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### REPRISALS AGAINST FDP MEMBERS

Economic reprisals are not members of the Freedom Democratic Party since their return from the Congressional Challenge in Washington, D.C. nine days ago were reported to the Jackson, Miss. headquarters of the FDP today (wed).

At least three persons lost their jobs and one person her home, since returning from Washington, FDP chairman Lawrence Guyot said. "This proves vividly that Mississippi Negro citizens won't be allowed to organize politically without being subjected to intimidation and coercion in their own home state," he added, but insisted that "the FDP will not yield to this type of pressure but will continue to organize in every county so that people here can determine their own destiny."

A Jackson truck driver who worked for the same national company for 18 months, and other FDP members in Natchez and Hattiesburg found they had no jobs when they returned from the four day Washington trip. Threats were reported against other FDP members and a Holly Springs woman was told by her landlord to vacate her home.

Guyot also announced that at least seven FDP members were invited to the presidential inaugural party next week. Almost all the people who were invited said they planned to go. They are from Jackson, McComb, Hattiesburg, Tchula, Holly Springs and Clarksdale.

Guyot added:

"These invitations to the inaugural party, no doubt, were based in large part as a result of our vigorous campaign for President Johnson and Vice President Humphrey throughout the state and that we supported the platform of the National Democratic Party in Atlantic City. We will continue to use every institution open to the people in this country to see that we are recognized as the Democratic Party of Mississippi."