

NAACP Leaders Plan Strategy

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 21 (UPI)—Leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) today hailed Southern "sit in" strikes and predicted an even greater campaign this fall to break lunch counter segregation.

The statements were made at the start of the NAACP's annual convention, where the attempts by Southern Negro students to force stores to serve them at their lunch counters is high on the agenda.

Dr. Robert C. Weaver, chair-

man of the NAACP's board of directors, hailed the sit-ins as "courageous and effective" action and a contribution to "functioning democracy."

He called the strikes evidence that the "Uncle Tom" figure the Southern Negro is giving way to a vigorous and dynamic group whose main objective is breaking the barrier of segregation.

Protests Set

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, revealed the plans for more sit-in demonstrations in the fall.

"We have deliberately stayed out of the planning for this," Marshall said in an interview with United Press International. "We will have to play it by ear. But it will undoubtedly be the most intensive effort yet."

Weaver, who delivered the keynote address, said the NAACP would "continue to challenge the status quo in race relations."

He said the demise of "Uncle Tom" has been a gradual "softening-up" process over the last 50 years, followed by a "knock-out blow" which removed the stereotype from the national scene.

"The objectives of the NAACP are the objectives of many whites as well as most Negroes," he said. "By working together we can accelerate the achievements of our goals."

Weaver discounted reports that younger members of the NAACP might try to wrest control from more conservative elements.

'Same Feelings'

"Dissatisfaction with the rate of progress on the color line and feelings that adults are too cautious are no new attributes of our youth," he said. "I can report that a quarter of a century ago the same feelings existed."

The convention heard greetings from Minnesota Gov. Orville L. Freeman and from President Eisenhower, who telegraphed his best wishes.

Eisenhower said "heartening progress" has been made in the field of civil rights. "Each step we take to insure the blessings of personal liberty demonstrates the vitality of our system of government," he said.