Labor's Fight on Bias Evaluated, Course Charted at NLS Conference

The campaign against prejudice and discrimination conducted by the American labor movement was evaluated, and plans were made for intensified activity, at a conference of labor educators sponsored by the National Labor Service in New York on Oct. 30 and 31. More than 50 AFL, CIO and university specialists in workers education attended the conference.

A resolution was adopted commending the members of the President's Committee on Civil Rights for their "thorough, logical and courageous report to the President and the American people," and calling for united trade union support and implementation of the report.

An advisory council composed of AFL and CIO union representatives was created to cooperate with the National Labor Service in mapping out new techniques for use in labor's fight against prejudice.

Among those who addressed the seminar were Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman of the New York School of Social Work; Mrs. Caroline K. Simon, member of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination; Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, and Dr. Samuel Flowerman, associate director of the AJC scientific research department.

Maurice B. Fagan, executive director of the Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council, was given a testimonial dinner on Nov. 18 by the Council. Mr. Fagan was co-winner of this year's Philadelphia Award, for his "work and encouragement of understanding and good-will between groups of differing religious, racial and nationality backgrounds." He has worked closely with the Community Service department of the AJC.

Annual Meeting Plans Reported By Ehrmann

Plans for the AJC annual meeting, which will be held Jan. 17 and 18 at the Hotel Commodore in New York, are practically complete, it was announced by Herbert B. Ehrmann, chairman of the annual meeting committee.

The meeting, Mr. Ehrmann said, will begin with a dinner Saturday evening, Jan. 17, at which Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the executive committee, will review 1947 activities and Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president, will present a preview of the coming year's program. Dr. Jacob Marcus of Hebrew Union College will speak on "Jews in The American Pattern" at the opening dinner, and an award will be presented to Raymond Massey, outstanding actor, for his services in the field of intergroup relations.

Membership discussion will be held Sunday on such topics as civil liberties in the United States, German reeducation and evaluation of educational and action techniques in combatting prejudice. Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president, will speak Sunday evening, at a public meeting.

Explaining that local community problems are among the most vital facing the AJC membership, Mr. Ehrmann announced that a "Workshop in Community Problems" will be held on Friday, Jan. 16, preceding the annual meeting. At the Workshop, chapter members will discuss such issues as religion and the public schools, restrictive covenants, immigration and inter-organizational relations within local communities.