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AMERICAN NEGRO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON AFRICA

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Six distinguished Negro civil rights leaders - Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary, NAACP; A. Philip Randolph, President, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL-CIO; Whitney Young, Executive Director, National Urban League; James Farmer, National Director, Congress of Racial Equality and Dorothy Height, President, National Council of Negro Women, have issued a CALL to more than seventy-five of the nation's top Negro organization leaders to a weekend conference on "The Role of the American Negro Community in U.S. Policy Toward Africa."

Negro Leaders will seek to increase the interest and activize the political influence of America's 19 million Negro citizens on their government's role in the councils of the United Nations and other diplomatic channels on the critical areas of Sub-Sahara Africa.

The Congo, South Africa, Angola, Mozambique, Central Africa Federation, Southwest Africa and the High Commission Territories will be the principle areas of interest for the conference.

The Arden House campus of Columbia University will be the site of the weekend get-together beginning November 23, 1962.

The American Committee on Africa, American Society of African Culture, Ghandi Society for Human Rights and Negro American Labor Council are joint sponsors of the conference with the organizations listed above. Further, Negro organizations from religious, civil rights, fraternal, sorority, business, professional, educational, labor and social groups will be sponsors and represented at the conference.

Distinguished American scholars are currently being organized to prepare position papers in advance as part of the conference working material.

Informed African leaders on the areas of concern will also have a place in the conference program. Many of these leaders will be in the United States, inasmuch as the United Nations General Assembly will be meeting in the fall.

The conference is being financed by the sponsoring organizations. United States and United Nations officials will not be invited to play an official part in the conference.

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