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professional and social elements of the community.

Dr. Sylvester S. Davis, President of the Cleveland Branch and member of the National Board, extended greetings and expressed the gratitude of the NAACP and his personal appreciation to Mrs. Rowena Gordon, Co-Chairperson for the "Committee of 100"; Mrs. Olive Deany Tabor, General Chairperson for the Freedom Fund Dinner; Robert M. Ginn, Corporate Chairman for the Freedom Fund Dinner and the various committees of the NAACP for their efforts and active involvement in making this year's Freedom Fund Dinner a signal success.

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