

20 July 64 - A PAPER for All who want their
Freedom and Full equality Now.

DREW FREEDOM - FIGHTER



In spite of 7 arrests during the mass meeting on Tuesday, June 11, the mass meeting on Wednesday night was even larger. The people seemed even more determined to work for their freedom. The police were not scaring the people of Drew any more. This was proved by what happened Wednesday night!

The Wednesday meeting started on the outside of the Holly Grove Church. The question to start with is, why couldn't it be held inside? The next question is, what made the deacons of the church decide that we couldn't even meet outside their church? When the deacon said that we could not meet on church property, the mass meeting moved next door, to an empty lot. The people were singing about Freedom. Charles MacLaurin was talking about how to achieve Freedom Now.

Then the police came with the owner of the empty lot, and the owner said we could not meet on her empty lot. The people voted to continue the meeting by going into the street. So about 60 people took the step for freedom, and followed Charles MacLaurin into the street. Twenty-five people were arrested. The charge was blocking the sidewalk. But the people were not afraid of jail. The police had to turn some of them away and tell them that they could not be arrested. The people who went to jail went singing, and the people outside the walls of the Drew City Jail could hear Charles MacLaurin still talking about Freedom inside the jail.

Jail was not pleasant. Lice and roaches and a snake and little air and the smell of urine. But they were not ashamed to be in jail. They had gone to jail for their freedom. Ten citizens of Drew went with 6 citizens of Ruleville and 9 COFO workers. There will be more mass meetings, and even more people will come. There may be more arrests, as the police and the mayor of Drew see their society crumbling. But we will never never turn back.

THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

by Bossie Mae Herring

I think the Negro freedom workers and the white workers have made a very good start, and by the help of God we shall overcome some day. The Negro people have been a stepping stone for the white people all their lives because they didn't know better. But someone has opened our eyes to freedom and we will walk in the light of freedom until we achieve the victory.

FROM THE RULEVILLE STUDENT ACTION GROUP by Ora Doss

The teachers at Ruleville Central High School do not take any part in the registration program when we try to talk to them. Some of them show interest but others do not. We will put forth every effort to change them because we can teach us how to be first class citizens when they are not citizens themselves. Something that the Student Action Group might do in order to inform the teachers of the necessity to become first class citizens is picket the school or have a school walk-out.

Vote Freedom Democrat

The big, old, political party of Mississippi is the segregated Democratic Party. This party is owned and operated by white people like James Eastland and T.A. Fleming. These white people don't know what the Negro people want. They don't even care about Negro people.

We want a party in Mississippi that is integrated-not segregated. We want a party that will make the boss man on the plantation pay more than \$3 a day. We want a party here in Mississippi that will give us responsible policemen and good mayors-not policemen that beat people and throw them into jail for nothing and not mayors who sit in their offices and get fat and care only about white people.

We will call this new party the Freedom Democratic Party. It will be the best party in Mississippi, because it will be owned and operated by Negro and white people together. People all over the United States and all over the world will hear about this party, because it will stand for freedom and justice for all people in Mississippi.

In August all the Democratic parties of all 50 states of the United States will have a meeting. Will the Freedom Democratic Party of Mississippi be at the meeting or will the same old segregated Democratic party be there? All the Negro people should sign the Freedom Registration form. The Freedom Democratic party will win. And the old segregated Democratic party that Eastland belongs to will have to stop aside.

The Freedom Democratic Party will hold meetings all over Lower County. It will hold meetings all over Mississippi. It will elect people to go to a County Meeting. It will elect some people to go to a state meeting. This party fights for freedom. It fights for the freedom of the Negro people. Everyone should attend local meetings of this party. We must work for freedom. No change comes unless people work for change.

The Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois Argument: A Dialogue

Scene: Du Bois and Washington meet at a convention. Du Bois is a short man, with a keen-looking face and sharp eyes. Washington is tall, well dressed, and well-to-do-looking.

Du Bois (clearing his throat): Good evening, Sir.

Booker T. Washington (looking hard at him): Good evening.

Du Bois: I heard the speech you made about segregation. You really do believe in that segregation.

Washington: Yes, I do believe in segregation.

Du Bois: Why?

Washington: Well, you know how white and colored can't get along together.

Du Bois: They can get along together if we lazy Negroes wake up, and start doing something for ourselves!

Washington: Why, you integrationist you!

Du Bois: I want to see our race with better educations and finer homes. I don't want to see them treated like slaves, living in homes that are nothing but nasty lumber thrown together! I want to see Negroes voting like citizens.

Washington: Lets stop talking about the vote and higher education. I'm sick of that!

Du Bois: You're just an old fool so mixed up in segregation, you don't know what the word integration means.

Washington (getting madder): How in the world do you think you're going to get the two races together.

Du Bois: By getting all the Negroes together fighting for integration.

Washington: Fighting! And getting the living daylight beat out of you.

Du Bois: Good bye, Mr. Washington!!!

Washington: Good bye Dr. Du Bois!!!

Violence in Harlem--New York City (the New York Times)

Harlem, and places like Harlem all over the North, are the ghettos where Negroes live in big Northern cities. The people there are tired of overcrowding, overcharging, and police brutality. The riots of the past few days started out not to be riots; the people from CORE only wanted to demonstrate against a recent terrible case of police brutality. But, unfortunately, terribly, there was a great deal of violence. You can understand some of the feelings of the police, and of the people of Harlem:

"Go home, go home," a sweating red-faced captain shouted through a bullhorn.

A street car honk from a car in the mob: "We are here, baby."