

SUBJECT: Proposed Draft Resolution to be Presented for Adoption by  
the 1965 Convening Body of the: National Medical Association  
at Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 8 - 12.

TO: Leonidas H. Berry, MD., Pres.

WHEREAS, the National Medical Association  
has always demonstrated its awareness of the struggle against  
racial discrimination and has considered social and political  
action as an essential part of its program, and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of  
Colored People has for more than 56 years demonstrated its  
ability to stay on the job across the nation: in housing, in  
the courts, in education, in voting and employment, and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon all Americans of goodwill  
to evidence an awareness of the NAACP which now has over \$325,000  
deficit by virtue of its extensive activities in fighting the  
forces of bigotry and segregation, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that more time, more energy, perhaps  
the loss of more human life, but certainly more money will be  
needed before all barriers are destroyed that deprive Negro  
Americans of equality and opportunity and that the NAACP needs  
the moral and financial support of every liberty-loving individ-  
ual and group if this goal is to be achieved.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the National Medical Association  
hereby urges each of its members at this Convention to become a  
paid in full or subscribing Life Member of the National Associa-  
tion for the Advancement of Colored People, with National Offices

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at 20 West 40th Street, New York, N.Y. or through its local branches.

2. That we may join as individual subscribing Life Members at the rate of \$50 a year, which is equivalent to \$1.00 a week or 15¢ a day, agreeing that this is a small price to pay for freedom.

3. That a permanent record be kept that will indicate the National Medical Association continuous participation in the fight for freedom.

4. That the President be empowered to establish and maintain appropriate machinery to implement this resolution at this convention to promote a successful effort by us in our vital Life Membership campaign.

This resolution is in accord with the nationwide effort of the National Medical Association to establish individual dignity and worth. Our activity will help strengthen America's pioneer organization in the field of human rights and enlarge our organization's participation in the continuing struggle for full freedom and first class citizenship.