

Boycott of Negroes Stirs Plea for Aid [TRANSCRIPTION]

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called on the American Red Cross yesterday for assistance in what it termed a “man-made disaster” in Tennessee.

It asked the Red Cross to take immediate steps to bring relief to Negro families in Fayette County, Tenn., who have met with economic retaliation after registering to vote. “These people are being denied food, clothing and fuel,” Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the association, said in a telegram to Red Cross headquarters in Washington.

Mr. Wilkins acted on the basis of reports from Fayette County that Negroes who had registered had lost their jobs, had credit refused and insurance canceled, and had been unable to buy gasoline to keep their farm machinery running.

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