

'Interest in Mississippi, Not on Other Side of Jordan'

New Negro Rising in South

The South's "New Negro" was discussed by Mrs. Ruby Hurley in an address to members of the Pittsburgh Branch NAACP last Friday at Bethel AME Church.

Mrs. Hurley, national NAACP Southeastern Regional director, concentrates her work in states where racial tension is most pronounced. She has been active in the association for more than thirteen years, having served as national youth secretary for eight years.

"The South's new Negro," Mrs. Hurley stated, "has the

will and determination to undergo hardship and suffering so that those who follow can enjoy equal opportunities."

The speaker went on to say, "Negroes are thinking in terms of social and economic revolution but the revolution must come through the legal process; the use of law and order. The predominant philosophy in this movement, as evidenced in the Montgomery bus protest, is to show love for those who hate you and to utter the prayer of Christ, 'Forgive them for they know not what they do'."

Citing the courageous leaders

of Mississippi, the Rev. G. E. Lee, Gut Courts and LaMar Smith, Mrs. Hurley said they were willing to sacrifice their all for right. Speaking of the Rev. Mr. Lee, she added: "He was a man whose life was taken because he insisted on leading his people to the courthouse to register and vote. He did not preach about what was going to happen on the other side of Jordan, but rather, what was happening on this side of Mississippi."

Mrs. Hurley highlighted both the Emmett Till and Montgomery bus protest trials at which she was an on-the-spot observer.

The Friday meeting attended by more than 100 members, served as a preliminary for the annual membership campaign of the local NAACP branch. Workers are needed for the campaign which begins April 27. Those interested should contact the local office: 1004 Wylie Avenue, or call GRant 1-1024. Mrs. Marion Jordan is executive secretary.



EQUALITY FORUM—Mrs. Ruby Hurley (center) addressed an equality forum sponsored by the Pittsburgh Branch NAACP last Friday at Bethel AME Church. She is National Southeastern NAACP director. Flanking her is Mrs. Marion Jordan and the Rev. Leroy Patrick.—Harris Photo.