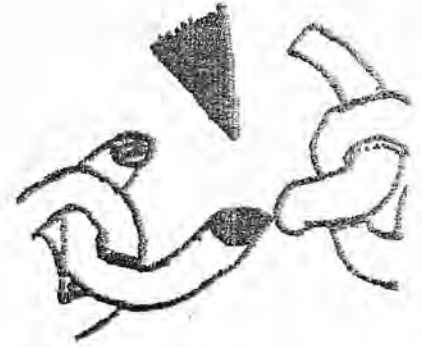




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"The summer's come... The heat bears down; the tension builds to a thousand climaxes; the nation splits open like a giant blister - the infection breaks surface and runs free - in the Northern ghetto, in the Southern town."

CINCINNATI, Ohio: A rebellion followed the conviction of a black man for the murder of a white woman. "Guardsmen - under orders to shoot to kill if fired upon - patrolled Negro areas." (AP)

TAMPA, Florida: "rioting broke out Sunday after a white policeman shot and killed a Negro youth." (AP)

and in Prattville, Alabama: Ten persons, including Stokely Carmichael, were arrested and held incommunicado in the Prattville jail. Stokely was charged with disorderly conduct (police overheard him saying, "Black Power"). His arrest angered the people, who promptly began to protest it at the jail. "Gunfire was exchanged by black and white residents. Later that evening, a meeting of black people was taking place in the home of Mr. Daniel Hauser.. Klansmen and other whites began firing on the house, where there were approximately 40 persons.... The police blocked off a large area of the community. A unit of the National Guard arrived from Montgomery.... At about 4 a.m., police ordered those in the house outside. Three SNCC workers were arrested for inciting to riot. SNCC reported that the Alabama State Patrol had 'taken over the town' and was searching people's homes, forcing black people on the street into their homes and denying entry to the town by persons from out of town...." At least three men were beaten by police. (from a SNCC news release)



SNCC Chairman Rap Brown said, "Our course of action has been set. We will no longer sit back and let black people be killed by murderers who hide behind sheets or behind the badge of the law. It is clear that the law cannot and will not protect black people. We are calling for full retaliation from the black community across America. We say to black brothers in the armed forces: If you can die defending your motherland, you can die defending your mother."

LETTERS

Here is part of a letter from a young Washington County man who is now in New York City:

"The mere existence of society today depends solely on exploitation, aggression, and has an imperialistic government-slavery. Instead of saying 'I regret that I have but one life to give for my country,' I feel that 'I regret that I have no country.'

"It is inevitably true that the only hopes for freedom in this world is the rebirth of the youth - a new system and government for the younger generation to be reared and trained in, or otherwise - a bloody revolution. ... There has to come some way to attack society in a totally new way because not only are you dealing with problems, but also dealing with a society that is continually producing problems intentionally. This country is bloody rich and has reached such a professional level that it cannot exist any longer without the continuation of exploitation.

"... I am in summer school and am faced with many uncomfortable feelings. It doesn't make any sense for teachers to be talking about what happened in the beginning of civilization when they are so brainwashed that they don't know what is going on around them at the present. I don't think that it is important to teach people how this country began when people need to be taught how to live without killing, hating, starving, lying, and all the like...."

In April of 1860, white members of the Methodist Church in Jackson told the Mayor that they would do as they had always done - "allow no meeting of Negroes unless one or more white persons are in attendance during the whole of the meeting."

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Mr. H.O. Preston of Port Gibson writes:

"We as Negro citizens of Claiborne County doff our hats to a very fine, noble, and courageous lady that stepped forward and announced her candidacy for the office of Chancery Clerk, Mrs. Geneva Collins.

"Mrs. Collins, a teacher in the local High School, has a B.S. degree from Alcorn College and her masters from Tennessee State.

"Mrs. Collins says in her announcement for Chancery Clerk (first Negro female to run for public office since reconstruction):

"It is my deepest desire to stand as an inspirational symbol for the youth of Claiborne County and the entire state of Mississippi."

JACKSON DAILY NEWS

Monday, June 19, 1967

Negroes Hear Candidates

CLARKSDALE, Miss. (Special) — Instructions in voting procedures was given to about 200 Negroes Sunday.

The new voters turned out to hear six members of their race who will be candidates for Coahoma County offices in the

Aug. 8 Democratic primary. Candidate for justice of the peace J. W. Wright declared: "I think the time has come when we should let what happened yesterday stay in yesterday."

He said he had received pledges of support from some white voters.

Tobe Boykins, candidate for the Board of Supervisors, said he would do all in his power "to see that justice is done to all mankind, not only one race, but both."

Aaron Henry, co-chairman of the Central Campaign Committee, said the meeting was being held primarily to give instruction in the use of the ballot for new voters.

Henry is also state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but he said the NAACP has no connection with this campaign.

How many people have you taken to register?

around the state

A team of doctors that visited Mississippi reported to Congress that they had found "pitiful" health conditions among poor children. They said there was not "compassion and concern among health and welfare workers." One doctor said, "It is fantastic that this should be so in the wealthiest nation in the world."

A U.S. Department of Agriculture survey of 500 Delta families found that most of the people too poor to pay for food stamps are single women, 40 to 60 years old, who live in towns.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman will visit the state on Tuesday, June 27 and check on food stamp, commodity and rural development projects. He will go to Clarksdale, Cleveland, Mound Bayou, and other places.

Mrs. Helen Bass Williams, a teacher at Tougaloo College, is the new executive director of the M.A.P. headstart program.

C.D.G.M. has elected its board of directors for 1967. The 20 board members will be in charge of a program that includes 5,900 children in 74 centers in 14 counties. 1,900 people are employed.

More names of Negro candidates:
 Beat 5 constable, Leake County -
 L.C. Hudson
 Beat 4 J.P., Jeff Davis County -
 Paul Jones Polk, retired teacher
 Beat 4 constable, Jeff Davis Co. -
 Victor Hall, teacher
 J.P.'s, Copiah Co. - Robert Watson,
 Houston Collins
 Beat 4 J.P., Madison County -
 Willie Thomas Beamon
Adams County: Beat 4 J.P. - W.S.
 Scott; Constables: Beat 2 -
 Earnest Davis, Beat 4 - Sandy
 Nealey, Beat 5 - George Wood.
 Also, Thomas Gooseberry, for
 constable, beat unknown.
 Superintendent of Education, Marshall County - Quentell Gibson

Report from Montgomery County:
 "Mrs. Fannie M. Hopkins went in to the county courthouse Monday, June 12 to an all-white Democratic meeting. We are running a candidate for office as a Democrat.

"Negro children are being sent away for summer jobs. White children are being put in plants and factories. The mothers are not going to send their children away from home, and children are saying We are not going to go. We are trying to get the teenagers together."

James Meredith says he will continue his march from Memphis to Jackson on this Saturday.

In 1966 he was shot in DeSoto as he marched "against fear." He will start walking again from the spot near Hernando where he was shot.

He has invited "all able-bodied men over 16" to join him. He asked women and children not to come because "it has been proven that such a walk as this can be dangerous, even in the United States."

Marion County News from Mrs. L.D.:

"We are getting everybody ready to vote. Also, Mr. J.D. Daniel have been turn off his job for running for supervisor in Marion County. I myself have been laid off from work since March for having kids in white school and can't find work to do.

"I am also writing Mr. Mills and tell him my trouble (about welfare money). Thanks for the Information."

George West, Jr. was just appointed to fill a space on the Natchez-Adams County school board.