

## THE NAACP AND YOU!



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YOUR VOTE IS  
VERY IMPORTANT

Your vote really does count towards making a change for the better in our society. Voting is a right that you have that is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America. Voting is a process that all of us should exercise to select the men and women we want to represent us in government. You should not rest until everyone in your family, as well as your friends, register and vote on election day.

Ebony Benefits  
the NAACP

On Sunday, April 3, Ebony Fashion Fair will present its 30th Annual Music and Style Extravaganza at the Aladdin Hotel.

A portion of the net proceeds will be given as a donation to the NAACP to underwrite its operational costs.

Tickets are on sale at the NAACP for \$16 each.

NAACP  
Membership Contest

Since 1909 when the NAACP was organized and

tions — 50 members and above; 5. Group B organizations — 20-49 members; 6. Group C organizations—5-19 members.

The church with the highest number of memberships in each group will receive an award at the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet in the fall of 1988. The purpose of this contest is to get every member of each group to join the NAACP. The complaints we process every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Branch Office lets us know proof positive that racial discrimination in Las Vegas in 1988 is alive and well.

We are prayerfully requesting that every pastor and organization president who reads this article respond to it in writing or by telephone on or before March 10.

had a very few friends to turn to, it has been able to depend upon the encouragement and support of the Black Church. During the Civil Rights Movement of the sixties, churches throughout America and especially in the South gave financial support as well as served as meeting places for the NAACP branches.

Today, as then, we are requesting your continued help. From time to time, members of your congregation and your friends come to the NAACP for help and no one is ever refused. The NAACP helps those who are members as well as those who are non-members.

The NAACP needs your help in organizing a city-wide membership contest. There will be established three groups of churches and organizations according to the number of members in each church and organization.

1. Group A churches — 300 members and above; 2. Group B churches — 150-299 members; 3. Group C churches — 10-149 members; 4. Group A. organiza-

THE STRUGGLE FOR  
EQUALITY CONTINUES

Dr. Benjamin L. hooks, Executive Director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be the featured speaker at the 20th Anniversary of the Life Membership Banquet. Under the theme, "The Struggle For Equality Continues," he will focus on today's mixed picture of black employment.

To a degree, the black middle-class shows signs of expansion as more blacks gain entry to the workplace of white collar corporate

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sonnel, and couldn't even have integrated lists of clients. This would force some agencies to choose between continuing to serve poor clients with counseling services or to end their abortion services.

Finally, the rule bars federal funds to any program that "encourages, promotes, or advocates abortion."

That imposes upon recipients of federal funds the requirement that they forego their constitutional right to free speech.

The federal courts have already ruled such requirements unconstitutional in other instances and there's no reason to suppose this

attempted end run at the Constitution won't be struck down, too.

The new rules apply to federal funds distributed under Title X of the Public Health Service Act, the basis for federal funding of family planning services for the poor.

Well over four million women a year are served by Title X agencies. They get services that include testing for pregnancy, counseling on contraception and family planning, and — if they are pregnant — information on health care services and the range of options available to them.

That usually includes a list of health providers, including abortion services. Clients can get counseling about what an abortion entails and whether it is a viable option for them.

Affluent women get advice from their own doctors without hindrance. Poor women who go to family planning centers aided by federal funds, and who don't have other health counseling options, would be affected by the new rule.

That's because the family planning agencies aided by Title X funds help avert an estimated 800,000 unintended pregnancies a year. If they're forced out of business or have to curtail activities because of the new rule, it is expected that those pregnancies will occur, and up to half may end through abortions.

Abortion is not the issue in this rule—fairness, rights to privacy and free speech, and medical ethics are the issues. Congress and the courts should act to overturn the new rule.

## Harriet Tubman Day



Some of the most important figures in U.S. history are common people of uncommon character who rise up to fight for what they believe is just. One such person is Harriet Tubman, who escaped from slavery in 1849 and repeatedly risked

The Life Membership Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel, 950 Mason Street, San Francisco on Friday, March 25, 1988. Reception is at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Reserve tickets should be obtained no later than March 16.

For further information please call the NAACP San Francisco Branch at 415-922-0605.

her life to lead over 300 others to freedom along the secret route of the Underground Railroad.

Tubman, who was born circa 1820, was one of the most prominent abolitionists of her day. She also served during the U.S. Civil War as a nurse, laundress and spy for the Federal forces. Fellow abolitionist John Brown refers to her in his letters as "one of the best and bravest persons on this continent — General Tubman as we call her."

Following the war, Tubman made her home in Auburn, N.Y. The 75th anniversary of her death there is marked on March 10, 1988, Harriet Tubman Day.

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