

NAACP Told Mob Action Not Way To Achieve Goal

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 23 (AP)—

A leader of the Negro civil rights movement said today that experience has taught Negroes to be wary of impassioned, ill-informed crowds stirred by emotions of hatred or cruelty.

John A. Morsell, assistant to the executive secretary of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, cautioned an NAACP convention workshop session that in the assault on segregation "we cannot afford to be carried away by a word or a phrase or to assume that it is sufficient just to call for 'mass action' and all will be well."

He said that in the long run the traditional legislative and judicial pathways to better conditions are still the basic routes for all citizens in a democracy. He added "It would be a terrible misfortune, both for us and for the future of democratic processes" if any sizable portion of the nation's young people ever lost all faith in these basic processes.

He lauded the "passive resistance" employed by college stu-

dents in their sit-in demonstrations as one technique in the battle for civil rights. But, he said, "if we should have thrown out every other method and put all our money on this technique we might find ourselves in very bad shape."

He said other means in the fight to correct injustice lie in the nation's democratic structure, in the laws, in politics and through influence on government agencies.

He said the NAACP organization itself, numbering some 350,000 members, has the scope that "enables you to do a lot of different things that contribute to eventual victory but never make a headline along the way."