

Our real problem comes down to the question of the inclusion of members of the clergy and that has not as yet been definitely decided. Wilkins feels that their representation would be most helpful as the church is an important avenue of communication with the Negro people. Reverend Joseph H. Jackson has just been elected for the third time as President of the National Baptist Convention, which includes over five million members. He has been a very outspoken friend of the President and has asked for an appointment on many occasions. If he is left out we would have a problem on our hands. However, if we do name him, we must take someone from the Methodist Church and in this connection Bishop S. L. Greene, Presiding Bishop of the AME Church would be the appropriate nominee. If we include the two church leaders we would have nine in the delegation.

On your own personal list there were some other names which we have not included for the following reasons:

Thurgood Marshall would give the NAACP another representative in the group and this organization should not be top heavy with respect to membership in the delegation.

Dr. Bond of Lincoln University and Dr. Fatterson are two outstanding gentlemen but if they are included there would be reason to expect a clamor from others who would want to be present.

#### TIME OF APPOINTMENT

Tentatively, we have agreed on October 15th, should this be generally acceptable and should conditions be appropriate. Wilkins feels very strongly that the meeting should be completely divorced from the Little Rock situation and that the farther away the meeting is held from that incident the better it will be for all concerned. He understands that circumstances may call for the meeting to be put off until sometime in November.

#### AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

1. Several members of the group may give very brief statements about the aspects of the problem with which they are personally familiar.
2. They will pledge their aid in obtaining the cooperation of the Negro community in developing a calm and orderly approach to the integration problem.
3. They will urge that the appointment of the Civil Rights Commission be made as soon as possible in order to fill in the lack of factual knowledge that presently exists with regard to this entire situation.