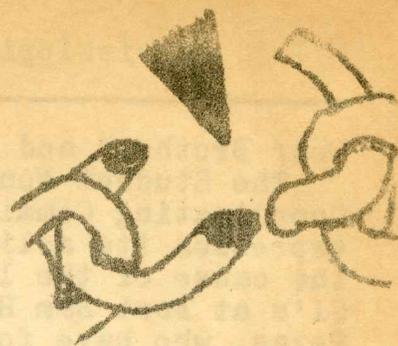


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EVERS CRITICIZED by STUDENTS

Charles Evers, candidate for U.S. Congress from the Third District in the February 27th special election, filed his nominating petitions Tuesday with over 2,500 signatures. Then he attended a luncheon at Tougaloo College where several students said they would not be able to support him because of his ideas on integration and his relationship to the white power structure. The students also questioned whether Evers, as a freshman (first-term) Congressman would be able to deliver all the benefits to Mississippi people that he is promising in his campaign.

Responding to Evers' statement that he would like to see Negroes in the F.B.I. and the C.I.A., Howard Spencer said that was not what a lot of the students wanted at all. Spencer, chairman of the Political Action Committee at Tougaloo College, said that the FBI and the CIA are agents of the oppression of black people both in the United States and in other countries. He said, "We don't want them integrated; we want them stopped, broken down, so black people in Mississippi can have a decent existence." Spencer said, "We know that way you dealt with the power structure in Natchez and about your personal empire in Fayette. You talk about Reactionary Black Power: that is, I'm black, put me up in public office. We want Revolutionary Black Power: that is, get rid of the whole rotten system so that people can have a reasonable existence." Spencer also pointed out that Evers has ties to the National Democratic Party and seems to be getting closer and closer to the "party of Lyndon Baines Johnson. We feel you must get out of that party."

Evers answered that "if I go to Congress, it will be with or without your blessing. Whatever my dealings have been, they have been for the benefit of the black people of Mississippi. I'm not obligated to Lyndon Johnson. I'm glad to hear your frank opinion, but it won't stop me."

A Tougaloo student from Africa said he had seen Evers on TV Monday night and that he acted surprised at seeing the bad conditions of people in Mississippi. Evers replied that it wasn't that he didn't know, but that he was going around the state to find out the conditions of people.

Another student accused him of "getting fat off it" whenever a boycott was held, and said that his business in Fayette was taking money out of the community and putting it in his own pocket. Evers answered that 21 people had jobs in his stores, at \$1.25 an hour, and that some of them had been getting only welfare before.

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Readers: Please try to collect some money so the Newsletter can survive! No Joke!

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

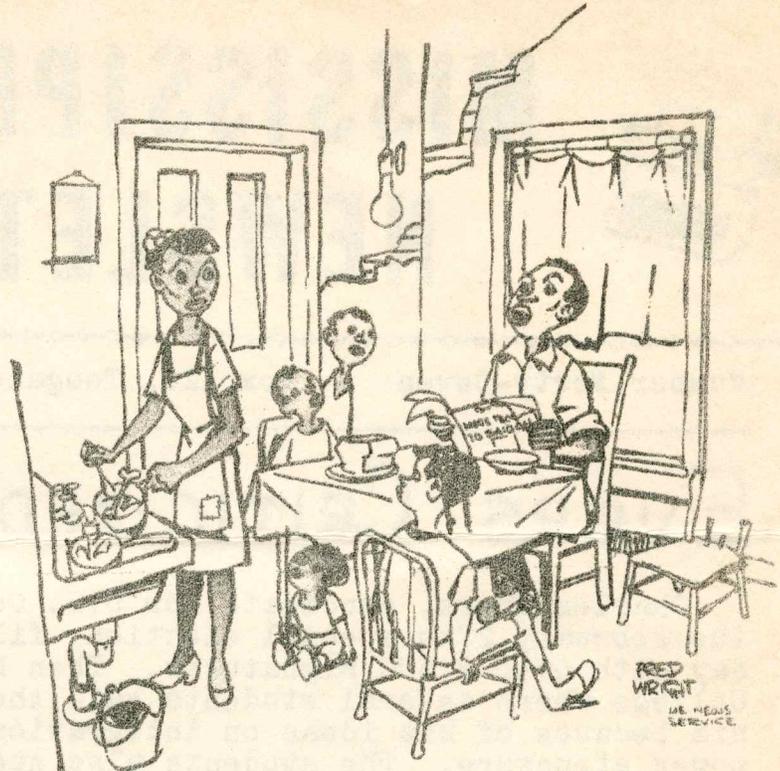
The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) expresses its solidarity with the cause of the 13 Black GI's at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, who have found the courage to speak out against the racist institution called military service and the illegal racist war being perpetuated against the Vietnamese people.

It is our hope that Black people and anti-war activists across the nations will come to understand the feelings and aspirations of these individuals.

We in SNCC are of the opinion that the government will not allow this type of freedom of speech. At any moment these individuals can and probably will be arrested for taking their courageous stand.

These 13 Black brothers have made it clear that there is a higher law than that of the United States government, that they are not wards of the state, nor is their loyalty to the racist government but to their people.

Yours in the struggle,
John Wilson, Anti-War Director, SNCC



"IT SAYS WE ARE LIVING THROUGH A PERIOD OF EXTENDED ECONOMIC BOOM!"

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK IS FEBRUARY 11 - 17.

THE BLACK POLITICAL PRISONER #1

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BROTHERS, LISTEN, DIG, THINK

The following are opinions of various Black mercenaries who feel the need and urgency to express themselves and tell other Brothers how they feel.

I. "Black Man the Change is up to You!" - by Private Robert R. Meek, Jr.
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The United States (along with its divided People) in the last decade has become the center of attention throughout the world. This attention is due to the overwhelming degree of racial prejudice throughout this so-called Christian society. Where there's freedom, Justice and Equality for all. (So says the honkies' Constitution anyway).

But how long has it been since the honkie has even looked at this hypocritical piece of paper. But why should he when he can do as he pleases in his white father's Nation. Look at the Games their father

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LETTERS

Dear F.I.S.

The T.C.C.A. (Tri-County Community Association) has had a night of terror for one of their members, Mrs. Tommizine Eubanks, whose assault and death ended on a remote Leggett Community road early Saturday morning, January 20, 1968. Another girl was severely injured and two others the victims of lesser assaults.

Miss Eubanks' body was found by the McComb police department dead with limbs akimbo after being killed and apparently dragged into underbrush on the side of the lonely road.

Miss Eubanks is a graduate of Higgins High School and she also worked with the TCCA Headstart. This was or is a terrible hurt to the workers and members of the TCCA because Miss Eubanks had a determined mind to go all the way with the TCCA. She said that she was glad that TCCA was here in McComb; it gave her something to look up to. The TCCA gave her something to think about other than herself. Miss Eubanks said that she felt sorry for some of her people, for not wanting to cooperate with the TCCA. She said that she wished all Negroes would take a stand and fight for the struggle for freedom.

The TCCA is going to miss a good and faithful worker, Miss Tommizine Eubanks.

Miss Evelyn Nelson
P.O. Box 26
McComb, Miss.

Dear F.I.S.

The Baretown Co-Op (Sewing) of Pike County.

The TCCA has brought over 4,050 or 5000 people together for jobs and schools and poor people get better jobs to work. It is intended of the TCCA to try and build up Pike County, Amite, Wallthall counties and other adjoining Counties together. And bring peace

and relationship and to bring our Negro race together for better peace. The Rev. W.F. Summers has operated a peaceful program here for the past 8 or ten (10) months.

Thanks to the TCCA in Pike county. We held meeting together in order to get this program. We are happy to go all the way with the TCCA and hope that other people would reach some benefit out of the TCCA.

Mrs. Julia E. Woods
Baretown Sewing Co-Op
McComb, Mississippi

"I Won't Go!"

A black man from Meridian, Miss., was one of 6 men who have just been told they can stay in Sweden to avoid fighting for the U.S. in Vietnam.

James H. Grant, 30, and his wife, who was born in Germany, have been granted "asylum", that is, protection, by the Swedish government, so he can not be punished by U.S. authorities for deserting the army.

Altogether 12 U.S. military deserters have been allowed to stay and another ten are being considered.

F A R M E R S

If you are planning to sign up for the Upland Cotton Program, you can start signing up this week. Deadline is March 16th. Sign up early!

WALLACE TO BE ON BALLOT IN MISS.

It looks like supporters of former Alabama governor George Wallace will get his name on the ballot for President one way or another in November of 1968.

If for some reason the state Democratic Party doesn't nominate him, he will probably get 10,000 names on petitions as an Independent.

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will let them play!

Sept. 08, 1963 Birmingham, Alabama: A pastor was having a church meeting with his members. And while having church, no doubt he was telling them from his heart to "Love those who despitefully use you" and to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." At that moment they were bombed, by the Honkie! But why was this done? Because they were of the same color as Jesus Christ, "BLACK!"

Why haven't the real murderers been brought to Justice? Because the honkie murderer's father sits up in that big white house and makes this white Justice. Which more or less legalizes the brutal slayings of Black people. Oh yes, in what dusty corner of the White House are those Bill of Rights? And where is that piece of paper that was long debated and was to guarantee every human a chance at life? Let's see what was the name?, the name of that piece of paper. Let's see what was it. it was the, the ah. Oh Yea it was the United States Constitution.

You know it motivated men and stirred the inner soul of them. It made them say radical things like "Give me liberty or give me death." "I've just begun to fight." What did these Radical thinking men want? Independence? A chance to choose their own way of life?

Why weren't these Radicals labelled or considered Communists? Stokely Carmichael, Rap Brown, and the Black movements are considered as such! Why? Oh yea I almost forgot. "Yes it's true that these niggers have been here from the very beginning of American History. And well yes they have built this country from nothing to what it is today. Matter of fact us honkies and my whole family background has never been without a mammy cooking in our kitchens, feeding us and our children. But these niggers who have lived and worked without pay of any kind for us are Communists, when they start thinking they are just as good as us and start thinking they can assume the same rights in this country as us white folks. Why can't they, because you see, they're different, They're Black!"

This is how the honkie thinks and feels toward you, "my brothers and sister." So Black people where ever you are. Get with the movement because this in itself is our revolution!

Brothers let's think as strong as our color. What's happening to us in the white man's Army as a BLACK RACE.

(We will print the other sections of this booklet by the Black G.I.'s in future Newsletters.)

There will be a primary election June 4, 1968, and a General Election November 5, 1968, for a U. S. Congressman from each District and for member of county Boards of Education from Beats 1 & 2.

Candidates must qualify by APRIL 5th.
Register by May 4th to vote in the primary.
Register by July 2nd to vote in the general election.

Government Tries to Say he Can't Travel
THIS IS A NEWS RELEASE FROM THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

ON Thursday, February 1, 1968, Julius Lester, a field secretary of S.N.C.C., was visited at his home by two Federal agents who demanded that he surrender his passport and he was informed that his passport is not good and that he could be prosecuted in court if he attempted to leave the United States. "It is obvious," Lester commented, "that the State Department is choosing to ignore the Lind. v. Rusk decision of the Supreme Court which, in effect, ruled the travel ban unconstitutional. I am bringing legal action against the State Department to make sure they understand what I already know and that is, that my passport is valid. However, whether it is or not really doesn't matter. When I get ready to go somewhere, I'm going and can't be held back by chubby cracker from Georgia stop me."

A Man in Lots of Trouble

Klan lawyer Travis Buckley will go Whittfield State Hospital for mental tests after being convicted of kidnapping and of trying to influence the man to give false evidence in a trial. Buckley and his lawyer were also indicted by a grand jury for trying to influence members of the jury which was trying him on the kidnapping charge. A new jury was chosen, and it found him guilty. He will not be sentenced yet, however, until the results of the tests are Whittfield are known. Buckley also has charges of arson against him in the killing of Vernon Dahmer, and a charge of lying to a jury in another case.

Evers stated that he is an integrationist and believes that means things should be done on an equal basis for everybody. A student disagreed about this approach. He said that Evers views seemed to be that it was not the system that is rotten, but the people who run it. Therefore Evers says that putting Negroes in the present structure will change things. The students' view was that when a man oppresses others, or in this case, when a system oppresses people all the time, and will not change, then black people have to get out of that system. Howard Spencer spoke of building new structures, such as the National Liberation Front is doing in Vietnam. He said that to destroy a system that you yourself are in, you will destroy yourself. Therefore, we have to work outside the present system and build new and better ones that serve the needs of people. One student asked Evers if he would be willing to represent the black people of the district even if it meant losing the election. Evers answered that if he is elected he will represent all the people of the district, black and white. At a kickoff rally in Jackson last Friday night Evers said he wants to be a Congressman for all the people. He said that one of the problems with the present Mississippi Congressmen is that they go to Washington and fight the administration. Evers asked "where would we be without the administration?" He gave figures on how little welfare benefit Mississippi poor people get now, and he said that only a few people have control of wealth in this state now. He said that as a Congressman "I will never embarrass you or our white friends. Poor whites have been mistreating you so long that's all they know. I don't want to be a part of any group that would deny people the way we've been denied." Evers also said "we must have law and order."

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