

MICHIGAN NAACP NIXES PARTY TIES

NEITHER MAJOR political party should be solely entrusted with the responsibility of pushing through civil rights legislation on the national or local fronts according to a resolution passed by the Michigan conference of the NAACP.

Endorsement of the resolution and election of Edgar B. Holt of Flint as state president of the 44,000-member conference climaxed the annual state NAACP convention, which attracted some 200 delegates to Grand Rapids last week.

THE RESOLUTION urged NAACP support of candidates in the

1964 presidential campaign "solely on the basis of commitment to the freedom movement and no longer because they happen to be candidate of one particular political party."

It called for independent political action in the 1964 presidential race. The conference ordered all 32 Michigan branches to set up political committees to implement the resolution on a local level.

Another resolution condemned "the shame and disgrace" of Michigan congressmen who voted against the civil-rights legislation.

In other resolutions, the conference condemned what it called job discrimination by General Motors Corp.

IT ISSUED a strong call for unity among all civil-rights groups, urged legislation to ensure equal opportunity in employment and housing and condemned de facto school segregation.

Conference delegates reaffirmed a policy of direct action, including picketing, sit-ins and selective buying campaigns, plus "all appropriate constitutional means of attacking discrimination and segregation in public accommodations, housing, education, employment and political action."

The conference also condemned the use of threats and intimidations against individuals and groups working for integration.

Herbert Hill, NAACP national labor secretary, charged that Negroes may be winning broad social and legal battles for equality, but are losing the battle for economic justice.

"Labor and management both are guilty," he said, naming old-line AFL-CIO building trades, printing industries and other skilled craft jobs where, he said, "the color line remains intact."

At a news conference earlier, Hill claimed Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater, a Republican presidential aspirant, is taking a "phony" stand on civil rights.

EAST GERMAN EMBASSY CREATES TOUCHY ISSUE

Communist East Germany's official representation in Zanzibar is the touchiest diplomatic issue confronting the East African island and Tanganyika since their recent merger into a common republic.

One of the big questions being posed is whether East Germany will be asked to close its embassy in Zanzibar, its only one in Africa.

President Julius K. Nyerere of the merged republic recognized West Germany when he was head of Tanganyika alone and accepted West German economic aid. But his Vice President, Abeid Amani Karume, formerly President of Zanzibar, said in a series of political speeches that Zanzibar's diplomatic relations with East Germany would be "cultivated and strengthened."

Karume also said that the island would not "drop her old friends."

As Nyerere's subordinate and chief executive on Zanzibar in the new union, he no

longer has a constitutional voice in the island's foreign affairs. That responsibility now rests with President Nyerere.

Nyerere's Minister of External Affairs, Oscar S. Kambona, is the subject in Bonn with West German officials.

During a recent visit to Zanzibar, Deputy Premier Paul Scholz of East Germany offered to build, equip and staff a medical clinic and a hospital for the island. Scholz was the highest ranking East German to appear in Zanzibar.

At least 25 East German technicians, specialists and advisers are known to be at work here on housing, finance, broadcasting and economic planning programs.

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longed in youth for educational reasons.

Ufwe's speech was unusually laced with Christian terminology. He warned his opponents that there would be "no absolution without confession." He said that he had accounts to render to no one but "the Ivorian people, whom I respect, and to God whom I worship."

He referred to doubters of his integrity as the "St. Thomases of the Ivory Coast." He countered charges that he had murdered Boka by saying the doctor who conducted the post-

mortem for the former Chief Justice was "European, a Catholic, a believer."

Boka hanged himself from the shower of his room at Ufwe's villa at Yamasukro, where he was in comfortable confinement as a conspiracy suspect. He allegedly left a curiously self-deprecatory letter confessing to corruption, debauchery, and juju to ensure Ufwe's death and his own accession to the presidency.

SPEAKING WITH SCARCELY controlled emotion, Ufwe produced the toy casket which Boka allegedly carried with him everywhere as part of the "death medicine," and said: "Westerners, this must seem childishness, but a great drama is going on in Africa. From archbishops down to the most insignificant Catholic, from grand marabouts to obscure Moslems, from pastors to ordinary Protestants, we all have an animist past, at best only a generation or two removed."

Ufwe, now about 60, and a traditional chieftain by birth, told his audience that at 10 he had "inherited all the fetishes of the family." Animism, he said, was only pantheism, but "behind each fetish lies a poison . . . If all the Africans in this place were now to be frisked, 99 percent would have gri-gris on them."

The predominantly Christian audience applauded and chuckled nervously. Gri-gris are talismen against malevolent fetishes; many European Ivory "Coasters," and nearly all white farmers in Kenya, carry them, too.

UFWE SAID PLOTTERS had tried to poison him by seeking to mesmerize his servants, but had failed. He accused the mothers of Boka and of imprisoned former minister Jean-Baptiste Mockey--whose daughters were in the audience--of leading their sons to fetishistic crime by forecasting their rise to the presidency.

Best-known of Africa's spukpolitik exponents is Ghana's President Kwame Nkrumah. He has gone as far afield as Kankan in Northern Guinea for gri-gris against the charms invoked by his disgruntled compatriots.

Godfrey Amachree, Nigerian Under Secretary of United Nations, tells the story of how his former wife nearly poisoned him with love potions intended to provoke his affections.

The savage "oathing" of Mau Mau and other Kenyan lunatic-fringe movements has stressed how easily many Africans resort to the macabre and the supernatural to achieve a material goal.

Now observers wonder whether Ufwe has started a revolt which could place African politics more firmly in the 20th Century--or whether juju is stronger than modern fashions like nationalism, education, patriotism or party loyalty.

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to any compromise on the more vital Titles of the bill that would, as the Review-Journal warns, render the proposed law "toothless" and thereby perpetrate a fraud on the Negro citizen.

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