

MINUTES OF THE 2nd STATE PLANNING MEETING of the YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI
held June 4, 1965 Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi
Prepared by Miss Shirley Bailey, Secretary YDC of Hinds County
and Mr. R. Hunter Morey, YDCM Convention Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45p.m. by Mr. Emmett K. Morris, President of the Young Democratic Club of Hinds County. Mr. R. Hunter Morey, Treasurer of the Hinds County YDs introduced Mr. Gordon Graham, member of the National Committee of the Young Democratic Clubs of America and President of the Washington D.C. YDs. Mr. Johnny Frazier, Vice President of the Hinds County YDs introduced Rev. Donald Thompson of Jackson, an honorary YD.

Mr. Morris then attempted to appoint a Time and Place Committee to arrange the state convention. Mr. Morey objected to the procedure. Mr. Robert Oswald, Chairman of the Jackson County Regular Democratic Party and former President of the Mississippi YDs moved that the state convention be set for Jackson, Mississippi. The motion passed. Mr. Morey moved that the state convention be set for August 6 and 7th with a Convention Committee to have the power to move it up or back one week if necessary. Mr. Oswald offered an amendment to leave the date totally up to the Convention Committee. The amendment failed. Mr. Morey's motion was not voted upon and so in effect died. Mr. Ransom Jones, President of the University of Mississippi YDs moved that Mr. Morris be given full power to appoint all committees. The motion failed. Mr. Morey moved that the present Chairman (Mr. Morris) preside over this meeting but that the body elect the committees for the convention. The motion passed. Mr. Morey moved that the state convention be set for between Mid-July and Mid-August with the exact date to be set by a Convention Committee. Mr. Oswald moved to table. The motion to table failed. The previous motion then passed.

Mr. John Harris, of the Sunflower County YDs moved that a Convention Committee be elected consisting of two people from each of Mississippi's five Congressional Districts. The motion passed. The following people were elected:

1st: vacant. the Committee itself will fill.

2nd: Mr. Cleveland Donald (Ol' Miss YDs); Miss Doris Green (Sunflower County YDs)

3rd: Mr. R. Hunter Morey (Hinds County YDs); Miss Thelma Eubanks (Pike County YDs)

4th: Mr. James Anderson (Madison County YDs); Miss Lucy Luckett (Madison County YDs)

5th: Mr. Robert Oswald (Jackson County Regular Democratic Party); Miss Gracie Hawthorne (Forrest County YDs)

The Body then elected the following committees for the state convention:

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS: Robert Oswald, Hunter Morey, Cleveland Donald, Johnny Frazier, Alberta McCullen, and Percy Chapman.

RULES COMMITTEE: Joe Ford, F. L. Smith, Bob Smith, Irwin Walker, Johnny Frazier, Kenneth Dean, Milton Cooper, Percy Chapman.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Clifford Anderson, Barbara Lee, Hunter Morey, James Dann, Otis Brown.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Rev. Edwin King, Charles Scattergood, John Harris, Kenneth Dean, Donald Thompson, Milton Cooper, Walter Mayberry, John Brown.

Mr. Leonard Rosenthal, General Counsel of the Hinds County YDs introduced a resolution to the effect of: Whereas the people of our nation's capital are presently being denied the right to self government; and

Whereas we, the Young Democratic Clubs of Mississippi believe in the principle of democracy;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Home Rule Bill introduced by the President of the United States, Lyndon Johnson, be passed by the Congress.

The resolution passed. Then Mr. Morey moved that we adopt the 1964 Platform of the national Democratic Party. Mr. Oswald offered an amendment regarding Communism which failed after Mr. Kenneth Dean of the Mississippi Council On Human Relations pointed out that the Democratic Platform already covered the subject. The planning meeting of the Young Democratic Clubs of Mississippi officially adopted the 1964 Platform of the national Democratic Party.

The Chairman Mr. Morris then introduced Mr. Spencer Oliver, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Mississippi and Alabama of the National Membership Committee of the YDCA and recently appointed Chairman of the YDCA Board of Regional Directors. Mr. Oliver graciously made the meeting by flying down from a doctors appointment in Memphis for the automobile accident he had when previously in Mississippi assisting us in organizing.

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(I would like to add that this meeting was most encouraging, having two representatives of the national Democratic organization, the state Democratic Party, Negro and white students, civil rights workers, and Mississippi white and Negro residents. This broad coalition must continue. I urge all people between 16 and 40 to actively organize toward a large, broadly based convention this late summer. Yours for nationally loyal Democrats in Mississippi.

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