

College Students Hold Second Annual Conf.

Members of Inter-Collegiate Association Discuss "The New Negro and the Community"; 25 Institu- tions Represented

Nyack, N. Y., July 22.—When the Inter-Collegiate Association marshalled the delegates from 25 institutions, and held its second annual conference here July 17 and 18, to discuss "The New Negro and the Community" it aimed to destroy the social, religious, political and economic barriers to Negro Progress.

"The term New Negro is a misnomer. The New Negro is a man who does not recognize but defies barriers. The New Negro is one who thinks himself equal to any other man. These were a few of the definitions given to the term.

Last years conference, with delegates from twenty-one institutions, voted to send a resolution to the French Ministry regretting the departure of the French from her colonial policy, to send a memorial to the students of the University of China for the stand China took against foreign interference, and amidst a dramatic scene it went down on record as opposing war.

The first meeting of the second annual assembly was just as dramatic as the summary of the 1925 conference. Realistic statements concerning the family were argued in a calm manner. Profound interest and seriousness reigned while the problems of marriage were discussed. Some of the reasons for the instability of the family were stated as "Woman has undergone a greater change than man." "Man wants his mother type of wife." "The economic independence of woman is somewhat responsible." Just thirty minutes after the opening of the conference when the intricate problems of the family life were being discussed the statement "that the Negro woman's wants far exceed the capacity of the man to meet those needs started a retaliation in the defense of womanhood." "The man of today wants a popular girl, a woman with pep, before he marries then after he wants her to be that mother type of woman" said one of the feminine delegates. "The trouble with many single girls after they are 23 is, they become ashamed and as a result marry the first man who proposes," she continued. Other than the idea of trial marriages suggested by one delegate, no direct solution was proposed.

The political aspect discussion evoked few questions such as: Are Negroes taking advantage of the franchise where permitted? What is the attitude of the Negro Woman to the ballot? How much confidence shall the Negro put in political leaders? Shall the Negro concede or try to regain the South?

Women Not Interested in Politics
With the opinion that the Negro woman has no interest in politics the discussion simmered down and forced the statement that "the Negro believes in principles and not parties or political leaders".

The conference favor the co-operative selling and buying by producers and consumers. They stressed especially higher education. The summary of this conference took place on Perry's estate overlooking the Hudson where the first annual conference closed. Just before the storm of rain, hail, wind, and lightning; a queer phenomenon, for the month of July, the 75 delegates from the colleges and universities, entered the home of Miss Dorothy Perry. There in that exquisitely and luxuriously furnished residence, with sliding doors pushed apart, three rooms were transformed into one large corridor. The darkness without caused the light from frosted bulbs to fall with mellow radiance on the faces of the collegians. The storm was still raging when the conference went down on record: 1. Demanding the enforcement of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments. 2. In noting with approval the right of organized labor among Negroes especially the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The conference adjourned. The delegates filed out. The institutions represented were New York University, Columbia, College of the City of New York, Cornell, Fordham, Harvard, Yale, Radcliffe, University of California, University of Chicago, Rand School of Social Science, Jamaica Training School, Atlanta University, Storer, Shaw, Oxford, Wellesley, Lincoln, Union, Talladega, Fisk, Tuskegee, Morehouse, West Virginia University.

Miss Louise Jackson, president. The leaders of the discussion were Miss Lucille Spence, Miss Isa Gittens, Attorney, Lamar, Perkins, Mr. Llewellyn Wise.