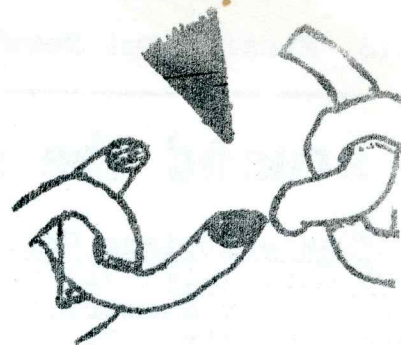




# MISSISSIPPI NEWSLETTER



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## "BLACK-WHITE WAR COMING"

In a speech at Tougaloo College Wednesday night, Denison Ray, top lawyer at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law, said that he thinks there will be open race war in Mississippi, perhaps in the next few years.

Ray said that laws, law enforcement, and the courts have not changed the day-to-day lives of people in Mississippi. He spoke of many cases of brutality by police and Highway Patrolmen.

He said that the F.B.I., because it has to be on good terms with local law enforcement officers to work on stolen car cases, etc., could not be trusted by the Movement. He said that names of people who will testify in cases should not be given to the F.B.I. because they could very well turn them over to local officials. Ray said that the F.B.I. has a policy of not doing much in civil rights cases, and F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover does not have to answer to any government or citizen group for his department's actions.

### FDP: IN OR OUT ?

The Hinds County F.D.P. News made a good point in last week's issue. After reprinting our story about the FDP State Executive Committee's decision to challenge white Democrats at the 1968 Convention, they repeated a story of what Chairman Lawrence Guyot said in May about the Democratic Party.

After the unfair elections in Sunflower on May 2, Guyot said, "We have been raped!... If we have learned one lesson from this election, it is to stay the hell out of the Democratic Party."

Guyot said this week that he expects some F.D.P. members to disagree with the decision to go to the Convention.

Ray asked, but did not answer, the question of What else can Black people do? if police and courts are unfair. He believes that in a couple of years or more, when there are no more civil rights lawyers here, and all legal chance is gone, there is almost sure to be open race war.

He said, though, that he does not say people should be violent or riot, except in self-defense.

(We might well ask, what is or is not "self-defense" in a system that lawyers themselves admit is completely unfair to Black people?)

Ray said that political and economic action and black consciousness were absolutely necessary. But he surprised the audience by calling Stokely Carmichael a "racist."

(As for the F.B.I.: after years of telling us they could only take notes when Black people were beaten, the FBI recently had a gun-to-gun showdown with men suspected of bombing a Jackson temple.)

## around the state

Mississippians United to Elect Negro Candidates will meet Sunday at 1 P.M. at Summerfield Church in Carroll County. It is on Highway #35, about 8 miles from Vaiden and 10 miles from Carrollton.

The Ad Hoc Committee to Save Mt. Beulah will meet Sunday at 3 at Mt. Beulah. A proposal will be discussed for a free poor peoples community college.

People with welfare problems should send letters to Miss Tut Tate, 233 North Parish St, Jackson, Miss. F.I.S. has been referring welfare letters to her to be answered.

A few white students set up a picket line at an integrated school in Greenville last week to ask for segregation in the school again. They say teachers favor Black students. Most of the white students have gone back to classes, in spite of encouragement from the Klan.

Two Negroes are running for Greenville city council in the primary next Monday. The Klan has passed out leaflets in the white community asking voters to vote against the men now in office who are running for another term. They didn't say whether that meant ballots should be marked for Black candidates. (We can guess!)

Six top officials of Sunflower County Progress, Inc., the anti-poverty agency, have asked the federal government to allow cotton pickers to work for less than the new federal minimum wage. The Delta Council, the voice of the big plantation owners, is also trying to get hand-pickers out of the coverage of the law.

Our heart really bleeds for the filthy-rich plantation owners who don't want to even pay a man a pitiful \$1. for an hour of back-breaking labor.

## LETTER

Thursday night, Sept. 21, some one tried to set fire to the Rise Chapter Center in Leake County.

The person that try to set it a fire with some kind of oil, they pour the oil a hundred yard from the center and stick a match to it. It burn the center a little bit but it went out.

The chairman call the police and I quote he said there nothing I can do about it. The chairman also call the FBI and they failed to come.

The chairman said that all he have to say about the matter is they should do something about it.

from Velma Marie Williams

## ASC ELECTIONS

Appeals are being filed by Jesse Williams and Lee Henry Lewis, black candidates in the A.S.C.S election. They are asking to have the votes recounted, because of a close race with others running in their community in Holmes County.

Black candidates lost also in Kemper, Leake, and Grenada counties, in some cases coming in just a little behind the whites.

## LEADER or Changing Wind ?

Many F.D.P. members find it hard to know just where state chairman Lawrence Guyot stands on various issues. (See story on page one.)

At a workshop last weekend he told candidates: "Everyone in the civil rights movement should carry a gun. We need to be prepared to defend those we're trying to organize. From birth to death, we've been the first to go. I think we've been down on our knees too long. There's a time to be nonviolent and there's a time to BE."



## F.I.S. HAS GOTTEN THESE TWO LETTERS ABOUT THE POVERTY PROGRAMS.

I will be glad if we could get a CDGM program here (in Winona). They have a program all from Central Mississippi. It a lots of poor people here can't get a job at this Head Start. We started out with CDGM and they had lots of children. Teachers were on a voluntary base. But it a Head Start going on here, still people here need a job, don't have one.

I am writing you concerning the poverty program in Marion County. The poverty program is not helping the poor people at all. People that have fine car, fine home is the one can work in this program, but the poor is yet left out. Here in Columbia people walk off one job just to get to work in this program, and the people that have not been working yet can't get to work. Can you help try to help the poor people in Columbia. Please do whatever you can.

P.S. Please answer.

### WHAT SHOULD WE ANSWER ?

Unless Black people are willing to leave the business of their government to a few men in Washington, it is the poor people who must make their voices heard as to how things should be run.

Some people feel that we have begged too long. They say there is something wrong with a system that makes millions for some people and hunger and cold for others.

F.I.S. cannot help you, except to tell you some of the ideas other Black people have about how to solve these problems.

It MUST BE, however you all decide, the BLACK POWER of millions of oppressed people who will make things change.

Some say: BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

## at Tougaloo

The Political Action Committee of Tougaloo College has gotten activities under way for this year.

In the first issue of the semester of their newspaper, the Nitty Gritty, they say, "Over the summer months, members of the staff have been involved in different projects in different parts of the country - yet we came back with an even stronger position than we advocated last year. This year is a year of change for Tougaloo; a year that Black people will look into a mirror and really see themselves as they have never seen themselves before."

A class in the African language, Swahili, is held every Tuesday night.

P.A.C. announces that Mr. Paul Boutelle, candidate for Vice-President of the United States from the Socialist Workers' Party, will speak on campus soon. Mr. Boutelle is a Black man who believes that a new type of government is needed in order to have real freedom, justice, and peace in the world.

## JONES COUNTY

Just a note from Jones County Voters League to inform you that we registered sixty-five (65) persons with the Federal examiner on Saturday. Making the deadline.

The elevator was not running, the water was turned off, and the examiner was located in a dark basement near the end of a long hallway in the Post Office Building. But we got our people registered.

Enclosed you will find some KKK propaganda.

Sincerely yours,  
Allen L. Johnson  
Chairman Political Action

F.I.S. has moved to 900 North Farish Street in Jackson. Phone number is 355-1511. Our mailing address is still the same: Box 120, Tougaloo.