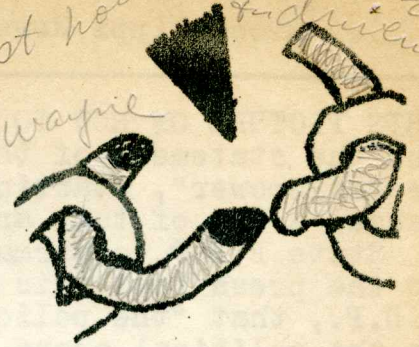




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Fdp wants IN in 1968 Conv.

Candidates

The Bolivar County Election Commission will decide late next week whether Rev. Sammy Rash will be allowed to run as an Independent candidate for State Representative. They charge that he did not list the post he was running for on his petitions and so should be disqualified.

The Hinds County Election Commission has sent a letter to Mr. Lofton Mason, who filed as a candidate for Beat 2 Supervisor. They say that since he voted in the primaries, he cannot run as an Independent.

It is reported that the petitions of George Raymond, who filed as an Independent for State Representative, are being investigated by the Madison County Election Commission.

All petitions were turned in by June 9, as required now by law. We can't help wondering why only now the election commissions are finding things wrong with them!

In last week's Newsletter we gave the wrong dates for candidates workshops. Those for supervisors, etc. will be Sept. 22-24. Those for law enforcement officials will be Sept. 29-October 1.

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party decided Sunday to challenge the white Mississippi delegation to the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

The F.D.P. lost a similar challenge in 1964, when just two representatives were seated as observers.

Although chairman Lawrence Guyot said at the beginning of the meeting that there was a "lack of programs that can be directly identified with FDP," the Committee decided to publish a weekly newsletter and let people know what is happening within FDP statewide. The first issue is scheduled to be out by October first.

Guyot mentioned mostly court suits in discussing FDP activities: trying to get women on juries; reapportioning the state legislature; county consolidation. Also, FDP has pushed for Negro election managers through a letter-writing campaign.

The committee strongly supported a suit now in court to allow Independent candidates to file up until 30 days before the general election.

They were in favor of poverty program workers forming local unions which could affiliate with other groups if they wanted to.

The next Executive Committee meeting, which is open to all FDP members, will be held at 1 P.M. on Saturday, October 14, at Mt. Beulah.

A State Convention is planned for November 12 at the Holmes County Community Center at Mileston.

THIS PICTURE OF HOW TO MAKE A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL and the statement of the Hinds County F.D.P. News on "firepower", starting on the next page, have caused a lot of talk around Jackson.

State F.D.P. chairman Lawrence Guyot said to the press that this was not the policy of F.D.P., that "the policy of F.D.P. is to work in the political arena."

However, the statement received the support of the Committee for Black Youth, a Jackson group that has grown out of protests of the Neighborhood Youth Corps program of the Hinds County C.A.P. board.

We would like to hear the comments of young and older people from around the state.

SPEAK FOR THE BLACK CANDIDATES

Listen my people. We shall hear of the Black candidates on November 7, 1967, and we must stand, fight for our own Black candidates on that day.

We are not fighting on just because they are qualified. We want them because us Black people need what the white people got.

So on November 7 men and women please go to the poll and vote for the one who you think are the best.

Please go like you did on August 8 for the white people and you know that they are not anything to some of us color people.

So you Black candidates wake up and fight fight for your own Black people.

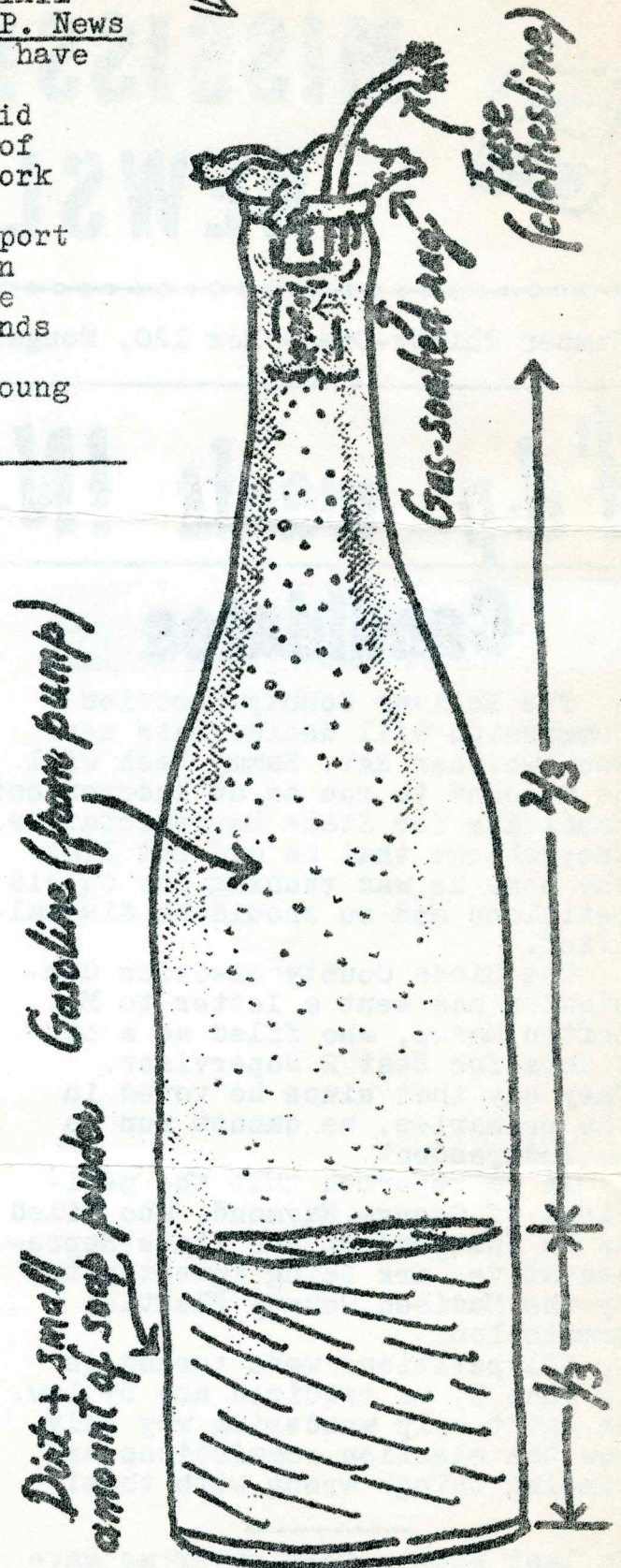
And we don't want any Black Jeasbell on that day. And we must overcome some day and win, and help our Black candidates on that election day of November 7, 1967.

Use Black Power, going walk all over this land.

by Catherine Surney, age 17
Cleveland, Miss.

(Bolivar County is running several Black candidates as Independents.)

The Mississippi Department of Public Welfare has announced that during August, 76,548 dependent children received an average of \$10.32 each, 2¢ more than in July.



New Politics

Black Power is Fire Power!

The Constitution of the United States of America includes ten Amendments which are called the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is the foundation of American Democracy.

WRITTEN ON TOILET PAPER

But the Bill of Rights has never meant anything to the Black man in Mississippi and in America. As far as we are concerned, the Bill of Rights could have been written on toilet paper.

The white man has always kept the true meaning of the Bill of Rights from the Black man -- just like he keeps all of the good jobs, decent homes and better schools from the Black people in this city and this county, this state and this country.

RIGHT TO KEEP GUNS

Why has the white man kept the true meaning of this Bill of Rights from you and me? We can understand why when we read this Bill of Rights where it says that every citizen has "the right to bear arms". This means that every citizen has the God-given right to keep and carry a gun to protect himself, his family and his community.

The white man knows that he has this right. That is why the white private citizens in America have more guns than the citizens of any other country in the world.

GUNS IN MISSISSIPPI

Not only does the white man in America have more guns than in any other country in the world, the white man in Mississippi has more guns than in any other state in America. Why does he have so many guns?

If Ben Brown could talk, he would tell us why. If Medgar Evers could talk, he would tell us why. If the 34 Black men who were murdered by white cops in Watts could talk, they would tell us why.

WHITE MAN A KILLER

The white man in America and in Mississippi and Hinds County has so many guns because he wants to kill you and me whenever he gets a chance. As Rap Brown stated, the white man has been a bloody killer ever since he wiped out the Indians and stole their country.

And this is why the white man does not want us to know the true meaning of the Bill of Rights. It is your Constitutional right to have as many guns as we need and to use those guns to protect ourselves, our families and our Black community.

Since the white man is the number one danger to the Black community, it is our right to protect ourselves against the white man. The white man has already started his plans to kill or jail thousands of Black people. They will start with the Black Power leaders, but you and I might be next.

GET GUNS NOW

What are we waiting for? The time is now to get as many guns as we can, to organize shooting clubs, to train every Black man, woman and child how to protect our community with violence when necessary.

TOMS WILL SAY "NO"

The time is now. Some will say "No". Even some of our own people. But there are always fools and Toms whose minds and pocketbooks belong to the white man.

In every revolution, there are cowards and traitors. We must deal with them like we deal with their white masters.

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GUNS THE ONLY WAY

BURN, 
BABY,
BURN! 

We must learn what the white man learned in 1776. There can be no peace and freedom for any oppressed people until that people is ready to pick up guns.

THE BLACK PANTHER

The following leaflet came out a few days later. It has been in great demand in the Jackson area. The Molotov cocktail picture and the "firepower" article were included.

Get Guns Now Negroes Told

Brothers & Sisters

The head-line above comes from the white-owned Jackson Daily News. This was the head-line of the Friday, September 15th late edition. On that same Friday and the next day, Saturday, the same story came over the T.V. and radio news all over Mississippi.

The picture and the story that shook up the white folks' T.V. stations, radio stations and newspapers first came out in the weekly newsletter of the Hinds County Freedom Democratic Party (F.D.P.). Many people who do not usually read the F.D.P. news have asked about the story.

We in the COMMITTEE FOR BLACK YOUTH in Jackson and Hinds County support the FDP News. We are glad that the FDP News has the courage to carry the Black Panther's

militant column. Black Power means Black Courage.

Therefore, we have reprinted the picture and the article (see back).

Read this article carefully and study the diagram. At this time of crisis for the Black Community in our county, guns are as important as voting, decent jobs, good housing, better welfare, and a better war on poverty. Defend yourself and your people.

Remember, "a dead man ain't got no civil rights." And "power comes from the barrel of a gun."

Donald Denson, chairman.

Don Jackson, advisor.

THE COMMITTEE FOR
BLACK YOUTH

around the state

In spite of a lot of advance publicity, only one of the scheduled NAACP welfare marches came off last Friday, as far as we know.

About 75 people marched in Greenville and gave a list of grievances to the welfare department. They asked for more welfare money, easier rules for getting on welfare, free food stamps, and equal employment in the welfare system for Negroes.

Were there other marches? ?

A young woman in Grenada who wants to go to public school has had a suit filed in federal district court to try to get in. She is an unwed mother, and school rules now will not let her return to classes in the 11th grade.

The Hinds County Welfare Rights Movement and the Community Development Agency are encouraging thousands of people from all over the state to send postcards to the U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. The cards they have printed leave space for people to write in what welfare program they are under and what their complaints are.

People with welfare complaints can send their own cards to Secretary John Gardner, H.E.W., Washington, D.C. Or write to C.D.S., 1131 Corinth St., Jackson, to get a copy of the printed postcard to fill out and send in.

The S.T.A.R. basic education program for adults will change its program all over the state.

From now on only those from 18 to 45 years old, mostly men who are unemployed or underemployed, will be accepted.

There will be no more subsistence allowance.

All classes will be held at night.

Both a basic education and a

high school diploma course will be offered.

The Greenville Delta Democrat-Times has criticized the changes, saying that "STAR will join virtually all the existing training programs in concentrating on that fraction of the unemployed or underemployed who have the best chance of being employed. The DD-T says that "the area's future growth" could depend on STAR or some organization continuing "to gamble with training hardcore unemployed and illiterates."

The Belzoni newly organized chapter of the NAACP held its installation and membership drive at the Green Grove MB Church on Church St. with Mr. Charles Evers as guest speaker. Green Grove is a very big church and it wasn't standing room. We had more than a capacity crowd. We added 102 members at the meeting, added to the 88 that we already had on roll. Mr. Evers made a thrilling address to the Humphreys County chapter, admonishing the Negroes to stick together, for where there is unity there is strength.

Monday night Sept. 18th which is our regular weekly meeting night, we added 12 more to our group. We mean to keep pressing until we reach our set goal and then set another and another and another until we get complete freedom in Humphreys County.

Reporter, Mrs. Pattie Hazelwood

In Glendora in Tallahatchie County the white peoples have their own private school bus. They have their own school in Marks, Miss. that to keep Negro children from going to school together and riding the bus together. Each family pay the sum of \$500. a year for one kid to go to that school. That do not go for poor white.

Yours truly, Mrs. Betty Scurlock

The only word we've had on ASCS election results is that a write-in effort for 15 candidates in Grenada County was not successful.