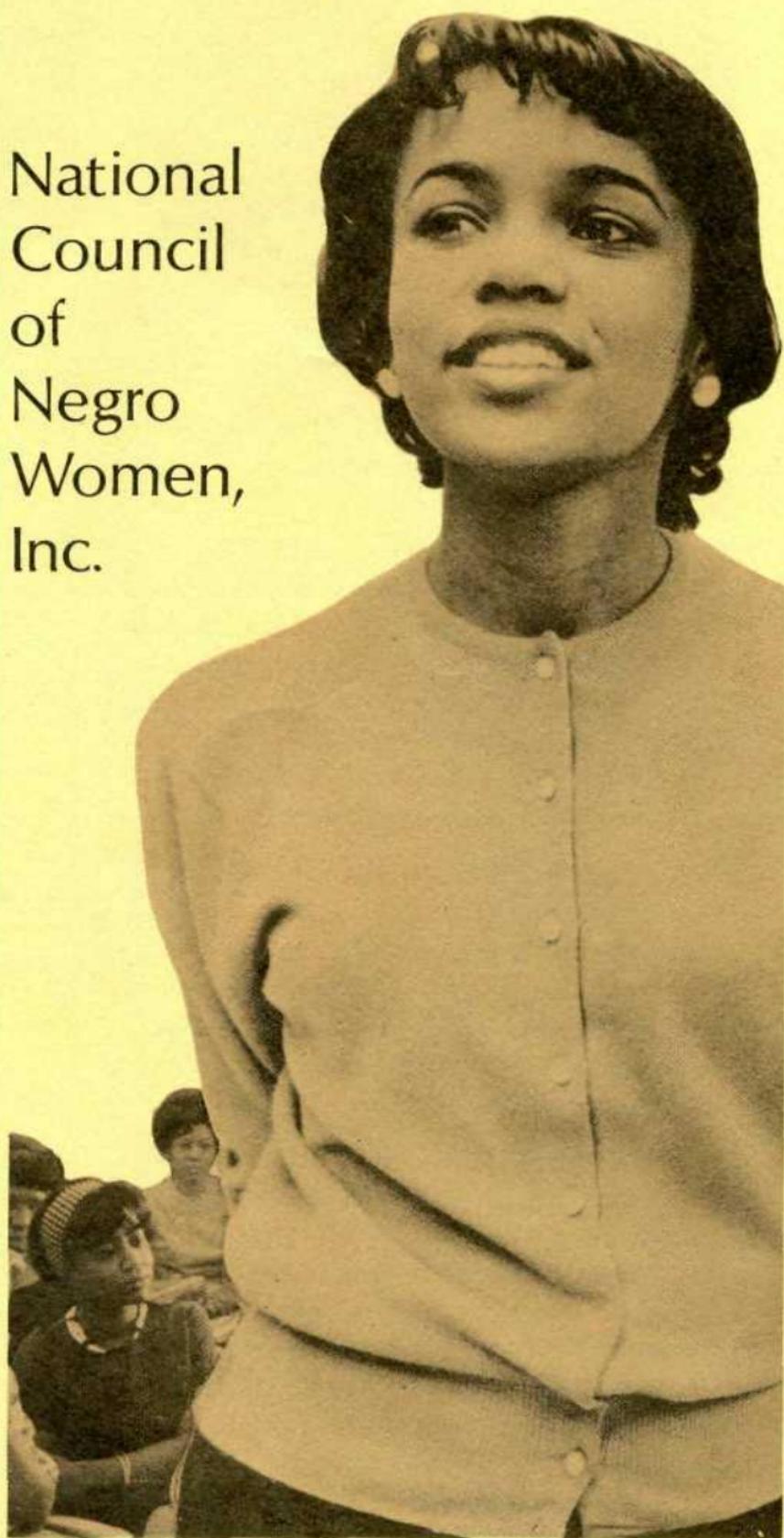


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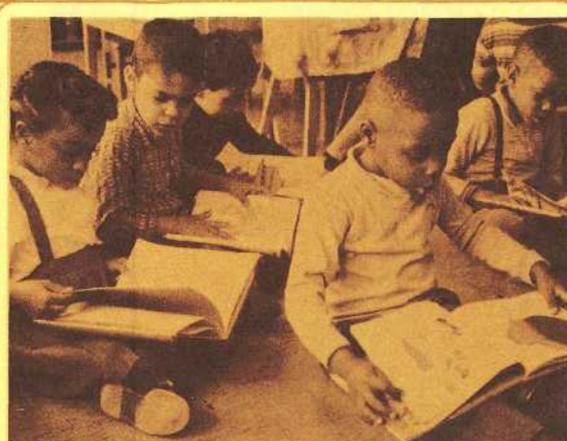
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Founded 1935



Starting afresh through Job Corps



Day care centers give a head start



Tutoring helps children learn how to learn



New skills lead to jobs



Checking price and quality protects the consumer

The NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN provides a creative rallying point for combating racism in our society.

In 1935, in the dark days of the Depression, Mary McLeod Bethune, the great educator and advisor to three United States presidents, founded NCNW. She recognized the need for black women in all walks of life to come together to work for their own welfare. And in united planning and concerted action she knew that the greatest impact could be made.

**SIZE & STRUCTURE** NCNW is an organization of organizations as well as a council that welcomes individuals. It has 25 national member organizations with an outreach of almost four million women and girls. Thousands more are members in more than 100 chartered urban and rural sections of NCNW.

**UNIQUENESS & STRENGTH** NCNW's uniqueness and strength consist in its ability to communicate in a meaningful way ideas and plans to women of diverse interests and settings and to involve them actively in community affairs affecting their well being and the well being of their families. Hand in hand, women in all states are attacking conditions of poverty, unemployment, inferior education, miserable housing, lack of opportunity, of human dignity.

**FUNCTIONS** NCNW represents before governmental and private bodies the concerns of women and girls on matters affecting the general welfare of the nation and the particular welfare of the black community.

NCNW sends representatives to major national and international conferences and maintains an Official Observer at the United Nations. It is affiliated with the National Council of Women in the United States, International Council of Women, the Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association, the American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa, the National Assembly for Social Policy and Development and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

**METHODS & PROGRAMS** NCNW takes the role of advocacy in a wide range of economic and social violations of human rights, such as helping women in Mississippi secure school breakfasts where school lunches were not provided, in upgrading household employment North and South, and in encouraging cooperative businesses which provide jobs.

The Council builds bridges of understanding between civic and government agencies, private business and the people who suffer the corroding conditions of racism. In its work-

shops, NCNW has given emphasis to welfare rights, to civil rights and to consumer protection.

Better schooling and the teaching of Negro heritage is a concern of NCNW in many states. The giving of scholarships to civil rights workers has resulted in a unique educational experiment in cooperation with Franconia College both at its New Hampshire campus and in a special pilot research-demonstration project now under way in Albany, Ga., the home base of a group of students.

**AS CATALYST** With NCNW as catalyst, problems are identified and faced up to, resources are examined and decisions for corrective action taken.

NCNW has carried on action research and volunteer training in Minnesota, Virginia and Florida in the prevention of juvenile delinquency among disadvantaged girls. In "Volunteers Unlimited," new insights and patterns for the involvement of women in the black community have emerged.

NCNW is credited by the Department of Housing and Urban Development with initiating in "Project Homes" a method whereby the poor can secure and own their own homes, first step in human dignity. Ground was broken for the first 200 in Gulfport, Miss., in April 1968,

and numerous other localities in other states are working on like projects.

**AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE** In recruiting and training for community action 6,000 Negro women heretofore ignored, NCNW through "Project Womanpower" is providing effective leaders who will involve still more Negro women besides themselves to become agents of social change.

NCNW is working for something more than band-aid treatment of social ills. In workshops, women isolated from the mainstream are brought together, oriented to the changing times and prepared for community participation, both paid and volunteer. Recent workshops in Newark and Paterson, N.J., brought enthusiastic response from women now committed to local action.

Cooperating with the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Council of Catholic Women and Church Women United, NCNW has helped establish Women in Community Service, Inc. WICS has helped recruit girls 16-21 from homes of poverty and screen them for Job Corps training. Those girls who go away from home, as well as those who prove ineligible, are given supportive services. The girls themselves say it is the personal interest that has helped them so much.



Voting is power

## Creative Fighting

Thus in breaking barriers, building bridges of understanding, and closing the communications gap between the various elements of the community which too often remain out of touch with the realities of the critical situation today, NCNW plays a role in which every woman can have a part.

### **The Bethune Memorial**

Under authorization of Congress and the President, NCNW is in final phase of its drive for funds for a memorial to Mary McLeod Bethune in Lincoln Park, Washington, D.C. This is the first memorial to an American Negro to be erected on public land in the nation's capital. It symbolizes the contribution of the Negro in American life.

## Member National Organizations

### NOTE:

In addition, women with no organizational affiliation are welcome as direct members. They may join a local chartered section, if one exists in the locality. Or, contact National Headquarters. If a group is interested in forming a new local section, ask for "How To Form a Local Section".

Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Chi Eta Phi  
CME Church Women's Connectional Missionary Council  
Daughters of IBPO of Elks of the World  
Delta Sigma Theta  
Eta Phi Beta  
Iota Phi Lambda  
Lambda Kappa Mu  
National Achievement Clubs  
National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers  
National Beauty Culturists League  
National Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, FAAY Masons, USA  
Phi Delta Kappa  
Sigma Gamma Rho  
Supreme Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star  
Tau Gamma Delta  
The Chums, Inc.  
The Women's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention  
United Beauty School Owners & Teachers  
Women's Army for National Defense  
Women's Auxiliary to the National Dental Association  
Women's Auxiliary to the National Medical Association  
Women's Home & Foreign Missionary Society of the AME Zion Church  
Women's Missionary Society, AME Church  
Zeta Phi Beta



Reaching people where they are

## Today's Goals

*To recruit, stimulate and train Negro women for more effective participation in community action.*

*To develop both independent and cooperative projects for service to the community.*

*To work for the enforcement of laws, and for administrative and legal action to protect civil rights and to combat poverty.*

*To broaden the base of participation by women of widely different backgrounds to achieve these common goals.*



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