

N.A.A.C.P. PARLEY BARS NIXON STAND

Leadership Quashes a Move
to Call for Impeachment
—Resolutions Adopted

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The leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today, for the second year in a row, quashed a move from the convention floor calling for the impeachment of President Nixon.

At the same time, the body of 3,000 delegates adopted 26 resolutions, several of which will be in the forefront of the organization's attention in the next year, according to Roy Wilkins, the organization's executive director.

In those resolutions, the membership is urged to push for affirmative action programs in all educational institutions; to seek legislative to revoke licenses of real estate agents and lenders whose practices support a dual market in housing, and to work for the elimination of discriminatory practices against women in employment, promotion and compensation.

During the last of the two-day session on resolutions—statements that become policy and programs for the coming year—Alfred D. Baker Lewis, the organization's 77-year-old treasurer emeritus who is a nonvoting member of the 64 member board of directors, rose to introduce "an emergency resolution."

Moment of Quiet

The quiet hum of 3,000 delegates sudden subsided in the cavernous Rivergate Convention Center Auditorium.

There is no such resolution for the convention," the chairman said.

"I think it's absolutely asinine to go before the public without an impeachment resolution," Mr. Lewis said.

James Kemp, permanent chairman of the resolutions committee, took the microphone at the podium and said, "Mr. Lewis should be reminded that the board's action had been unanimous in reference to condemnation [of the President]," but that there was no plan to alter that stance to include a call for impeachment.

"Does it make it law and order that the board of directors made it," shouted the Rev. F. N. Nixon. "I'm standing up for the rights of the convention and not the board of directors."

But Mr. Nixon, president of the Ensley Pratt City Alabama chapter, did not have a resolution ready. And during Mr. Lewis's attempt to get one ready, a delegate from the floor moved that the convention adopt the board's position, which, in effect, simply concedes the need for an investigation into the possibility and process of impeachment.

Mr. Kemp refused to sign Mr. Lewis's resolution, the delegates unanimously approved the motion to adopt the board's statement, and the matter was dropped.

Later, some officials of the organization said privately that even if the resolution had been introduced and come to a vote on the floor, it would have been defeated.

"There's no sentiment that there's support for the President," one official said, "but it was a matter of tactics. We wouldn't want our position to become a rallying point for support for Nixon from the conservatives."

Mr. Nixon, however, echoed the sentiments of many delegates when he said later that he would continue to press for that resolution.