

Dr. King Speaks To 400 at NPC

The Negro race "must work passionately and unrelentingly for first-class citizenship, but we must never use second-class methods to gain it," the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., told an NPC audience July 19.

Dr. King's address constituted a major restatement of policy for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference he heads. He spoke to about 400 people, including many from other nations, the White House staff and the Hill, and drew two standing ovations. Dr. King was the first American Negro to address the NPC.

While warning that a major campaign is under way to secure civil and voting rights for Negroes, he repeatedly rejected any appeal to violence or hate. His movement, he said, "seeks to implement the just law by appealing to the conscience of the great decent majority."

Speakers announced as this issue of the RECORD went to press:

July 26—Senator Barry Goldwater.

July 30—Prince Souvanna Phouma, of Laos.

Nov. 1—Archbishop of Canterbury.

Anthony J. Celebrezze, new Secretary of HEW—date not determined.

Other recent speakers at NPC luncheons:

June 12—Sir Howard Beale, Australian Ambassador to the U.S.

June 14—George Cullen (BNA), President of the National Press Club, speaking on his trip to Korea and Japan.

June 21—Walter C. Williams, associate director of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston.

June 26—Don Antonio Garrigues, Spanish Ambassador to the U.S.