

Non-Partisan League Elects New Officers

With naming of officers completed this week, the newly-organized National Non-Partisan League opened an all-out last-week campaign for a record Negro registration for the 1944 election.

Stressing the need for marshalling the full political power of the Negro population at the polls, the league is pushing its drive with particular emphasis among migrants from the South who are not fully acquainted with their voting rights.

The final registration drive was blueprinted at an executive meeting in Chicago last Saturday at which John H. Sengstacke, publisher of the Chicago Defender, was elected permanent chairman. Headquarters of the league, which will work to swing independent votes to President Roosevelt, were opened in Chicago at 3435 S. Indiana avenue and in New York at the Hotel Theresa.

Officers named at the meeting last week were:

J. E. Mitchell, publisher, St. Louis Argus, associate chairman;

Dr. Alain Locke, Howard university, Washington, D.C., vice-chairman;

Leon Washington, publisher, Los Angeles Sentinel, vice-chairman;

Frank L. Stanley, general manager, Louisville Defender, vice-chairman;

Mrs. Louis E. Martin, associate editor, Michigan Chronicle, vice-chairman;

Cecil Newman, publisher, St. Paul Recorder and Minneapolis Spokesman, vice-chairman;

Una Mae Carlise, New York City, vice-chairman;

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Ralph Cooper, New York City.
vice-chairman;

Alfred E. Smith, journalist, Washington, D.C., Washington director;

Ramona Lowe, New York City,
director, New York;

Venice T. Spraggs, of Washington, D.C., national director of women activities.

"Our plan," stated Sengstacke, "is to enroll new faces in the arena of the fight for liberalism. The time for bogus and opportunistic leadership has passed. We welcome real leaders to our membership. We are in this fight to the finish."

One of our primary objectives is to see that the issues of this Presidential campaign are sifted and reviewed in the light of progress for the Negro.

J. E. Mitchell, publisher of the *Argus* at St. Louis, said: "This will be the first chance for many to translate their voices into political action for 'liberalism.' Therefore, included among the 19 states in which we are working are Washington, Oregon, Massachusetts and Connecticut, the Negro population of which has been greatly increased during the migration for new jobs created by our extensive armament program."

Among the methods being used in the organization's drive is to encourage "Listening Posts" for important radio addresses in the campaign. The first nation-wide listening post organization got underway when Vice-President Wallace spoke over a national hookup October 1.