

Four Thousand Teachers To Open VTA Meet Oct. 31

RICHMOND — Four thousand teachers from all sections of the state will meet here October 31 for the three-day session of the 69th annual convention of the Virginia Teachers Association. Some of the outstanding leaders in various walks of life will address the convention. Dr. J. Rupert Picott is executive secretary.

Speakers and teachers will grapple with the problems faced by Virginia schools in adjusting their program of education to the realities of life. This will be in keeping with the convention theme which is "Education Faces Realities."

THESE AIMS form the convention theme: "Education Faces Realities." Through three days of sessions the delegates and teachers will gather in nine general sessions and 34 departmental meetings to explore their various fields of education. An exploration in which top authorities will lead discussions and more than 300 discussants and interrogators will match their understanding

of current problems with ideas toward more reasonable work.

The executive committee of the VTA will gather at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 30, in the first official program event, in the VTA Building, Clay street at Fourth, Richmond.

TWO GENERAL sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 31; five more general meetings, including three business meetings, are planned for Thursday, Nov. 1; and two great closing sessions are set for Friday, Nov. 2.

Dr. James J. Jones, executive secretary of the Virginia School Boards Association and professor of education at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, will address the high school readers on the subject, "The Future of Principals." Dr. P. C. Johnson, professor of education at Virginia State College, will address the elementary principals on "Elementary School

Principals Study Their Work."

Dean Ray O. Duncan of W. Virginia Univ., Morgantown W. Va. and president, American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, will address the 3:30 p.m. general session, also in Coburn Hall.

THE ANNUAL convention banquet at 7 p.m. will be held in Martin E. Gray Dining Hall, Virginia Union University, and is the seventh general session of the convention. The report of the balloting committee will be made at this time.

Two departments will stage special meetings Thursday. The science and mathematics teachers will hear the distinguished industrialist, Dr. Glenn W. Giddings, manager of research personnel, General Electric Corporation, Schenectady, N. Y. in the Belgian Building's Science Lecture Room. Dr. Giddings will speak at 11 a.m. on "Our Stake in Training For Careers in Science and Mathematics."

DR. RALPH W. Cherry, the new dean of instruction of the School of Education, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, will address the eighth general session, which will be sponsored by the Division of College Teachers, at 9 a.m., Friday morning in the Belgian Building Auditorium, Virginia Union University. He will speak on "Education Faces Realities."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of the Montgomery, Ala., will speak on "Facing The Challenge of A New Age" at the 4 p.m. general meeting in the Belgian Building.

DR. J. ERNEST Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of Labor, Washington, D. C., the highest executive position ever held by a Negro in the federal government, will also speak at this session.

Arna Bontemps, noted author, will address the librarians on "Librarians Share in a Changing World." He is librarian at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

DR. SAMUEL DeWitt Proctor, president of Virginia Union University, will address the adult educators on "Facing Realities In Community Living."

A. L. DeMond, supervisor of business education, Washington, D. C., public schools, will be the speaker consultant for the League of Business Teachers. The Retired Teachers will hear Mrs. Helen E. Baker of Washington, D. C., on "Retired Teachers Participate In Our Changing World."