

# Negro Congress Votes to Back Ship Strike And Form Racial Political Action Body

DETROIT, June 2 (AP)—The Negro Congress voted today to rally "full Negro support" for the proposed maritime strike June 15, to form a Negro political action group and to move the congress' national headquarters from New York to Detroit.

Revels Cayton of New York, who was reelected Executive Vice President, said:

"Because existing party labels and platforms offer no valid guidance, Negroes will band together in a political action unit to vote for candidates who best support their cause."

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DETROIT, June 2—The National Negro Congress came to a close today, with renewed attacks on the domestic and foreign policies of President Truman. Dr. Max Yergan who was re-elected president, said:

"Every committee reporting here condemns unreservedly the Truman Administration.

"It is evident that the Negro people and their allies among the common or so-called 'little people' everywhere are on the move.

"The outward character of our gathering is its militant anti-Fascist spirit. It is dedicated to a finish fight against the attempted drive in America to take away our democratic rights."

Dr. Yergan defined the "future

road of the Congress" as being parallel to that taken by labor. He said:

"We are determined to protect labor's legal and hard-won right to strike."

He accused "certain imperialist forces in this nation and among the peoples of Great Britain as driving toward a third world war."

C. Lebron Simmons, assistant to the District Attorney in Wayne County (Detroit), was elected treasurer to succeed Ferdinand C. Smith of New York, vice president of the National Maritime Union. Revels Cayton was re-elected executive secretary.

A new constitution adopted included provisions that will limit the power of the executive secretary, who is not authorized to act "upon major decisions" without consulting members of the administrative committee.

Ewart G. Guinier, vice president of the United Public Workers of America and chairman of the constitution committee, said that national officers will be spread over regions where there is a concentration of Negro population.

The congress opposed a third political party and ruled out affiliation with a single party. The political orientation will be toward labor, it was declared, with six of the thirteen vice presidents selected from the ranks of Negroes already holding office in AFL and CIO international unions.