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HOLMES COUNTY NEWS

"End the War NOW!"

On Saturday, October 21, the day of international protest against the Vietnam War, about 300 people demonstrated and made speeches in front of the Federal Building in New Orleans. It was the largest anti-war demonstration in the history of the city.

Sponsoring groups were Women Strike for Peace, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, New Orleans Movement for a Democratic Society (MDS), and Tulane University chapter of S.D.S.

The demonstration, which took place in the French Quarter, attracted thousands of passersby. Many were hostile, some were not. Over 175 federal, state, and city police were on hand to "enforce law and order."

The speeches told about the war in Viet Nam is related to the southern United States, and how it affects us all.

They're Doing it Big in La.

232 Black candidates will be on the ballot in Louisiana in their first primary November 4th. They are running for many offices, including Democratic executive committees of their parishes (counties) and the state.

In Virginia, about 40 Black candidates are running November 7 in the general election.

A jury of 3 Negroes and 3 whites in Tchula could not agree on whether Edgar Love was guilty of pointing and aiming a gun at a white man. So the J.P. gave Love his gun back and probably will not be tried again.

During Love's trial, the white man admitted that he threatened Love on the street last week, and that his brother aimed a shotgun at him.

In a separate trial, the white man pleaded guilty to six charges, including threatening Love and a store owner, disturbing the peace, and destroying property. He was fined only \$74. on all the charges. This is about as little as a J.P. can fine a person who pleads guilty.

In Lexington, whites agreed to fire a brutal Negro policeman, use courtesy titles in stores, and begin hiring Negro clerks. They met with Negro representatives last Thursday, and a mass meeting Friday night decided to call off a boycott that has been going the past few weeks.

Also, whites agreed to drop charges against civil rights workers and to consider names of Negroes, submitted by the community, to be hired as policemen.

A permanent bi-racial committee will meet every month to discuss problems of mutual interest.

Ten Holmes County Negroes have filed a lawsuit in federal court to try to end discriminatory law enforcement in the county and harrassment and brutality by police and patrolmen.

In speeches in Portland, Maine, on October 11, CHARLES EVERE made the following comments, according to Mississippi newspapers:

The Ku Klux Klan can expect an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth if they commit violence against Negroes in Mississippi. The Negro is not going to let things return to the old way.

We don't intend to sit back and watch them burn our homes and beat us up.

Within 10 to 15 years Mississippi will be in the forefront of integrated states and we aren't going to let the Klan destroy it.

If they shoot we'll shoot back.

Although there were certain irregularities, the recent elections were a step forward, where 16 Negroes won county offices.

Any Negro who doesn't vote for Lyndon Johnson next year must have something wrong with him. Who else has done as much for civil rights?

The feeling against the Vietnam War, which has been directed at Johnson, is probably from people who don't like the President's civil rights program.

Johnson alone certainly can't be blamed for this war. The Negro in Mississippi feels that President Johnson has been one of the greatest leaders we've ever had.

Now that the Mississippi Negro has his voting rights, he must have voter education. A lot remains to be done. There is not a single Negro in the Justice Department office of the state, not even a window cleaner. We have 90 draft boards but not a Negro on any of them.

From the National Guardian, October 14, 1967:

OPINION

"... the games of our oppressors ..."

What kind of action shall we take? Should we go or send others to parliament, or even to municipal councils? No, a thousand times no! We have nothing to do with the intrigues of the bourgeoisie. We have no need to get involved with the games of our oppressors, unless we wish to take part in their oppression.

Our action must be permanent rebellion, by word, by writing, by dagger, gun or dynamite, sometimes even by ballot when it is a case of voting for an ineligible candidate... We are consistent, and we shall use every weapon which can be used for rebellion. Everything is right for us which is not legal.

"But when should we begin to take our action, and open our attack?" friends sometimes ask us. "Shouldn't we wait until our strength is organized? To attack before you are ready is to expose yourself and risk failure."

Friends, if we go on waiting until we are strong enough before attacking, we shall never attack, and we shall be like the good man who wouldn't go into the sea until he had learned to swim. It is exactly revolutionary action which develops our strength, just as exercise develops the strength of our muscles. True, at first our blows will not be deadly ones. Perhaps we shall even make the serious and wise socialists laugh, but we can always reply: "You are laughing at us because you are as stupid as those who laugh at a child falling down when it learns to walk..." By trying to walk, we show that we are trying to become

men—complete organisms, healthy and strong, able to make a revolution—not scribbling editors, old before their times, constantly chewing over a science which they can never digest, and always preparing in infinite space and time a revolution which has disappeared into the clouds.

How shall we begin our action? Just look for an opportunity, and it will soon appear. Wherever rebellion can be sensed and the sounds of battle can be heard, that is where we must be... A clear and precise ideal of revolution is formulated only by an infinitesimal minority, and if we wait to take part in a struggle which appears exactly as we have imagined it in our minds, we shall wait forever. Do not imitate the dogmatists who ask for the formula before everything else—the people carry the living revolution in their hearts, and we must fight and die with them.

And when the supporters of legal or parliamentary action come and criticize us for not having anything to do with the people when they vote, we shall reply to them: "Certainly, we refuse to have anything to do with the people when they are down on their knees in front of their god, their king, or their master; but we shall always be with them when they are standing upright against their powerful enemies. For us, abstention from politics is not abstention from revolution; our refusal to take part in any parliamentary, legal or reactionary action is the measure of our devotion to a violent and anarchist revolution, to the revolution of the rabble and the poor."

Peter Kropotkin

This opinion, attributed to the anarchist thinker Kropotkin, was first published in 1880. It is reprinted here from a recent issue of Freedom, London.

Readers: What do you have to say about the opinions of these two men?

BLACK CANDIDATES

as INDEPENDENTS in the GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1967

Bolivar County

State Senate - Thomas Moore
Beat 1 Supervisor - Mrs. Ethel Lee Gadison
Beat 2 Supervisor - Frank Davis
Beat 3 Supervisor - Kermit Stanton

Three Rankin County candidates are, as of now, not on the ballot there. Instead of telling them to file petitions with the election commission, the circuit clerk kept the petitions. The candidates will probably take the case to court, but probably won't get on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Carroll County

Beat 3 Supervisor - James Dixon
Beat 3 Constable - Johnny Applewhite
Beat 3 J.P. - L.C. Smith
Beat 4 Supervisor - Lynn Collins

Hinds County

State Representative, District 30,
Post 5 - Alfred H. Rhodes, Jr.

Holmes County

State Representative - Robert Clark
Sheriff - Robert Smith
Circuit Clerk - Mrs. Mary Hightower
Beat 1 Supervisor - T.C. Johnson
Beat 1 J.P. - Vernon Tom Griffin
Beat 1 Constable - Ed McGaw
Beat 2 Supervisor - Ward Montgomery
Beat 3 Supervisor - John Malone
Beat 4 Supervisor - Willie James Burns
Beat 4 Constable - Griffin McLaurin, Jr.
Beat 5 Supervisor - Ralthus Hayes

Issaquena County

Beat 4 Supervisor - Roosevelt Sias
Beat 4 J.P. - Mrs. Unita Blackwell
Beat 4 Constable - Melvin Smith
Beat 5 Supervisor - Willie Duffin
Beat 5 J.P. - Matthew Walker

Madison County

Beat 5 J.P. - U.S. Rimmer

Sunflower County

Beat 2 Supervisor - Otis Brown, Jr.
Beat 2 J.P. - Thelma Barry
Beat 2 Constable - Clover Green

Yazoo County

Beat 2 Supervisor - Arthur Schaffer
Beat 4 Supervisor - Joseph Williams
Beat 4 Constable - David Johnson

TOTAL - 32 Independents:

Legislature, 3; Sheriff, 1;
Supervisor, 15; J.P., 6;
Constable, 6; Circuit Clerk, 1.

Also on November 7, 15 Negroes will run unopposed as Democratic Party nominees. One man, James Jolliff of Wilkinson County, is running for Supervisor against a white Independent.

A federal court decision has taken about a dozen other Negro candidates off the ballot. Lawyers are asking for an immediate hearing by the U.S. Supreme Court, but it is not likely they will be on the ballot Nov. 7.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals seems to be troubled about the case of Negro election commissioners.

They heard arguments by civil rights lawyers on October 1st. But instead of making a decision, and hopefully holding up the November elections until Negroes are appointed to county election commissions, they want to hear both sides again. This time it will be in front of all 12 of the judges. But it will not be until January. So this fall's election will be under the old, racist system - again.

Candidates

As you know ladies and gentlemen that our Black election will be next month on November 7, 1967. So I am telling you on the time please stand up and to be courteous and a good friendship.

As you know us Black People need what the white folk got. So you Black candidates who are running like Rev. Sammy Rash, Thomas Moore, Mrs. Ethel Lee Gaddison, and Mr. Kermit Stanton, don't be afraid. Look up because us Black People will be Free and if you look down, us Black People will not win. So don't let the white men fool your head off.

And as you know these four Black candidates are going to do just what our President is supposed to do. And us Black people is not going to have starvation in Mississippi any more. If Robert Kennedy be our President next year in 1968 he will do his duty as a friend of the Black People and he will not be like our supposed-to-be President as Lyndon B. Johnson. All he want to do just send our young Negro boys over to Vietnam to kill us colored people.

As you know that before President John F. Kennedy he who support all us old Negro people on the welfare. And as you know if Robert Kennedy will be our President in 1968 he will do just what his brother John F. Kennedy did, as you know what our country can do for us.

Our Black candidates can win our ballot on November 7, 1967, so ladies and gentlemen, when you go to the poll, vote wisely and vote courteous. Vote for each one: for Rev. Sammy Rash, Mr. Thomas Moore and Mrs. Ethel Gaddison, and Mr. Kermit Stanton. So stand up and vote wise and stand up and fight for your Black candidates. So come one, come all to help support your four candidates to help support us Black Poor People. Our Black candidates are going to win. These Black candidates are going to help us get our job.

from Catherine Surney, age 17, Cleveland, Miss.



FARMERS:

Farmers who grow corn and soybeans can get loans from their county A.S.C.S. offices for drying and storing their crops. Farmers can also get commodity loans, like on cotton, if they want to wait and sell their corn or soybeans when the price goes up later on.

Stokely

A T.V. news program said last week that Stokely Carmichael planned to come back to the United States in about two months. He made the statement while in Algeria, Africa, on his tour of many countries, especially those with a socialist system of government.

around the state

White city officials in Port Gibson (Claiborne County) have started legal steps to add several hundred acres of land to the city limits. All of this new area contains white people, which would make the city population about 50-50 white and black, instead of having the Black majority it now has.

Black citizens are taking legal steps to stop the annexation, which would put roads, sewers, etc. in the new area, even though many Black neighborhoods do not yet have them in the city.

A Black man was arrested this week after he accidentally shot another man during an argument with his wife in Canton.

While the man was in jail, charged with shooting with intent to kill, he was beaten by a Negro policeman.

Mrs. Beatrice Huddleston filed Thursday as a candidate for Greenville city council in a special election to be held November 8. She will run against at least one white man for the Ward 4 post. All city voters can cast ballots.

Mrs. Huddleston, who owns 2 funeral homes in the area, submitted more than 700 names on nominating petitions, although she needed only 500.

The lawsuit filed by the F.D.P. and the National Conference for New Politics against Senator Eastland and Senate committee officials is the second of its kind.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ordered an Eastland lawyer to pay court costs in a case where records of the Southern Conference Educational Fund were taken in a raid in

New Orleans in 1963.

The Supreme Court ordered all charges dropped against SCEF workers and their papers were returned. The Court will soon start hearing the issues in a \$250,000 suit against Eastland and his lawyer.

And now we hear that the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, of which Eastland is chairman, is investigating the National Conference for New Politics. Eastland recently told the Senate that NCNP is "working hand in glove with the Communist Party" to promote revolution. Since FDP had members at the NCNP convention, it is very possible Eastland will see that it gets investigated. Interesting how it's happening just when Eastland and friends are getting sued by FDP and NCNP.

A statewide meeting of representatives from Mississippi Welfare Rights Groups will be held at Mt. Beulah on November 18, starting at 10 A.M. sharp.

Groups should start now to plan sending their representatives, who will discuss many problems and probably elect statewide officers.

MAP, CDGM, Mississippi Council on Human Relations, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will be invited to tell what they are going to do to help on welfare rights programs. State Commissioner of Welfare Miss Frances Gandy will also be invited.

No transportation expenses can be paid. Lunch can be bought at Mt. Beulah. Please notify Mrs. Geraldine Smith at 1131 Corinth St., Jackson of who is coming from your local group.

The Hinds County CAP has never negotiated with Black Youth Committee members who demanded changes in the Neighborhood Youth Corps program. But several of the changes they wanted have quietly been made.

A Committee member who was arrested with a group trying to get the changes said, "The white folks are trying to make it look like they made the changes out of the goodness of their hearts."

THE RICH MEN who CONTROL DELTA FARM PROGRAMS

The A.S.C.S. county and community committees are in charge of local workings of the federal farm programs. There are 3 members of each community committee and of each county committee, and there are two alternate members on each.

The federal government publishes a list of plantation owners who get federal crop loans of \$25,000 or more.

Below is a list of some of the A.S.C.S. community and county committee members. Next to them is the name and amount of loan of plantations that appear to be from the same family as the committee member.

You can decide for yourself what kind of people are having all the power over farm programs in our state. Maybe some readers can send us more information, especially the owners' names in cases where plantations have other names (like Refuge Plantation, Rabbit Track Plantation, and so forth).

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Plantation Name</u>	<u>Amount of Loan in 1965</u>
SUNFLOWER COUNTY		
W.C. Jones (Inverness)	Jones Brothers	\$195,544.15
	Fred V. Jones	\$54,891.80
J.M. Montgomery, Jr. (Inv)	J.M. Montgomery, Jr.	\$30,301.12
N.E. Pentecost (Doddsville)	N.E. Pentecost	\$43,030.99
W.D. Marlow, III	B.N. Marlow (Ruleville)	\$31,281.97
O.L. Cox	Oscar S. Cox (Ruleville)	\$85,231.25
Billy Patterson (Rome)	W.D. Patterson	\$118,522.91
Gus B. Berryhill (Rome)	Berryhill Bros. Pltg Co.	\$48,099.66
BOLIVAR COUNTY		
M.D. Dunn (Duncan)	M.D. Dunn	\$25,078.68
Sol Kline	Kline Pltg. Co. (Alligator)	\$396,184.83 (2nd in
J.W. Reynolds (Shelby)	Reynolds Farms	\$39,233.79 state)
Roy Griffin (Merigold)	Vester Griffin	\$35,545.20
Clarence R. Smith	J.R. Smith (Merigold)	\$202,185.28
Dois Prewitt (Merigold)	Sunrise Dairy - R. Smith	\$131,472.69
M.J. Dattel (Rosedale)	Loddie Prewitt	\$37,969.98
Lee C. Bizzell	J.E. & Bertie Dattel estate	\$66,458.00
W.H. Howarth	H.C. Bizzell estate (Pace)	\$49,557.62
J.A. Howarth, Jr.	W.H. Howarth (Skene)	\$55,014.66
C.D. Long	J.A. Howarth, Jr. (Cleveland)	\$175,065.16
	Long & Co. (Shelby)	\$68,880.19
WASHINGTON COUNTY		
J.M. Dean (Tribbett)	Dean & Co. (Tribbett)	\$208,944.58
John Aldridge (Estill)	Deandale Plantation (Tribbett)	\$132,648.90
	R.N. Aldridge & Sons (Estill)	\$122,722.00
HOLMES COUNTY		
Kenneth Parrish (Tchula)	Ken D. Parrish (Tchula)	\$26,705.76
(2nd 3-year term on county committee)	Parrish Farms (Tchula)	\$37,969.57

Welfare
Department
Jails
Mother of 4

The Hinds County F.D.P. News reports that a Negro mother of four young children was put in jail Tuesday under \$3,000 bond for "taking welfare money under false pretenses." Her lawyer says the bond should only be \$500., since the charge is a misdemeanor. The Welfare Department, which is pressing the charges, says the lady owes them \$1,822, although she hasn't gotten a welfare check for a year and a half.