

Social Undertones Echo From Nat'l Negro Confab

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20 — Among the many elaborate fur wraps seen at the second national conference on problems of Negro and Negro youth, Jan. 12-14 Persian lamb seemed to have the "ayes." Prominent among the delegates displaying the latest in Hollywood fashions were Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming, Cleveland politician of wide reputation, wearing a Persian lamb coat and hat to match; Mrs. Bessye T.

Bearden, who sported a Persian lamb coat with sable cossack; Mrs. Daisy Lampkins, of Pittsburgh, who displayed a Persian lamb coat with a black felt hat; Miss Marjorie Stewart Jayner, of Chicago, wore a Hudson seal coat, with feathered turban; Mrs. Charles C. Diggs, of Detroit, wearing a Hudson seal coat, with a black felt toque.

Others who figured in the fashion parade were, Mrs. Marian M. Hubbard, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Thaille Edwards, New York; Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of Sedalia, N. C.

Mrs. Bethune presided over all of the sessions of the three-day conference. On the first day she was becomingly gowned in black velvet, gold accessories and a corsage of orchids. "Bert" Bethune, her son, a prominent undertaker of Florida, was introduced to the conference.

Among the committee chairmen none seemed to have occupied the spotlight more than Joe W. James, executive secretary of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Negro Welfare League. Mr. James was able to offer splendid contact and from the view presented in committee and panel discussion, pictured vividly the problems of his immediate community and the south. Mr. James was accompanied by "Bert" Bethune. Attorney J. Leonard Lewis, Afro-American Insurance Co.; G. D. Rogers, president of the Central Insurance Co.; Dr. E. A. Durham, Daytona Beach; Father James Culmer, and Dr. J. R. E. Lee.

At the conclusion of the conference the findings of the special committees were presented to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the White House by the following committee: Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, Dr. John W. Davis, Mrs. R. R. Moten, and Dr. Bousfield, of Chicago, Ill.