with prayer.

#### Article V - Revenue

The revenue of this Conference shall come from membership dues and assessments, and from such other activities which are deemed appropriate. In order for a member to be eligible to vote in the annual meeting and to be eligible for election to office or appointment to committees, the assessment of the County or City Conference or Club which he represents must be fully paid by March 15.

#### Article VI - Election of Officers

At each annual meeting there shall be elected a nominating committee of five whose duty it will be to prepare a slate of candidates for presentation at the next annual meeting. Each member of the committee shall be from a different Congressional District. Candidates may be nominated from the floor. Voting may be secret or open ballot. Candidates receiving a majority of votes shall be declared elected.

The chairman of the Conference shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

#### Article VII - Committees

The standing committees of the Conference shall be:

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| 1. Budget                       | 6. Organizing                    |
| 2. Equal Jobs and Opportunities | 7. Program                       |
| 3. Finance                      | 8. Public Relations and Research |
| 4. Legislation                  | 9. Voting and Registration       |
| 5. Membership                   | 10. Women's Activities           |

The chairmen of the Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Conference. Other members of the committees shall be appointed by the District Representatives, or by the Chairman of the Conference.

### Article VIII - Duties of Committees

1. Budget. This committee shall prepare the annual budget and present it to the Conference at its annual meeting.
2. Equal Jobs and Opportunities. This committee shall stimulate, seek, secure, and disseminate information concerning "equal jobs and opportunities" in public and private organizations.
3. Finance. The Finance Committee shall propose and plan special fund-raising projects when needed, be responsible for receiving financial contributions at the public meetings at the annual meetings, and on other special occasions, and shall perform such other duties as the executive committee may authorize in order to provide the Conference with adequate funds.
4. Legislation. It shall be the duty of this committee to analyze and evaluate proposed or pending legislation; to recommend support legislation conducive to the general welfare, and opposition to, and repeal of, legislation not in the public interest; to recommend needed legislation.
5. Membership. This committee shall consist in part of the chairmen of the membership committees in the Congressional Districts, and shall have the responsibility of identifying and certifying the County Democratic Clubs which are bona fide financial members of the Conference. (The Membership Committee is the Credentials Committee.)
6. Organizing. The primary function of this committee shall be that of stimulating and facilitating the organization of county-wide Democratic Clubs in those counties in which they do not exist, and that of facilitating their financial affiliation with the Conference.
7. Program. This committee shall develop for the Conference program proposals which shall be submitted to the executive committee, and shall execute such program activities as the executive committee may assign.
8. Public Relations and Research. It shall be the duty of this committee to interpret the Conference to the public and to advise the officers and members of the Conference as to decisions and activities most appropriate for creating and maintaining the most effective public image. It shall, also, be the duty of this committee to assemble through inquiry, investigation, and formal research such data as would be of value to the Conference, and to present such to the Conference in an effective manner.
9. Voting and Registration. This committee shall assemble and disseminate through the most appropriate channels such information as might promote the most effective voting on the part of the electorate, and facilitate the registration of the unregistered.
10. Women's Activities. The duty of this committee shall be that of formulating and recommending to the executive committee programs designed to facilitate the effective participation of women in the Party, and to execute the approved programs.

### Article IX - Roberts Rules of Order

The Conference shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

# ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INC.

## Financial Assessment by District and County (To be Paid on or before May 6, 1967)

Congressional District	Approx. Number of Negro Voters	Votes for May 7	Financial Assessment
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First District	34, 975		\$ 255.00
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1. Choctaw	2,971	2	20.00
2. Clarke	2,495	2	20.00
3. Mobile	24,794	18	170.00
4. Monroe	2,380	2	20.00
5. Washington	1,403	2	10.00
6. Wilcox	3,932	3	15.00

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Second District	33,086		\$225.00
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1. Baldwin	1,156	2	10.00
2. Butler	1,731	2	12.00
3. Conecuh	1,822	2	15.00
4. Covington	992	2	8.00
5. Crenshaw	1,210	2	15.00
6. Escambia	1,755	2	15.00
7. Lowndes	2,353	2	7.00
8. Montgomery	19,052	13	125.00
9. Pike	3,015	3	25.00

\*This \$7.00 added to the \$225.00 for the District would make \$230.00 for the District.

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Third District	27,444		\$237.00
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1. Barbour	3,487	3	25.00
2. Bullock	2,980	2	20.00
3. Chambers	1,362	2	12.00
4. Coffee	994	2	8.00
5. Dale	1,411	2	10.00
6. Geneva	584	2	5.00
7. Henry	1,443	2	15.00
8. Houston	1,730	2	20.00
9. Lee	2,642	2	20.00
10. Macon	5,126	4	60.00
11. Russell	3,901	3	30.00
12. Tallapoosa	1,784	2	12.00

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