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## A BABY DIES

Last Friday, a steady stream of white patients came and left a doctor's office. A Negro mother pounded on the door of the white waiting room. Her baby was suffering from pneumonia. During the hours the mother and her child were waiting to see the doctor the youngster was having convulsions. A white doctor finally found time to look at her child.

The mother and her daughter were sent to Forrest County Hospital. Once again they waited. Time marched on. The mother took her child to the Laurel hospital. Time ran out. The baby died at the age of two years, nine months. One more infant mortality statistic.

## GUYOT, GIENN, MACDONALD, RELEASED FROM JAIL; BOND MONEY NEEDED FOR HANCOCK AND BAILEY

Lawrence Guyot, the Chairman of the Freedom Democratic Party and director of the 5th Congressional District was released from jail Friday morning after serving a month sentence and paying a \$100.00 fine.

Released with him was \$5,000 bond (he is also Billy MacDonald, a COFO worker supposed to be an inveterate liar on VR forms) and Henry Bailey, under \$7,500 bond who the state contends just can't help signing checks to mythical bank accounts.

Both Guyot's and MacDonald's arrests stemmed from participation on the picket line last April. Guyot and MacDonald were supposed to have "interfered with an officer" (a very popular charge these days), and Billy was also charged with "resisting arrest" --- even though he walked peacefully with the officer to the pokey.

Charles Glenn, Project Director for COFO in Moss Point and Pascagoula is out of jail after nearly six weeks. He still faces a trial on state charges that he lied on a voter registration application.

Still in jail are Milton Hancock, a COFO workers from Greenwood, who is under

Anyone who could help post bond on Hancock and Bailey please contact the COFO office.

## HATTIESBURG -- 2 MONTHS AND 8 DAYS LATER

Amid much pen flourishing and flag waving the President of these United States signed a Civil Rights bill two months and eight days ago.

This bill was wrought from the indifferent white faces on the Senate floor by the endurance and suffering of the people of Hattiesburg (Cont. on back)

## STUDY CENTERS OPEN HERE

A study center-library where students can do homework and receive tutorial help will open Monday at the Priest Creek Study Center and the Dewey Street Community Center.

The centers will operate Monday through Saturday, 3:30-8:30 PM as study halls, with a varied program during other hours. Both centers are equipped with encyclopedias, and dictionaries, books on Negro History and shelves of general reference materials.

## Student Tutors

The tutorial program will be based on the "each one-teach one" concept where a 12th grader would tutor someone in the eleventh year; an eleventh year student would tutor a tenth grader and so on down until each grade from 7 to 12 is covered.

## Spanish Classes

There are also plans for special classes in Spanish to be taught by a Latin-American student living in Hattiesburg.

Former teachers, college students and COFO workers will be at the study centers to help conduct the program.

EVERYONE

OVER 12

PLEASE

COME!

HATTIESBURG....

(Cont'd. from pg. 1) and by the determination of all the people in all the Hattiesburg's in the Movement.

After so much effort and so many precious lives lost this bill is today flouted in every part of our city. In the past two weeks in Hattiesburg a bus driver pulled a gun on Luther Collins, 18, when Luther refused to move to the back of the bus. The driver threatened to kill him. Mr. Collins walked off the bus and three other Negro passengers got off with him.

Although segregation is now supposed to be legally and officially dead Mrs. Vera Bivins and Mrs. Lonnie Ray Young and their children were forced to leave Kamper's Park last Wednesday by six policemen who told them that the park had suddenly closed.

A Little History

In 1868 the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed prohibiting segregation in any place open to the public; this amendment has been ignored for 96 years. In 1872 a series of Civil Rights acts were passed, once again banning segregation in all public places. These laws have been ignored for 93 years. The ostreich-like white population of Hattiesburg obviously believes that the new Civil Rights law, like its predecessors can be ignored; that it will perhaps pass away. Of course the rest of the world knows differently.

"A JOB WELL DONE"

The Hattiesburg American recently carried a two page picture spread on the Hattiesburg Police Force and what a grand job it was doing. They topped the article off with a headline which read: "A JOB WELL DONE."

Mrs. Ruth Noble and her sister-in-law Mrs. Pauline Williams had a chance last week to judge the job the Hattiesburg Police Force was doing first hand. Saturday, Officer Owens of this same police force kicked Mrs. Noble in the thigh while she was in the County Jail.

The police had come to Mrs. Williams' house that morning asking if her husband was in. They said they wanted to check if Mr. Isai Williams had been selling whiskey in his home. (Maybe they wanted to sell him a license)?

Mrs. Williams said her husband wasn't home and she and Mrs. Noble went to work. An hour later a neighbor called Mrs. Noble to say that the police were climbing in the window of Mrs. William's home. Both ladies rushed to the house and finding Officer Owens asked him if he could break into a person's home when no one was there. Owens arrested the ladies, and cursed at them while driving to the station. He later kicked Mrs. Noble in jail because she laughed at a remark he made.

Hattiesburg's finest may be doing a good job, but its a good job ON our people, not For them. It seems to us that Congressional Medals of honor should be awarded to the thousands of Negro citizens here who daily have to deal with these hired thugs, for bravery and fortitude far beyond the call of duty, decorum or cn.

OF LIE-BRARIES AND LIBRARIES

Our libraries, having had innumerable "inventories" now decided to re-open to the public. How nice. All you have to do is go down to the Library and fill out an application form, and you will get your card, and you will be able to use the Library. So it seems.

At least thats what the Daily HA! has to say. The

latest gimmick is really something else. After filling out your application form for a card you must wait until the "committee" passes on your application. Which will probably be never. This was found out Saturday by four youths from Palmers Crossing who went down to find out about

the new Library deal. A further note to this: You don't have to go through all this to read interesting works whether about Negro History or contemporary Negro literature by Baldwin, E. Franklin Frazier, Langston Hughes and so on. Fact of the matter is we probably have more of these works in our own library than any in the state.