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SUNFLOWER ELECTIONS PUT OFF UNTIL PROBABLY BEGINNING OF 1967

Last fall Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, Mrs. Annie Mae King, and other sued to void all the municipal elections that were to be held in Sunflower County, in the town of Sunflower, Ruleville, Doddsville, Inverness and Moorhead. The court voided # the election in Sunflower for last fall (Nov. 1965), but said that they couldn't adequately represent all the other towns. Negroes in the town of Sunflower were given a year to "catch up" in voted registration on the grounds of "Systematic exclusion", and a date for new election was to be set, for sometime this fall.

Municipal elections were originally scheduled for June, 1966, but on the basis of last fall's decision which gave Negroes a year to "catch up", In March Mrs. Hamer, Mrs. King et al. won a suit to put these elections off until the fall, in accordance with last fall's court decision.

But on June 15, the U.S. Supreme court granted the state of Miss. a stay of setting a date for the new elections. In other words, the setting of a new election was put off until probably sometime early next year (1967). Meanwhile there will be hearings this fall on the other towns.

Cap is a program dealing with war on poverty money. Head start training people how to cut grass and cut ditch, etc. They will pay \$25 to \$35 a week, also want to pick negroes that they want on the board, and the majority of them will be white. We want only 50 per cent of the board. We are also fighting that the people do not have to be profession to teach or work with this program.

The community center is still coming on pretty fair. We have made very little progress because of finance and difference things that was going on in the state.

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