
Thomas Gerstle Abernathy first Congress/District
Emile L. Witten second Congress, district
Prentiss Walker fourth
John Bell Williams third
William Meyers Colmer fifth

Depositions taken New Haven Conn. Faculty Lounge- Yale University, Law.
Wed. February 10, 1965

Louis W. Gregory Cowan- Yale Law Student down south June 21—August 7.
Panola County (worked in).
one Negro registered. Court injunction May 28(fifth Circuit ct. of Appeals) registrar treat Negroes same as whites for one year.
over 1,100 Negroes registered since that time until the present.
currently 5,500 whites registered in Panola.

Thinks that economic reprisals greatest fear.

Ike Shenkel — County registrar(clerk) under $20,000 bond to cooperate.

George Albert Johnson- Greenwood Yale Law.

Theron C. Lynd County Registrar July 63 fifth circuit citation over civil contempt(violation of previous injunction, enjoined him from discriminating or discouraging Negroes applying to vote. 48 people enyolyed in suit—ordered to put them on the rools. They couldn’t vote in “democratic primary although they were put on the books(time requirement)) fear of losing job, teachers.

Jacob Blum- 1964 Yale Student. Hattiesburg, gas bombing—
Mrs. Arris slated to be temporary chairman of the "althall precinct Freedom Democratic Party. also Mrs. Taylor- secretary of precinct, secret. Forrest County F.D.P. secret. of Freedom Unit. Citizens organiz

18 question of registration test calls for copying of the section of the constitution, 19 calls for interpretation.
Lynd restricted—limited to using only 14 sections of Mississippi constitution under the 1963 order.
33 days before notification of passing or failing test.

Assault from Kitchen Forrest County Constable.
beating Larry Spears,
Dave Owen
Rabbi Lelyveld died in July

after beating went into Negro community—(just so that wouldn’t think OFO was leaving.) one women hold of her welfare check being cut from 42 to 36 dollars a week and also told to keep away from civil rights workers.

During world war II housing projects built with federal funds.
(two of them). One for whites, one for Negroes(aborstion place)
After 20 years city acquired ownership keep careful track of activities of occupants. 'ent raised beyond means (have to move out.)

I am not so sure in my own mind, xxxx if the voting regist. procedures are ameliorated, that this is going to be the only answer, because people will still be liable for all sorts of intimidation and harassment and possibly murder.

Nicholas Bosanquet- Yale student, grad, in '63 and '64, from England.

first came down in 1963 for the campaign of Aaron Henry for governor. "atchez and 'icksburg, people afraid homes would be bombed.

back in '64- Holmes County.

"position of Ross Barnett- Jackson Mississippi, Feb 12, 1965

Governor from Jan. 21 1960 to Jan. 21 1964

Mr. McLendon council for the representatives, voter registration records maintained in each of the 82 counties. No central compilation office. 'egistration books " are set up under state law which does not provide for the designation as to the race of the voters."

Official and Statistical registrar 1960 and 1964- governor familiar. difference between Negroes and whites.

Barnette vote is not a right but a privilege, Negroes can vote if they meet the requirements.

believes in equal opportunities, uses Nigg er's and niggras in testimony.

Negroes privil. to vote. outsiders have come in, but Negroes haven't done much about it.

refers to Race and Reasons by Carlton Putman.

Finally acknowledges to being a member of the white Citizens Council Challenge.
Challenge—election violated Constitution and laws of the U.S. is therefore void, void because of a deliberate and consistent policy of discrimination against Negroes particularly with reference to the right of suffrage.

questioned about membership in the council. Asked about its objectives irrelevant asked about trying to solicit Negroes votes irrelevant— the governor doesn't have the time nor is it his duty to go out and inform people of their right to vote.

No Negro ever complained to him about discrimination.

He never received "y petitions or letters about discrimination— he doesn't believe every everything you read in left-wing radical newspapers or magazines(allusion to the New York times).

There is less crime in Mississippi then in any other state.

(lawyers comments— there is lowest crime rate, also lowest industrial rate— no remark.)

As governor also chairman of Board of Election Commissioners— appointed commissioners— they deal with policy and problems and political problems in arising on the county level in the voting and registration process.

Does not appoint Negroes to these positions— why— because they haven't asked to be appointed.

State sovereignty— given money which it gave to the white citizens council— can't seem to remember too much about the commission doesn't remember the amount of funds allocated— etc/

five point program of the white citizens council from an article by Dr. Medford Evans in The Citizen Jan. 1964 Jackson Mississ.

1. prevent race mixing
2. maintain and restore legal segregation
3. avoid violence
4. defend states rights
5. reverse the Black Monday decision- (Brown vs. the Board of Education- supreme court decision of 1954)

Testimony of Mrs. Elizabeth Allan, Feb. 8, 1965 Magnolia Mississ. Jan. 31 1965 husband killed- active in Naacp, voter registration in logging business, no bank loans, couldn't buy logs from anyone in Amity county had to go to Louisiana. Witness at the death of Herbert Lee.

E.W. Steptoe local president of Amity NAACP
Roosevelt Lee- worked for Liberty Motor Co-
fired day after he went to the court house to register.

Bob Moses
Feb. 1965 Magnolia

tells about his work in Amity, Indianola, etc. harassment, economic reprisals feared by the people.