NAACP, Gov't Disagree On Africa Trip

Although the United States Depart-
ment of Defense said that the
Jan. 15 and 16 visit of the airc-
craft carrier, Nimitz, to Cap-
tain, South Africa, was "mer-
aled," and that none of the non-white
members of the carrier's crew
were discriminated against, the
NAACP differed sharply and
charged that the Navy made no
protest to the SOUTH AFRICAN
and thus allowed its practices and the
Andrican flag to be insulted.

The NAACP's protests appeared
at the Friday, in the The
Chau, the national publication of the
organization.

According to the NAACP, the
204 non-white crew members of
the aircraft carrier had to carry
typical permits to drink liquor in
South Africa and few could not
take any away to hotel or bar
because it is against the law for non-\European South Africans to do this. All European bars, white bars, black bars and colored bars were out of bounds to them.

Through the Defense Dept.,
Capt. Reynolds D. Peck, com-
mmander of the carrier, Nimitz,
assembled all the crew mem-
bers, white and non-white, attend-
ed ball games and functions com-
pletely unaccompanied. The in-
dustry, said the Department, were
arranged by the local government
authorities.

It was admitted, however, that
the only function some-white mem-
bers could not attend were dinners
which included white people. In
response to the policy, of not per-
mitting people of color to buy li-
quor, the Defense Department
said that local laws were waived to
permit the Negro sailors to buy
on the other basis as white mem-
bers. Negro sailors were also permitted to enter
restaurants owned by Indians, it was
learned. Harris owned by Sen-
gals with Negro sailors were
"not of southern" for admission, the
sailors said.