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WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

We have had many reports of people in Greenwood who are afraid even to fill out the Freedom Registration form. Many people still think that we put their names in the newspaper, just like they do when you go to the courthouse. But take a look in the paper! Do you see any names? No, of course not. The names of the people who sign up are kept a secret, and no one but the voter registration workers ever see them. Some people who are afraid to sign try to pretend that they already have, but we know they haven't. So, you see, there are many Uncle Toms in Greenwood who won't do anything for their own freedom because they are scared. People who are scared when there is no danger are just cowards, and the strong people of Greenwood should be glad that there are only a few cowards here. Soon, when our freedom is won, the Uncle Toms will feel ashamed that they did nothing to help win it. They will feel so ashamed that they will not be able to face their neighbors.

COUNTY DELEGATES ELECTED

The Leflore County Convention of the Freedom Democratic Party met Thursday night at Friendship Church to elect its delegates to the District and State Conventions. The 50 delegates to the county convention represented 3 precincts within Greenwood (GP, Gridney, and Baptist Town) and also the precincts of Itta Bena, Sidon, Browning, and Siftown. Together in the county convention, these delegates elected 8 of themselves to represent Leflore County at the convention of the 2nd Congressional District in Greenville on Aug. 3, and also at the State Convention in Jackson on August 6.

The convention Thursday night also passed 8 resolutions. One of them mentioned the duty of the Freedom Democrats of Mississippi to support President Johnson in his campaign against Barry Goldwater. Mr. Johnson was a very close friend of President John F. Kennedy before he died, and he promised to carry on President Kennedy's work, such as the Civil Rights Law. It is very important that we support Pres. Johnson and the

National Democratic Party, for the old Democratic Party of the State would rather see Goldwater win, even though he is a Republican.

A second important resolution called for Leflore County and the City of Greenwood to provide paved roads, streetlights,

and playgrounds in the Negro neighborhood that are equal to those in the white parts of town.

It is clear to see that we can get our rights better by building our own political party. The Freedom Democratic Party was created by ourselves, not by anyone else.

The old Democrats of Mississippi are now beginning to see that the same people they thought they could boss around are now rising up, and they're scared. We are becoming a powerful force against evil because we are organized. The better organized we are, the more powerful we will become. The Freedom Democratic Party is our own organization, and it is something for all of us to work for with pride.

NOTICE

This week, there will be many voter registration workers on Johnson St. and McLauren St. helping people to sign the Freedom Registration forms. They'll be there during the shopping hours and in the evening until 8:30. If you have not yet filled out your form, look for them when you go shopping, and they will be glad to give you a form to fill out.