

# Department of Branches

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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January 2, 1952

Dear Branch Officer:

The murder of Harry T. Moore while he was asleep in his Mims, Florida home on Christmas Night has angered many Americans as nothing else has in many years.

We, the members of the NAACP who live in the South, are angered too, but we cannot stop there. We must let it be known by all that we are not going to be intimidated.

We are entitled to equal justice under the law of the United States and we are going to get it. We are not going to back down one bit in our fight for justice and full freedom in every phase of our life.

Your Branch is asked to join other branches from fifteen Southern States at a meeting in Jacksonville, Florida on Sunday, January 20, 1952. There is not much time but if you call an emergency meeting immediately you can determine how many representatives you can send.

The State of Florida, and all other States in the South will learn from us in that meeting that we are going on with our work until every Negro has all of the rights enjoyed by white Americans.

Please plan now to join us in Jacksonville on January 20, 1952. THIS IS A MUST!! Additional details will be sent in the next few days.

Sincerely yours,

*Ruby Hurley*

Ruby Hurley,  
Regional Coordinator

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January 10, 1952

SPECIAL NOTICE TO BRANCH AND STATE CONFERENCE OFFICERS:

RE: JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA MEETINGS

You have already received notice of our plan to hold a meeting of Southern Branches at Jacksonville, Florida, on the Moore killings. We hope you have already made plans to be present and to have other NAACP officers and members come with you.

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

1. On SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, at the Jacksonville YWCA, 1213 Lee Street, at 3 P. M. we are calling a special closed meeting of NAACP officers or their duly accredited representatives.

The agenda for this meeting will include:

- A. Discussion of plans and techniques to increase Registration and Voting in all the Southern States.
- B. Police Brutality - particularly the new "lynching technique" such as was used in the Groveland and other cases.

2. On Sunday afternoon, January 20 at 3 P.M. a public mass meeting will be held at Bethel Baptist Church, Hogan and Carolina.

We want these meetings on Saturday and Sunday, January 19 and 20, to demonstrate to the Nation that the NAACP is not wavering in its determination to win full equality for colored Americans.

It is urgent that you and your fellow officers make every effort to be present or to send representatives bearing proper credentials (letter signed by the President).

Please pass the word on to your officers and plan to have as large a representation as possible.

NOTE: If you want housing arranged for you overnight in Jacksonville, send a letter or telegram at once to Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Southeast Regional Coordinator, c/o F. Henry Williams, 410 Broad Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Hurley can be reached at this address beginning Monday, January 14.

Ever sincerely,

*Walter White*  
Secretary

*Ruby Hurley*  
Southeast Regional Coordinator

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Rough Draft of Statement for Adoption and Release by Jacksonville  
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DECLARATION AT JACKSONVILLE

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Meeting here in Jacksonville, Florida, on this 20th day of January, 1952, we, the accredited representatives of 100,000 members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 15 southern states, reaffirm our unwavering loyalty to the deathless principles of democracy for which Harry T. Moore gave his life.

As American citizens and as believers in the essential humanity of all mankind, we here today solemnly pledge our total resources to the struggle to establish throughout our native southland freedom, justice, equality and security for every citizen.

In the presence of Almighty God, whose aid and guidance we beseech, we take a sacred vow to pursue this goal to the end that no man, woman or child in our land need suffer insult, humiliation, discrimination or violence solely because of his race, color, religion or national origin.

We will continue the fight for

1. The right to security of person against the organized violence of lawless mobsters;
2. The right to vote as free men in a free land;
3. The right to employment opportunity in accordance with our individual merits;
4. The right of our children to attend the best educational institutions supported by public funds;
5. The right to serve our country in unsegregated units of the armed services;
6. The right to travel unrestricted by Jim Crow regulations; and

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7. The right to go among our fellow Americans as free men in a free society.

These are the goals for which Harry T. Moore worked and fought and finally made the supreme sacrifice. In dedication to these goals, we accept our rendezvous with destiny. We shall not fail you, Harry Moore. We shall keep the faith.

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