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*February 12, 1971*

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# National Association for the Advancement of Colored People



## GOALS OF THE NAACP....

The Association seeks to end racial segregation and other forms of discrimination in all public aspects of American life. This objective includes equal justice under law; protection of the right to vote; personal security against mob violence and police brutality; the end of segregation in public education, in transportation, in housing, health and recreational facilities, in libraries and museums, and in hotels, theatres, restaurants and taverns.

# National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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OFFICE OF: .....The President.....

January 1971

Dear Fellow Workers in NAACP,

As I take leave from my office as your President, I extend to the new Officers of our Branch my most sincere congratulations and pledge to them every possible support I can give. As I think over the many problems that we were confronted with, I cannot emphasize too strongly the great need to continue the fight we are waging for full equality and total freedom. For although there are some bright spots or breaks in the clouds, the horizon still has much to be desired.

To all who worked so diligently with me and for the Organization, let me express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the job you did. To those who went beyond the call of duty and to those who did not go quite so far, I ask you to continue to support the NAACP. My job was made so much easier because of the dedication and work of these true fighters for freedom, and it will be easier for the new Administration if you will give to them this same support.

The NAACP is no stronger than what we, as individuals, make it. Our strength is in our numbers - Let us continue to make membership everyone's business. Great strides have been made, goals have been met and victories have been won, but the fight still continues and will continue, until all men are free. We cannot and we will not stop now!! We will continue to fight for those ideals and ideas we so richly cherish and deserve. Let us ever keep before us the goals of this great Organization: FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE.

We cannot be content to ride on the backs of others, but each must, in his own way, carry his own load with pride and dignity in this fight for freedom, total equality and absolute justice for all.

Sincerely,  
*Ella B. McLean*  
Mrs. Ella B. McLean

*Our Sincere Thanks.....*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Executive Board and Members of  
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appreciation for the timeless effort given for the presentation of  
this Journal. We especially recognize the support from the many  
business firms and ask that you continue to patronize them.

We wish to thank our friends, community and  
professional organizations and churches for their interest in our  
many endeavors to preserve the rights of all men. We solicit  
your support as we continue the fight for freedom and total  
equality of all.

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We of the National Office are indeed happy to extend  
cordial greetings and heartiest congratulations to the  
Patchogue Branch, its members and friends as you celebrate  
the 10th Anniversary of the Branch.

Although great forward strides have been made in our  
crusade for equal rights, we are still far from the  
realization of our ultimate objectives. For more than a  
half century, the NAACP has been the leading force in the  
Fight for Freedom and has continuously worked to improve  
opportunities for the Negro minority in such vital fields  
as housing, education and employment. Our successes have  
been made possible through the dedication and untiring  
efforts of our volunteers who are in the vanguard of the  
civil rights campaign. The officers, members and friends  
of the Patchogue Branch have made significant contributions  
to our cause and we are confident that the newly installed  
officers will maintain this tradition.

Very sincerely yours,

*Roy Wilkins*  
Roy Wilkins  
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## REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1969-1970

During the past two years, the Education Committee has conducted a program which could be considered a continuation of previous education concerns of the Branch. Prior to 1969, recruitment of Afro-American teachers, school adoption of multi-ethnic materials, inclusion of Afro-American history and literature, correction of imbalance and participation of members of the community in decisions regarding Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act have been the focus of the Committee's work. It has been necessary to press for improvement in these areas but during 1969 and 1970 the approach and emphasis has varied in keeping with the changes of the times.

Contact with several of the larger school districts within the Branch's geographic area has been established on a more intensive level. Instead of the annual visit by two residents, it was necessary to have intensive dialogues with various concerned parties including board of education members, administrators, teachers and parents in the Bellport, Center Moriches, Middle Island and Patchogue-Medford Districts.

Achievement has been the major concern expressed in such dialogues. The relationship to achievement of grouping procedures, presence of Afro-American staff including administrators, teachers, guidance and supportive staff, relevant curriculum including Afro-American history, parent participation and positive teacher attitudes toward minority group children in particular and all children in general, has been stressed. Strong opposition has been expressed toward punitive actions such as suspensions which deal with the effect rather than the cause of the problem. The tensions expressed by students in the Bellport District, for example, have necessitated the preparation of a position paper and contact with the New York State Commissioner of Education, the New York State Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

As a result of committee review and recommendation, the Branch took positions in favor of the BOCES vocational education program, centralization of the East and Center Moriches and East, West and South Manors School Districts, the Bellport High School students' demands of October 3, 1969 and against public support of private education.

While the Branch is no longer engaged in a formal teacher recruitment program, it is concerned that the local districts continue to seek minority group personnel and make their staffs more representative of our total society. To establish contact with new teachers in the area, the committee has conducted receptions for the teachers both years. The most recent one was attended by approximately 30 teachers.

The Committee has promoted the concept of Task forces on Equal Educational Opportunity promoted by six major education organizations in New York State. Members have been active in pressing districts to form such groups and in

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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE (continued)

participating as members. There has also been active participation in education programs presented at NAACP state and national conferences.

The committee is keenly aware of the poor self-concept which our society and our schools build in our children. Much of the committee's focus has been to sensitize school personnel to the needs of the children. Improved curriculum for American history, English and other courses which would present a more accurate account of the Afro-American experience and contribution will help to correct student's negative feelings about themselves. The committee recognizes, however, that improved courses is not adequate to remedy the damage done, and conceived of a program which would sponsor Afro-American history study groups in Afro-American churches. This project did not develop but probably deserves further consideration in the near future.

It must be born in mind that there is a close relationship between achievement and self-concept. The Branch will have to continue to press the various institutions - the home, church and especially the school, to help children reach their potential through experiences which foster positive feelings of dignity and worth.

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## GREETING:

Your Application for Admission to the  
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has been passed upon by the Board of Directors of the Association at its Meeting on  
January 3rd, 1961, and granted, and this charter is therefore issued to you.

Your organization is now enrolled as a Branch of the Association.

This Charter is granted on the condition that your organization will endeavor  
to the best of its ability to cooperate with the National Association for the Advancement of  
Colored People in furtherance of the Association's object, namely:

*"To uplift the colored men and women of this country by securing to them the full  
enjoyment of their rights as citizens, justice in all courts, and equality of  
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The Board of Directors reserves the right to suspend or revoke this Charter at any time the  
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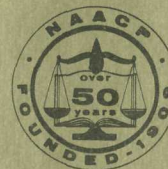
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## The Patchogue Branch NAACP Activities

1969-1970

The Patchogue Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had its inception in November, 1960 when the South Shore Citizens Association, under the presidency of Mr. Isaac W. Cole, decided to convert itself into a branch of the NAACP.

The first President of the Branch was Mr. W. Burghardt Turner, a history teacher at Patchogue Senior High School. Mr. Turner served from November 1960-1962 and brought to the Branch at its inception, dynamic, forceful and knowledgeable leadership. It was due to the groundwork laid by him and other leaders, that the Branch at the present time occupies a place of leadership in New York State.

During its first years, the Branch established the pattern of assisting the Negro and Puerto Rican population through the various problems they faced because of racial prejudice and discrimination. Cases were investigated involving housing, employment, welfare and education. In particular, there were many cases of individuals who were in dire need and having difficulty obtaining assistance from the Department of Welfare. NAACP aid in communicating with the Department speeded the clearance of these cases.

The most dramatic action arose in the cases in Center Moriches, where there seemed to be negligence on the part of officials in prosecuting the case of a major crime against a Negro resident. These led to meetings held in the community with the District Attorney and the Commissioner of Police. The residents had the opportunity to air their long standing complaints against both departments and to hear explanations. At this time, the great poverty indicated the need for further aid to the community, which resulted in the toy and clothing drives which have been repeated each year. This also led to the campaign against the horrible slum housing existing in many parts of the County.

The second President of the Branch, elected in December 1962 was Isaac W. Cole, a mathematician at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He brought a new vigor and youthfulness to Branch leadership. Under his administration, the action of the Branch was broadened and vitalized.

The presidency was returned to Mr. Turner for the 1965-66 term. The work continued upward on the same path, fighting discrimination in the communities through our "Community Action Groups" that were established in each of our geographical areas. Having identified the various problems, work began. To name only a few things: The nomination of Mr. George Bryant to the school board, marked the first time a Negro had run for an elective office in Center Moriches. Although he did not win the seat, it marked a victory in organizing the community for a greater participation in community affairs.

Much work was done in CSD #4, especially to correct the racial imbalance in the Hampton Avenue School, where the non-white population had risen to 47.5% as compared to 5%, 8% and 12% at the other three elementary schools in the district. On October 4, 1966, a delegation of parents and represent-

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### **The Patchogue Branch NAACP Activities (continued)**

atives from the Branch attended the hearing held at the State Education Department in Albany. Commissioner Allen later ruled that the imbalance of the school had to be corrected and it was.

With violent reactions from the forces of bigotry in the district because of this, the importance of a strong representation on the school was felt. Through much work and campaigning, the next slate included the first black, who was elected. Mr. William Sells represents the interests and needs of the Blacks especially, and all students in general.

The HELP Project initiated by the Labor and Industry Committee relinquished its works to the Suffolk County Human Relations Commission that was by then funded under an Economic Opportunity Act grant to conduct a program for the County along the lines developed by the Patchogue Branch. Five Centers were set up throughout the County, including one at 118 West Main Street in Patchogue. These centers help increase the employment opportunity for minority group persons.

Segregation in the Volunteer Fire Departments was again brought to our attention when Mr. Clayton Chesson was denied membership in the Selden Fire Department. The Branch took action that pointed out the bigotry that exist in many other of our communities.

Mr. Chesson became our 4th President of the Branch for 1967-68, and brought to us another kind of leadership; one he referred to as representing the "Grass Roots" of our communities. Work continued with emphasis on the area of work, persons and needs focused from another angle. This meant in some instances, a slight change of view, but success was the reward.

The election of Mrs. Ella B. McLean brought us through to our 10th Anniversary of the Branch. Our efforts here were to strengthen all segments of our Branch areas to continue its support in this struggle and to bring about a better working relationship with outside agencies in our communities through better understanding of our efforts and work. We question whether this approach has done more than point out to us that the fight for freedom and total equality for all men is a hard battle that can only be won through force and in some cases -- legal action. Housing is an example, you will note from that Committee Report. But we must point out again, **ALTHOUGH WE ARE DEMANDING BETTER HOUSING, WE ARE NOT OPPOSING THE IRS FACILITY IN OUR TOWN.**

The new thrust before us now is for jobs, with this new facility opening in July 1972. We have met with representatives from IRS, GSA, and the Labor Department on several occasions and they have given us an outline of the jobs and training necessary. It is our aim to have a fair number of minority group persons on the staff. These are jobs that we can do with a minimum amount of training needed. Typing, accounting and bookkeeping will insure better positions. Filing clerks will be in great demand. We encourage you to start preparing yourself now.

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### **The Patchogue Branch NAACP Activities (continued)**

These are some of the things that have been done over the years. As Mr. Boyd and his administration take over, we wish them success and promise them our help.

Throughout the history of the Branch, we have been fortunate in having as part of the membership and Executive Board, people of leadership and ability, dedicated to the fight for freedom. It is because of such leadership that we are able to bring to you such reports.

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### **THE CHURCH WORK COMMITTEE**

The Church Work Committee of the Patchogue Branch NAACP under the chairmanship of George Bryant wishes to thank all committee members and members of the Branch in general, for their cooperation and participation in making the efforts of this Committee a success over the past two years.

The overall theme of this committee has been the inculcation and exemplification of "Brotherly Love". This was stressed in our May 18, 1969 FREEDOM SUNDAY Program, held at the United Methodist Church, 464 Mins Street in Center Moriches. Dr. David Trask, Chancellor of the History Department, State University at Stony Brook, Long Island, delivered the message on this date, this theme or subject being "THE 1954 SUPREME COURT DECISION — 15 YEARS LATER". A host of local leaders and Clergymen participated in this program including Rev. Edward T. Giles, pastor of the Center Moriches Methodist Church; The Rev. Gordon Dixon — The First Presbyterian Church, East Moriches; Rev. Earl Cokley, The Grace A. M. E. Zion Church, Patchogue; Elder E. Burnes and his Youth Singing Group, Burnes Temple, Center Moriches; Rev. Judson Bowman, Bell A. M. E. Zion Church, Center Moriches; Rev. David Rooks, Missionary Baptist Church, Patchogue; and Rev. L. R. Boyll, United Methodist Church, East Moriches; — All expressing the spirit of "Brotherly Love".

On May 17th, 1970 at the Bell A. M. E. Zion Church in Center Moriches — FREEDOM SUNDAY Services were again celebrated with a program at which the principal speaker was Miss June Shagaloff, who, among other things, is head of the Educational Department of the National Office of the NAACP. Her message was centered mainly on youth and its role in seeking to eliminate the hypocrisy, suppression and selfishness of the present era in order to bring about honesty, equality and unselfishness, which can be practiced only in a spirit of "Brotherly Love". Many notables again participated in this program including the Mother of Miss Shagaloff; Mr. Stanley Abrams, Supervising Principal of the Center Moriches High School; Mr. and Mrs. W. Burghardt Turner; Minister Penmon, Mrs. Ella B. McLean, Pres. of the Patchogue Branch NAACP; Mrs. Isabell Hawkins, Mr. Jesse Anderson at the Organ, and many, many others, all joining to declare the Theme as expressed in 1 John 3:14 — "We know we have passed out of death into life, because we love the Brethren. He who does not love remains in death."

— G. BRYANT, Chairman



## HOUSING

The Patchogue Branch has played a great part in the fight to find adequate housing for persons in need of such, by running test cases, picketing for a Town Ordinance which was passed, and now are engaged in a major battle - one that is requiring legal action. We are a part of the Brookhaven Housing Coalition, made up of about 18 other groups. For many months, persons have met with the Town Board on their meeting dates, pleading for the passage of a Housing Authority. The Board finally said "No" to this request, stating that they felt other ways were possible to provide adequate housing.

With the Internal Revenue Service Facility now coming to Brookhaven Town, there is a greater need for housing. One of the prerequisites to such a facility coming in an area is that adequate housing - among many other things, is available.

Our Branch is now a co-litigant in a suit being filed by The National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing (NCADH). The National Office is acting as attorney in the case. The suit is against the Federal Government and the Town Board. We await more action and the outcome.

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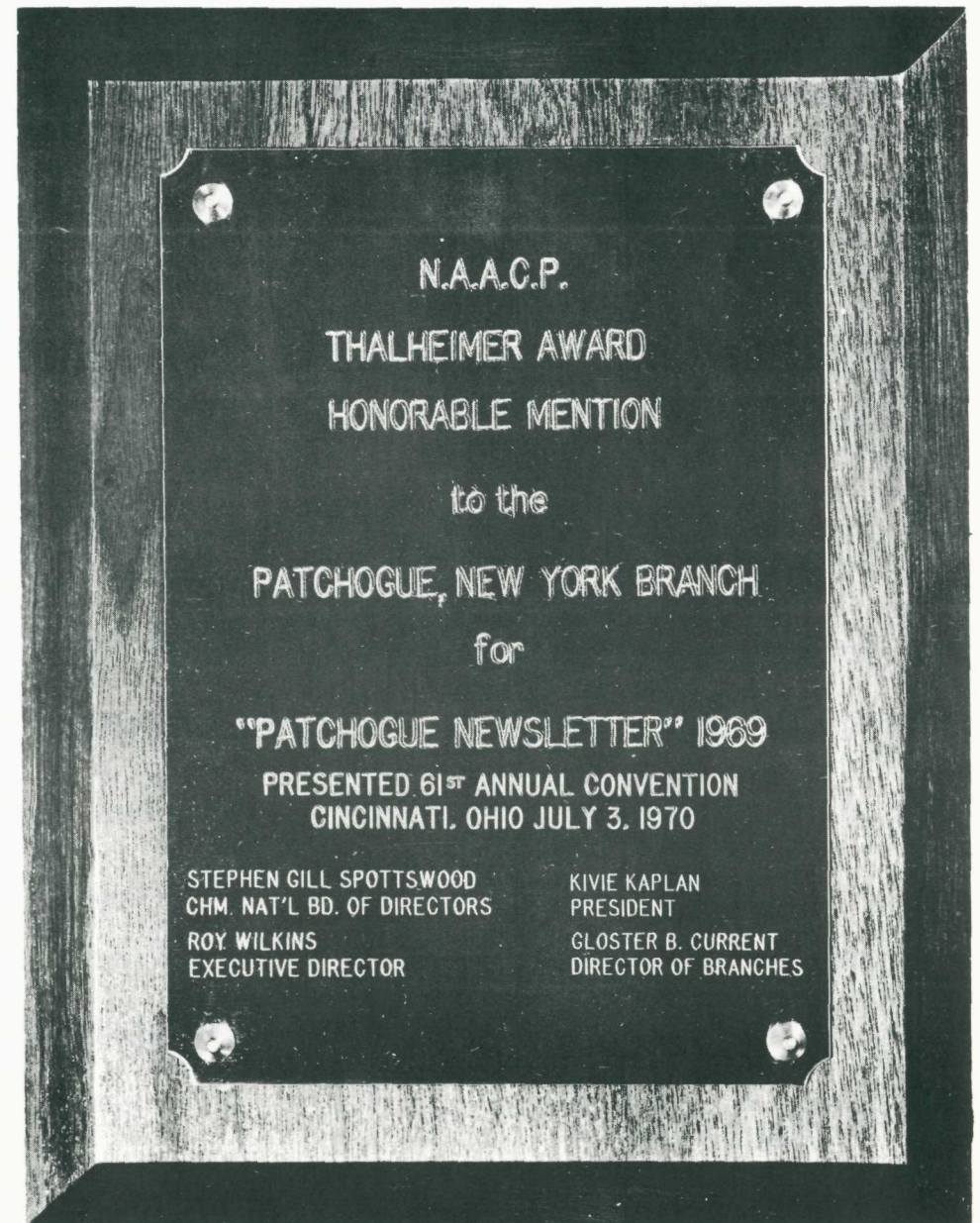
## PRESS AND PUBLICITY

During the last two years, with Mrs. Fannie Jones serving as Chairman, the NEWSLETTER has been sent to our membership each month. This not only serves as a reminder notice of the Membership meeting, but is a source of information about Branch activities. This is of special interest during July and August when only the Executive Board meets.

Working behind the scenes were two persons who contributed much to this committee and the NEWSLETTER. Mr. Eugene Weinstock not only edited and wrote editorials for the NEWSLETTER, but ran an Afro-American History Contest each month for our Youth Readers. His prize was usually a copy of some book on Black History. Mr. Carl Unger was responsible for the styling and laying out the format of the NEWSLETTER. He also cut the stencils for mimeograph.

Mainly, because of their efforts, our Branch was the recipient of the following Plaque at the National Convention in Cincinnati on July 3rd, 1970.

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PRESENTATIONS ..... Mrs. Ella B. McLean

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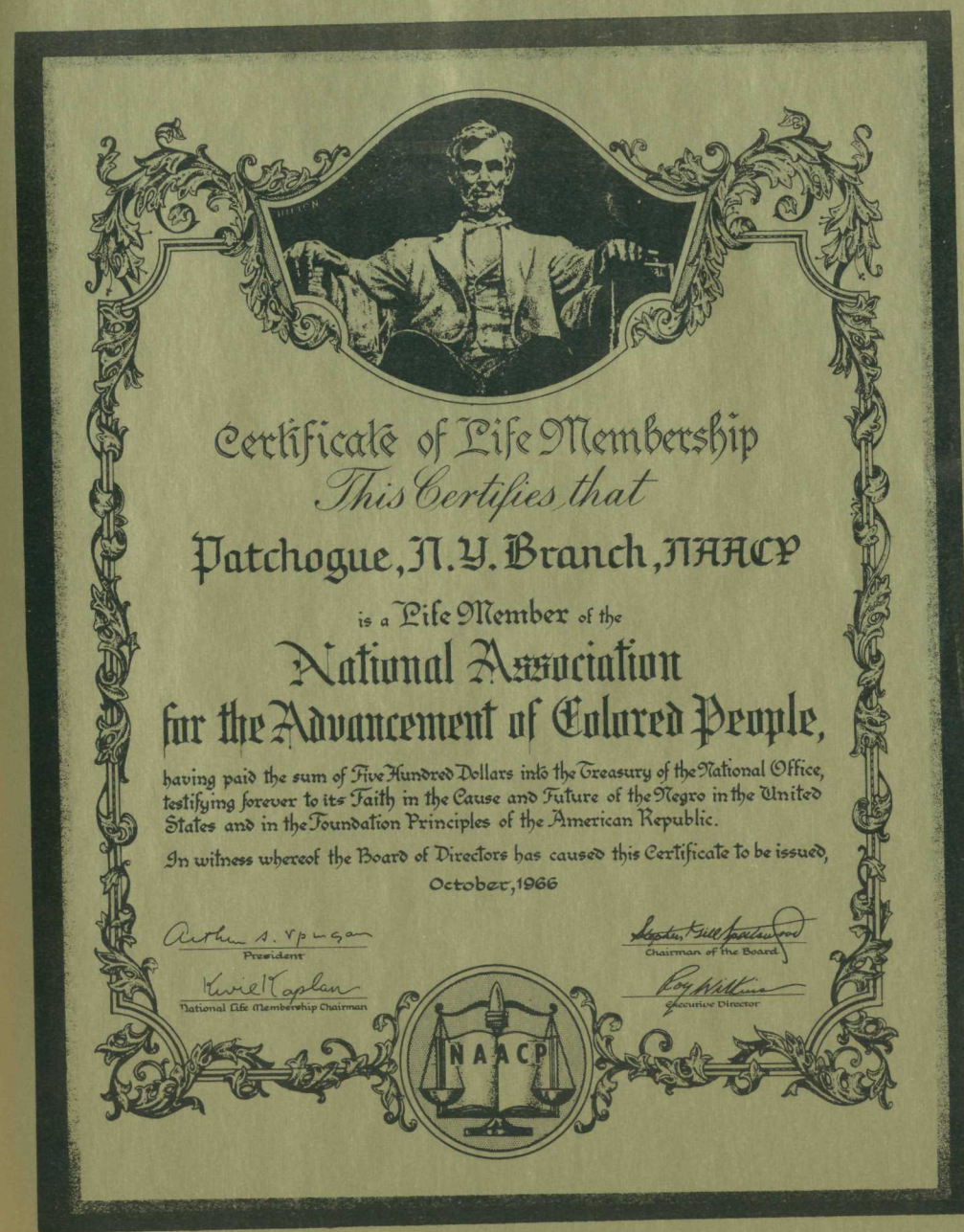
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