

# Crisis Editor Says Board Is Inconsistent; Severs All NAACP Connections

New York City—Dr. W. E. B. DuBois tendered his resignation as editor of *The Crisis*. It was effective as of June 11th and Dr. DuBois severed all connections with the N. A. A. C. P. His full statement follows:

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  
OF COLORED PEOPLE:

At the May meeting of the Board, the following action was taken:

On motion of Dr. Wright, duly seconded, it was VOTED, That *The Crisis* is the organ of the Association and no salaried officer of the Association shall criticize the policy, work, or officers of the Association in the pages of *The Crisis*; that any such criticism should be brought directly to the Board of Directors and its publication approved or disapproved.

I did not know of this action until a week after the June editorials had been written.

I regret to say that I am unable to comply with this vote. I do not for a moment question the right of the Board to take this action or its duty to do so whenever differences of opinion among its officers become so wide as to threaten the organization. Naturally, I seriously question the wis-

dom or right of any distinction between the opinions of salaried and unsalaried officials.

On the other hand, in thirty-five years of public service, my contribution to the settlement of the Negro problems has been mainly candid criticism based on a careful effort to know the facts. I have not always been right, but I have been sincere, and I am willing at this late day to be limited in the expression of my honest opinions in the way in which the Board proposes. In fact, *THE CRISIS* never was and never was intended to be an organ of the Association in the sense of simply reflecting its official opinion. I could point to a dozen actions of the Board confirming this. My ideal for *THE CRISIS* has always been that anyone's opinion, no matter how antagonistic to mine, or to that of the Association, could to a reasonable extent, find there free and uncensored expression. I will not edit *THE CRISIS* unless this policy can be continued.

I am, therefore, resigning from my position as Director of Publications and Research, Editor of *THE CRISIS*, Member of the Board of Directors of

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