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BLACK CANDIDATES LOST

around the state

16 Black farmers in Kemper County has been nominated by petition for their A.S.C.S. community committees. Also, Lee Henry Lewis was nominated in Community H, Holmes County, and Bennett F. Smith in Community F, Leake County.

At least 4 carloads of Mississippi people have gone to the New Politics convention in Chicago this week. Some leaders of the convention want to put up Martin Luther King for President of the United States in 1968. Other people feel that to get out the vote will take too much energy away from important local issues.

Joseph H. Bivens, a shoemaker, and L.A. Taylor, a male nurse, have announced they will run for the Greenville city council in the fall municipal elections. They were endorsed by the Washington County Democratic Club, a Negro political group that backed Winter and Sullivan in the second primary. The Club is also interviewing Negro women who want a job as clerk in the Chancery Clerk's office. They will submit 3 names to the white man just elected Clerk, and he will choose one, according to a campaign promise.

Mississippians United will meet Sunday, September 3, at 1 P.M. at Good Samaritan Church in Yazoo County. Turn off Highway 51 just south of Pickens (sign says "to Vaughn") and take south fork of road about 2 miles to church.

Three white anti-poverty workers in Kentucky have been charged with sedition after their homes were raided and lies spread about their work.

Although most of them got more votes this time, all 22 Black candidates in the second Democratic primary lost to whites.

Charles Evers of the NAACP has asked President Johnson to order new elections in Claiborne, Jefferson, and Wilkinson counties. He said that Negro poll workers were not allowed to assist Negro voters, as they were in the first primary.

Evers said that federal observers watched and took notes while whites put Negroes' ballots in paper bags.

He also said, though, that some Negroes still feel that no Negro can do the job as well as a white man. (We know what kind of a "good" job whites have been doing for years!)

See page two for the count of votes for black candidates and the whites they ran against.

Here are the votes received by Negro candidates who ran in the first and second primary elections:

| | <u>1st</u> | <u>whites</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>white</u> |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| <u>Claiborne County</u> | | | | |
| Sheriff - Calvin C. Williams | 1882 | (1916) | 1795 | (2245) |
| <u>Coahoma County</u> | | | | |
| Beat 4 Supervisor - R.L. Drew | 3528 | (6716) | 4125 | (6420) |
| Beat 4 J.P., Post 2 - J.W. Wright | 2452 | (5089) | 2697 | (5080) |
| <u>Copiah County</u> | | | | |
| Beat 1 Supervisor - John L. Chase | 1120 | (2206) | 1350 | (2083) |
| Beat 1 Constable - Houston Collins | 1020 | (2161) | 1298 | (2081) |
| <u>Harrison County</u> | | | | |
| Beat 4 Constable - Milton Toles | 679 | (3692) | 1425 | (3128) |
| <u>Jefferson County</u> | | | | |
| Sheriff - Will T. Turner | 1442 | (2134) | 1629 | (2092) |
| Beat 2 Supervisor - Claudie Bailey | 361 | (362) | 335 | (403) |
| <u>Jefferson Davis County</u> | | | | |
| Beat 4 J.P. - Paul Jones Polk | 296 | (435) | 297 | (449) |
| Beat 4 Constable - Victor Hall | 227 | (472) | 275 | (447) |
| <u>Madison County</u> | | | | |
| Circuit Clerk - Fred Singleton, Jr. | 2359 | (5217) | 3380 | (5213) |
| Chancery Clerk - Arthur Tate | 2582 | (5198) | 3456 | (5244) |
| Beat 1 Constable - Frank Williams | 1401 | (2416) | 1881 | (2576) |
| Beat 4 Supervisor - W.E. Garrett | 311 | (569) | 383 | (567) |
| <u>Marshall County</u> | | | | |
| Sheriff - Alfred Robinson | 1596 | (5982)* | 2992 | (4491) |
| Superintendent of Education - Quentell Gipson | 1125 | (2934) | 1657 | (2778) |
| Circuit Clerk - Oscar L. Fant | 2313 | (4755) | 3047 | (4587) |
| Beat 1 Supervisor - Rev. James V. Murdock | 538 | (2145) | 1000 | (1969) |
| <u>Pike County</u> | | | | |
| Beat 3 Constable - Murray Spruce Guy | 191 | (558) | 232 | (545) |
| <u>Wilkinson County</u> | | | | |
| Sheriff - Mon C. Allen | 1724 | (2360) | 1908 | (2301) |
| Superintendent of Education - Anselm J Finch | 1423 | (2545) | 1665 | (2522) |
| Beat 4 Supervisor - Tom Griffin | 104 | (187) | 110 | (186) |

*This number includes 321 votes for Lennie Cummings, Jr., a Negro who was running against Robinson in the first primary.

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VOTE

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The following letter was sent August 27th to Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress by H. Rapp Brown, Chairman, and James Forman, International Affairs Director of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Dear Brother Tambo:

Following the death of Chief Albert Lithuli, the African National Congress stated... that it had decided to wage a revolutionary armed struggle against the illegal white South African government.

Since (then) you have formed a military alliance with the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union. We have also been informed that you have sent armed guerillas into South Africa to commit selective sabotage and to wage an intensive liberation struggle. We know that this decision was not made lightly or without adequate training and preparation to sustain the initial efforts. Therefore we are not surprised that the South African authorities are carrying on a three-nation search for your guerillas. We send to you our moral support and we pledge to help in other ways as you request it.

We are... calling on black people not to buy new General Motors cars for the year 1968. We are fully aware that General Motors is a heavy investor in South Africa and the profits from exploited labor of our brothers in South Africa makes this company even richer.

Why?

My skin is black as ebony,
My hair is black and wooly,
My nose is wide, my lips are thick,
My eyes are filled with hate and fury,
But my heart is filled with sadness and worry
In one world, I don't belong.
Why is it? I'm not free as he.

by CAROLYN GREENE

Age 18

JACKSON STATE
College



Dear F.I.S.,

I believe that if some of the NAACP leaders would go around and make a talk to the colored people & explain to them to stick together probly it would help this movement.

Thanks

Rev. W.D. Benjamin
Brooklyn, Miss.
(Forrest County)