Elmore on today’s editorial page appear the minutes of a most interesting meeting held in New York City on February 18. The Executive Committee, headquartered in New York, set up its quarterly meeting on West Fortieth Street.

The document speaks for itself, and it should speak for the other editors, too. Until this week, we ourselves had never heard of the “Consultative Conference,” the body known as the CCND or the organized group of national integrationists. The CCND is an organization that demands equal rights for all races in the United States, and it has been active in promoting integration.

The CCND’s “Mass Media Committee” is made up of “about 40” organizations and individuals who work on racial integration. The APF’s source declined to release a list of these members. The CCND is working with other groups to bring about a “national day of protest against segregation” on April 4.

A letter was at hand mentioning the National League of American Women and a National Conference of Christians and Jews. In a free country, this is considered a question of civil rights. It is worth noting that the letter as paid advertising in major newspapers (James E. Simpson, Attorney, 317 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama, and (J. W. M. Putnam, who is “distinguished” though he has not distinguished himself in other ways, may be asked to do with formation of this committee.

In his letter, the New York-born author and publisher of a Jewish magazine, Putnam, ringleader of the Southern Council of Churches, Rabbi Abraham Feldman, Synagogue Council of America, and Rabbi Abraham Heschel, of the Catholic Committee of the South, all of whom serve as co-chairmen. The executive director is Arnold Aronson, of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, Louis Hohkins, of the American Friends Service Committee, is treasurer.

The minutes of the Mass Media Committee were also discussed. The committee met in New York on February 4. A copy of the letter was received from the editorial page into our hands. It is reproduced verbatim below. Readers will find the minutes an absorbing account, I believe, of how a pressure group works. Editorial comment appears at left.

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**The Last Meeting: Integration Leaders Work Busily to Influence Public Opinion**

**Editorial Comment**

- The next meeting of the Mass Media Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the NAACP, 20 West 40th Street, New York, New York. Put this on your calendar and please call or write us to let us know whether or not you plan to attend.

1. Approximately 15,000 copies of *Pogo* and *Speak Easy* and *Schools* a reprint of Walt Kelly’s comic strips on that subject, will be distributed free by the American Civil Liberties Press, Anna Dale, Atlanta, Georgia.

2. A letter was received from Herman Long, Administrator of the Department of Social Security, in New York, a group of national organizations quietly established the Consultative Conference, as a group of organizations, its purpose is to coordinate activities in support of racial integration. The editor concludes Dr. Erwin Knoll, of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, Lewis Hohkins, of the American Friends Service Committee, is treasurer.

3. Reitman agreed to contact Life magazine again concerning a proposed article on the effect of the desegregation controversy on economic conditions in Arkansas. Sample copies will be sent to all CCD agencies.

4. The National Urban League has prepared an attractive 11x14 illustrated pamphlet, “Half a Life,” in connection with Equal Opportunity Day. Copies are being sent to CCD agencies.

5. The Turpentine Press has just published as a public service a series of editorials on Desegregation in Washington’s Schools, which will be available as a series of six articles in the Washington Post by Erwin Knoll. The series is an excellent survey of progress in the Washington Public Schools, and it is hoped by reporting the vicious propaganda being spread by the self-styled “conservatives” in Arkansas and other Southern segregationists, to give a clearer picture of the actual situation.

6. Members of the Committee on the American Civil Liberties Press International and Editor and Publisher Committee are working on a series of articles to appear in The New York Times and the Washington Post, and to appear in other newspapers. (James E. Simpson, Attorney, 317 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama, and J. W. M. Putnam, who is “distinguished” though he has not distinguished himself in other ways, may be asked to do with formation of this committee.

7. The National Urban League is hosting a Committee to arrange for publication of the pamphlet, “Desegregation in Washington’s Schools,” in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 9. The pamphlet is being distributed to all CCD agencies.

8. A group of organizations in Miami, under the leadership of the United Church Women, American Jewish Committee, and the United States Civil Rights Commission, are preparing a report on the effect of the desegregation controversy in Miami.

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