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## Complaints Mount

### Over Garbage

By Patricia Young

"It's awful that the city won't clean up the street. It is also unhealthy," said Mrs. Lucille Young, 742 Lynch St.

In the last few days more than twenty residents have complained about the garbage problem on Lynch St. These are some of the complaints:

Mrs. Rosie Johnson said, "The garbage needs to be moved."

Mrs. Bernice Lewis said, "It is bad when the city won't do their job and clean up the trash."

Mrs. Sylvia Dent said, "I should call the

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## CRIBS BURN,

### VIOLENCE MARKS

By Olivia Lampley

Increased police patrol in the Lynch Street neighborhood has been evident since a rash of incidents which took place in the area Saturday.

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## ADULT CLASSES

### On Through Fall

By John Polk and Elaine Washington

The Adult Education classes held at Pratt Memorial Church three nights each week will continue right through the fall, it was announced this week by Ray Rohrbaugh, coordinator of the classes.

The Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) is sponsoring adult classes for any, Negro or white, who desire them.

Briefly, the classes are intended to prepare the adult to register to vote and to take an active part in the political process in Jackson and in Mississippi.

Classes in Negro history and literature, citizenship and the Freedom movement are offered, in addition to academic subjects designed to improve literacy.

The classes are held at Pratt every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30.

Mrs. C.B. Jones, a Jackson housewife and a student, said she highly

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## Freedom Democratic Party Statement

About 68 delegates for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party left Wednesday night from the Pratt Church to attend the national Democratic Party convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

The delegates will attempt to unseat the regular Democratic organization from the state at the convention, which opens Monday.

Following is a statement by Flooky Suarez, coordinator of the FDP project in Jackson:

The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party intends to show not only the convention, but all America that in Mississippi there is no representation of the people.

As concerned politicians gather in Atlantic City, Negroes from Mississippi will gather at television sets hoping and praying someone will listen to their dissatisfaction.

# What I Think About Jackson

By Tommie Jean Levy

To one, Jackson is just like a newborn baby. Jackson has gone through a lot this summer and there is much more she will have to face before it is over with.

The whites in Jackson are not happy with what has happened. There is about 25 per cent of the whites that is very happy because it wants integration.

Jackson has come a long way and still has a much longer way to go. It is just like being born for the first time. Jackson is still half way in a state of fear. And since Jackson will be getting a great deal of pressure from outside the state, I think that she will be completely overcome someday.

There are some good things about Jackson and there are some very bad ones. The whites in Jackson think that a Negro can do only a few things, such as cook in the kitchen, wash dishes, mop and scrub floors, and make up their beds.

If a Negro can do all of that for the white, he or she certainly can sit at the table and eat with them at the same place. The white mainly depends on the Negro for the hardest work and the lowest pay. The Negroes of Jackson have started waking up.

They are now learning that down through the times they have been the white flunkies and have gotten a very low salary for it. To sum it up, Jackson is just like a child getting ready to change diapers and become a mother with a lot of responsibilities.

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day night.

Willie Gynes, a 19-year-old Negro was shot in the right leg by a white man after attending a dance on Lynch St.

A white COFO worker, Phil Hocker, was beaten with a baseball bat while sawing wood in the vacant lot across the street from the main COFO office.

At least four crosses were burned in Jackson the same night, including one at the corner of Lynch St. and Terry Rd.

# Telling Whites The Truth

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The following essays by three 11-year old pupils at the Pratt Freedom School were written in response to the question, "If you were to write a text book for the Jackson Public Schools, what would you tell whites about Negroes?"

## I

I would write and tell them that they have the whole story wrong. The Negro is just as the white, they have to be taught out of the same book. Their minds can react differently because no two persons have the same things going on in their heads. But because they weren't brought up the same as you, you think that they're not fit for anything but to sweep floors, to carry out garbage and pick cotton.

But if you try to bring out the man and not look at the bad side, you'll find you've got a real man and not a person of lower talent. That's what I'd tell them.

Joan Palmer

## II

I believe that Negroes aren't really slow as the white people say they are.

I believe that Negroes don't have a smaller brain and the white people are not really smarter than the Negroes.

I think that if the Negroes were the same color as the white people, they would have the same ability to do just as well.

I think that if the Negroes had the chance to be something really worth doing he or she would do the job well.

The Negroes want a better life and better equipment to work with.

The Negroes want better equipment in the schools and everywhere else. And everything would work out fine.

Virginia Polk

## III

The white thinks that the Negro doesn't have as much education as he does, and is not qualified to have better jobs, homes, streets, and other things that the white has, but the Negro has as much sense as he has.

The whites may have better homes, jobs, churches and schools, but the Negro

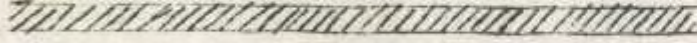
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## Students United

The Mississippi Student Union is a manpower group to mobilize students in the civil rights movement. It also gives them a political awareness, a sense of unity, and mass action.

Pratt Freedom School Resolution states that, should any student or teacher be suspended from school for civil rights work, the M.S.U. may recommend that the student body walk out for the length of the suspension. Also, if a student is punished in any way for civil rights work the committee can take appropriate action as (a) mass staying after school with singing (b) in the case of writing assignments have the student to refuse to do it, and the other students walk out until the injured student is reinstated.

Finally, other actions should be recommended such as, boycotting the registration forms with the loyalty oath that is replacing them with duplicate forms that are identical except for the oath.

An important consideration of this is that it should not be misused.

We further more recommend that all walk-outs or demonstrations be non-violent and that the M.S.U. make this clear to all participants.

Students will work mainly on voter registration. They will also prepare workshops so that they will be ready at all times to aid in any manpower action.

The main purpose of the workshop will be to teach the students how to demonstrate non-violently.

## MEET THE STAFF

By Jacqueline Lampley

TED SEAVER

Any man whose hobbies are sailing, reading and hunting has some very interesting hobbies. Ted Seaver has these hobbies.

Ted is married and is now the father of two children. Ted lives in Adamant, Vermont and teaches English at Montpelier High School.

MRS. JIMMY MILLER

Traveling around to different parts of the world is a great adventure. This has happened to a wonderful woman who is a housewife from New York, Mrs. Jimmy Miller.

Not only has she visited Europe and Cuba, but she has stayed in Paris for a number of years.

Jimmy is married and has two children. She describes the Negroes in Mississippi as a group of friendly, welcoming people.

HOWARD ZINN

Integration is a very, very important thing in the city of Boston. Howard explains it as a very peaceful thing in some places and a total eruption in other parts of the city.

Howard writes for a small magazine, "The Nation", in his spare time. He has been married 19 years to a very beautiful woman, and is now the father of two children. He is originally from Boston and will be teaching there this fall. For the past seven years, however, he was on the history faculty at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga.

BRUCE SOLOMON

As a resident of New York City, Bruce Solomon seems to think the white citizens of Mississippi are living in something of a state of fear, mainly fear of the Negroes gaining too much power.

Bruce is 24, unmarried, and teaches at Junior High School 57 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He has grace, charm and intelligence.

# A Gypsy

By Etta Forbes

A gypsy, a gypsy  
I would like to be  
If only I could find one who  
would change his place with me.

Rings on fingers,  
Earrings on my ears,  
Rough shoes to roam the world  
For years, and years to come.

A gypsy, a gypsy  
To ramble, and to roam,  
For maybe,  
For a week or so,  
And then go hiding home.

# COFO Gets a Break

COFO, a small brown puppy mascot of the COFO office, was hit by a car Aug. 12. Almost miraculously, he escaped serious injury.

Last Monday, however, Robert Denson, a Freedom Democratic Party registration worker, jumped off the porch of the Short St. office and accidentally landed on COFO. The dog's leg was broken. He is currently recuperating at the office.

# Adults

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recommended the school for its teaching of Negro history and the freedom movement.

Mrs. John Terry, also a Jackson housewife and student, similarly recommended the school for its teaching of Negro history and the movement. Both Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Jones think Negroes should register and vote.

Mrs. Mary Ann Gary, a registered nurse and voter in New York City, is visiting her sister in Jackson. She expressed surprise at seeing few Negroes in school.

# No Food for Class

By Derek Singleton

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Last Monday, Bruce Solomon, a teacher, took his journalism class to downtown Jackson to tour the Jackson Daily News.

On the way home, Bruce and his class decided to get some lunch. They first tried Morrison's Cafeteria in the Milner Building. They were told it was closed until 5 that evening.

They then crossed the street to the Lamar Cafe. A woman, who apparently was a waitress, came over to the door and locked it before the class could enter. Shortly afterward, some of the pupils noticed the same waitress unlock the door to let three white youths enter.

The class then walked to the corner, where the Dixie Coffee Shop is located. When three members entered, they were turned away by a man, apparently the manager, who came toward them waving his arms and shouting, "Out, out, out".

All three, Bruce Solomon, Derek Singleton and Willie Hand, later filled out an affidavit charging the restaurant owners with discrimination, contrary to provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

# Complaints

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city and tell them about the trash and how it smells because they pass by it without picking it up, it is just awful."

Complaints have also been received about the sewage problem. More than one sewer has been broken. One broke and flooded many of our and our neighbors' gardens.

The city sanitation department is sleeping day and night and has done nothing about it.

# About the Freedom School

The Freedom School at Pratt M.E. Church will close Aug. 27 for the summer. A fall program is expected to be available for residents of school age during evenings.

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groes have the right to speak and act their own minds.

The white doesn't know that most of the whites don't have better minds than the Negroes, but I think we have some pretty smart and intelligent Negroes. Why? Because I think some Negroes have a pretty good chance of running for some important offices.

Ada Mary Lampley