

# 'Produce to Prove Equality,' Business Men To

At Realtors' Ohio Meet—W. L. Aiken, left, president of the National Builders Association and a prominent Atlanta builder, discusses plans for the summer meeting of brokers in Atlanta in August, with J. Roy Terry, chairman of the mid-

year convention held in Cleveland last week. Mr. Terry is a member of the board of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers. Pictured second from left are delegates to the meet in Cleveland at the realtor's banquet. They are Mrs. Myrtle Holman and Robert Holman of the Mammoth

Life Insurance Company, Cleveland and Louisville; Boland V. Bond, Chicago; W. C. Burford, Mammoth Life, Charles Roberts, Cleveland, and F. Henry Williams, Jacksonville. The group third from left include A. G. Brown of Columbus, Miss Swendsyn Brown and Mrs. A. G. Brown and T. J. Aless-

der of Jacksonville. Extreme right, a group of Realtors discuss business techniques. They are Hal Rogers and Jameson—Myrtle Photos.

## Race Firms Urged To Finance Homes And New Projects

CLEVELAND—Declaring that Negroes "must get into the policy making departments of Government as well as fighting for FEPC laws," Chief W. H. Aiken of Atlanta, president of the National Builders Association, decided earlier than 300 persons at the closing mid-year meeting of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers at the Cedar Avenue YMCA Wednesday.

Chief Aiken had been selected as the main speaker by W. J. Morrison of Detroit who suffered a heart attack and was sent home before the close of the convention. "FEPC laws are not right but we must make inroads in the nation respect us—in spirit—must start showing our independence and equality by producing as we stand with pointing out that our modern life was based on our effectiveness and ability in producing wealth.

Beginning just made "We are making some progress, but the surface has not been scratched as far as total progress is concerned. We must get ourselves integrated into American life in the fields of business and commerce. By making deeper and more solid inroads into commerce, we will have less need for FEPC laws.

"The National Association of Real Estate Brokers is but a small start in overall plan we have mapped to help alleviate the housing conditions among Negroes," Mr. Aiken stated.

Going further on the subject of gaining a permanent place and recognition in American life the speaker stated that the time is now when the "race" Negro can advance and get the most of the race suffer and go for themselves.

Cited Booker T. Washington, founder of the Negro Business League of which the speaker is president, he said that the white bankers of the nation are creating a new form of "restrictive covenant" by refusing to finance mortgages for Negroes in quest of better homes.

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## Advice Sought by Many

Cong. Dawson Has Gained Stature as Democratic Leader

WASHINGTON—Congressman William L. Dawson looks toward the future, his and his party's, with confidence.

Democrats will sweep back into power with an increase in the number of Administration followers in the congressional arena this year, and with Harry Truman back in the White House in 1952 they'll see an era of progress for the Negro.

Every political figure in Washington is concerned with the importance of 1950. This is election year for the Democratic Party.

"I will take the Senators and Congressmen in the Republican side for true liberalism as against the Democrats any day. In my book there is no comparison. Actual conduct and observation of the various Senators and Congressmen has led me to this conclusion.

"You will have to stretch the party's Democratic line a long way and make a lot of allowances to come up with the Democrats. The Democrats will then read like this: Mayor, Papper, Taylor, Chavez, Kipper, Douglas, Humphrey and Newry.

"Right now he feels that Negro Democrats are apologetic for Truman. He also knows that the big civil rights test is yet to come. He says that when it does, some of the 'wagons' will be thrown from Democratic lines.

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CONG. WILLIAM L. DAWSON  
LIVING, convincing, and in some instances, using the far-flung influence to defeat Congressmen who oppose the Fair Deal program.

## Marva in Fashion Fete For New Orleans Mission

Charming Marva Louis is slated for a glamorous fashion appearance in New Orleans during the week of the historic Mardi Gras. She will be the featured model in a beauty show for the Christian Rescue Mission, Thursday, Feb. 23.

The New Orleans date is among many scheduled for the country fashion plate in a tour which began in November with Memphis as her stop where she secured a terrific success. She has appeared in Miami, Fla., where she appeared for AKA Society. Other engagements include Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Jacksonville, Fla., St. Louis, Ill., Muskogee, Mich., Concord, N. C., and New York City.

With an elaborate wardrobe of American and European creations and possessed of loads of charm, in a warm personality and friendly ability on the ramp, Mrs. Louis is one of the most popular models in the country and by public demand has returned for four back-to-back seasons.

Mr. Williams, who hails from Jacksonville, pointed out there was no member in their organization who was a member of the white race. He said that the white race was the person of Lerette Roberts, Philadelphia, resident and a member of the organization.

Legal advisers of the organization, Willis M. Greer of Detroit outlined the legal and costs of legally displacing the "restrictive covenant" in the Federal court system.

The majority of insurance men present declared that Negro insurance companies on the whole had prospered in the Federal court system. They said that the mortgage situation but pledged support to the Federal court system. The convention will be held in Atlanta, Aug. 26-28.

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