

# Negroes Make Equality Plea To Roosevelt

A resolution calling on President Roosevelt "by Executive order to abolish discrimination on the home front, in all departments and agencies of the Federal Government" was adopted yesterday by the National Negro Congress in session here.

The resolution also "pledged \$100,000," to be raised by contribution of 10 cents by all Negroes, to carry an appeal for "justice and Constitutional equality for all citizens, regardless of race, creed or color," to "the President, the Federal Government, the United States Congress and the Supreme Court." It called for mass meetings in Negro churches, July 6, "Freedom Day," to further the program.

In its resolution the council demanded legislation "not only against strikes . . . but laws to prohibit discrimination against Negro citizens;" "equal and full participation of Negro soldiers, sailors and air pilots" in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps; appointment of "at least a hundred Negro cadets" to West Point and Annapolis, and "equal employment of Negro citizens in clerical and administrative positions" in the Government.

The resolution was signed by Bishop W. A. Fountain, Atlanta, chairman of the council; the Rev. C. T. Murray, president of the council; Bishop R. R. Wright, jr., Wilberforce, Ohio; the Rev. W. H. Jernagin, the Rev. Robert Williams, A. L. Lewis, Jacksonville, Fla., treasurer of the council; Bishop D. H. Sims, Philadelphia, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop J. A. Gregg, Kansas City, Kans.; Bishop S. S. Morris, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. C. T. Ison, executive secretary, Ohio Baptist General Association; Edgar G. Brown, president, United Government Employees; Dr. J. Wamon Blakly, Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. Walter A. Page, Cincinnati; R. W. Hughes, director, National Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio.