

NEGROES ADVISED TO FIGHT FOR GAINS

**Battle Against 'Reactionaries'
Urged at National Congress
Conference Here**

300 DELEGATES · PRESENT

**Danger Is Seen of Reversal of
Administration's Domestic
and Foreign Policies**

The "supreme danger" facing the American Negro today is that powerful reactionary forces may succeed in reversing or effectively sabotaging the present domestic and foreign policies of the Roosevelt Administration, 300 delegates attending the Eastern Seaboard conference of the National Negro Congress were told yesterday by Edward R. Strong, executive secretary.

The convention opened a two-day meeting yesterday morning in the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138th Street. Mr. Strong declared that the American Negro could hold on to recent social and economic gains only by fighting for them. Whether reactionary forces can rob the Negro of these gains will be determined, he said, "not only by what President Roosevelt may say or do alone, but also by what we Negroes say and do."

Panel discussion dealing with manpower and the Negro's role in the nation's war task took up most of the afternoon session. The "primary focal point" for full mobilization of the nation's manpower was said to be the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice. As a result of its work, definite gains have been made toward overcoming discrimination, it was declared.

Speakers asserted, however, that "a reactionary coalition of poll-tax Democrats, Northern Republicans and Wall Street industrialists" intended to bury the committee. Mobilization of all "enlightened people" to wage an "unprecedented" campaign to save the committee was urged.

Organization of support for passage of anti-poll tax and anti-lynching bills in this session of Congress also was advocated. The Administration's proposals for price and rent control were praised. The fight of the Red Army was lauded by others, one speaker declaring that "humanity has been saved thus far by the heroic exploits of the Red Army."