

State Of Women Around World Main Topic At NCNW Washington Confab

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The state of women around the world was reported by three prominent women at the 23rd national convention of the National Council of Negro Women held in Washington, D. C.'s Statler Hilton Hotel from Nov. 13-15.

Reporting on the Middle East was Mrs. William Thomas Mason, the immediate past president of NCNW who recently spent a month in that area.

A report on the Tokyo conference of the Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's association came from Mrs. Ruth Caston Mueller, director of NCNW's seventh region and the organization's representative to the recently - ended Tokyo conference.

The state of women in Africa was discussed by Mrs. Arnetta Wallace, former supreme basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, who recently returned from that continent.

The women made their reports at a Nov. 14 public luncheon under the theme "How Fare Women Around the World." The luncheon was held in the Statler-Hilton's South American room.

Pointing to the convention's general theme "Women's Role in Community Leadership" — and stating that the scope of the community in which NCNW leaders are interested is international as well as local and national, the convention's planners are staging still another program on the international scene.

Staged on NCNW's "International Night" and themed "Education and Democracy in the featured reports on education and democracy in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, Africa and Latin America.

Other features of the convention include a leadership training institute conducted by Roger M. Shaw of New York university and Hilda O. Fortune of the Urban League of Greater New York.

A premiere party for the N. C. N. W. film strip "Women, Unite!" a new cook book giving recipes of famous Negroes and a play on development of self-confidence in Negro youth was staged by the Howard University Players, directed by Owen Dodson.

Included also was a dinner during which NCNW's annual award for human relations achievements was presented to movie stars Tony Curtis and Sidney Poitier for their roles in the motion picture "The Defiant Ones."

The president of NCNW is Miss Dorothy I. Height of New York City, a national executive of the YWCA and a newly-appointed member of the New York State Board of Social Welfare.

Attorney H. Elsie Austin is executive director.

Chairman of the convention was Mrs. Marion H. Jackson, N. C. N. W.'s national treasurer and immediate past president of Iota Phi Lambda sorority.

This luncheon, as well as all other luncheons of the convention, were planned by NCNW's lunch-

cons committee chaired by Mrs. Ethel Oliver, president of the Washington, D. C. alumnae sorority.

Its members, all Washingtonians, include Dr. Marjorie Parker, supreme basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and Mrs. Marion Blunt, president of Phi Delta Kappa sorority.

Other members are Mesdames Eleanor Singleton, Vivian Turner, Josephine Smith, Eudora Winters, Gladys Mehlinger, Dorothy Watts and Dr. Lorraine Williams.