NAACP Receives $42,000 Legacy

NEW YORK — Receipt of a bequest amounting to approximately $42,000 in stocks, bonds and cash was announced this week by Rev. William H. Chappel, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The bequest to the Association was provided for by terms of the will of the late Horace A. Johnson of Los Angeles. A trust fund established in his estate made the legacy available to the Association upon the death of his widow who passed away on July 14, 1941. Transfers of the stocks, bonds and cash was completed last week.

Sizable equality should not be allowed to be a matter of happenstance. Rights should not be maintained through accident of composition. The individual should be free to seek his own level.

Law Against Desegregation Activity Sought

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA — The Virginia General Assembly has been asked to provide additional legal weapons to combat desegregation movement.

The Committee on Education, Against the Administration of Justice has recommended that Virginia adopt a new criminal law outlawing boycotts aimed at breaking down segregation in public businesses.

The Committee observed that such boycotts, amounting to barrier against Negroes, should not be permitted.

The report, which has been acted on in Richmond on Saturday, Oct. 22, was enacted into law. The committee is expected to act on other bills relating to segregation in public institutions.

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The Fifth United States Circuit Court of Appeals refused to stay Negro school officials in Mississippi until Tuesday, Sept. 12, the date set by the court for the hearing.

The court's action is in response to a motion filed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has been seeking to intervene in the case.

ATTORNEY JACK GREENBERG, General Counsel of NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, will speak Sunday, January 14, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 135 - 4th Street, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Mr. Greenberg is a native of New York City and a graduate of Columbia University, Law School. He is author of a number of publications, including "Race Relations" and "Ameripolity, Law.

This meeting is being sponsored by the Mississippi Area Conference NAACP.

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In the order of last Friday afternoon and Sunday, Judge C. E. Hervey, the U.S. C. C. court, was extremely critical of the state's efforts.
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Equal Educational Opportunities

Much has been written and spoken of our school situation, especially recently. The Mississippi Negro scene was made last week's edition of an article that pointed out the inequities in the use of certain school funds. Since the support of our school system is a large portion of our State's business, the question of its people is a responsibility of the State, let us consider what this means to our children.

First of all, equal citizenship — not just citizenship — is the most essential element of our Republic and the most sacred tradition in American Society. The ultimate reason for the existence of government is to secure this — the equal rights of every citizen. It is democratic for any government to tax every one of its citizens with the same weight, regardless of color, creed or condition. It is also democratic to give every citizen the right to vote. Mississippians will note that these laws were strongly emphasized last fall by the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights in its report. One will also note that these laws were strongly supported by the Mississippi Advisory Committee to the Commission and are being defended now by both Rev. SMith and Rev. Trimmell, candidates for Congress. These gentlemen both have a strong interest in educational equality and are interested in advancing the cause of freedom in Mississippi to send a telegram to the Governor of Mississippi by the White Rose in Washington, D.C. urging the passage of these laws.

The present amount of such legislation would greatly increase the chances of Rev. Smith and Rev. Trimmell being elected to the United States Congress, in addition to those of the political picture in the State. They point out that such laws, if enforced by law within a few months, make the Negro a first class citizen, as equal as the white, and treated by law as equal by all. Such, they emphasize, is the importance of everyone sending immediately such a telegram to the Governor.

Littleton endorses this request. Write the White Rose in Washington, D.C. and ask them to send a letter to the Governor. This is the greatest opportunity we have had to help the cause. Act Now!

James H. Meredith Brings Hope To Negroses

The Negro of Mississippi awaits with serious anticipation the day when his children will have an opportunity to attend the best schools our state has to offer. When that day comes, he will have the same opportunity to attend the University of Mississippi at Oxford would be his destination.

While Ole Miss and its Medical School were mentioned several years ago as for training students from the junior college level up throughout the State of Mississippi, this has since changed now that it has been moving in the education of the White community. As soon as the decision on the proposed University of Mississippi at Oxford would be his destination.

Gay Rights And Mine

By LITTLETON

Gay rights and mine. I believe that the citizens of Mississippi, and especially the leaders, must take a stand. The issue is not just about the rights of the gay community, but about the rights of all citizens to fully participate in our democratic society.

Your Politics And Mine

By LITTLETON

In politics, I believe that we must make a stand. The future of our state, and our country, rests on the decisions we make now. As citizens, we must stand together to ensure that our voices are heard and that our values are represented in government.

Ten More Days To Pay Your Poll Tax — Do It Now!

There are many differences among people who make decisions for discrimination which even in the best of relationships make unequal conditions. There is a difference between man and woman, between tall men and short men, white men and black men, between men and women, between Methodist and Baptist, and between rich and poor. We must acknowledge that these differences, while they are important, should not be in any way react to the physical or economical injury of 1961 — POLL TAX RECEIPT —

The applicant will sign his name here.

County Register

Most important is that every citizen of Mississippi pay his poll tax, register and vote.

Since there is approximately three and one half weeks left during which time one might pay his poll tax, please do not wait any longer.

For the first time in the 20th century, a Negro is seeking a seat in our state's legislature. In Mississippi, this long-overdue, true such a large percentage of Mississippi's population being Negro, under a democratic state government, Negroes would have been represented many years ago. Below, is a poll tax receipt just like the one you should receive when you pay your poll tax.

The Tax of Two And NO/100 Dollars $2.00

Poll Tax For Year 1961, As Per H.B. 216

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Land Of The Free'

BY J. R. SALTER

Anyone even remotely familiar with the mindless Mississippi situation should not have been particularly surprised when those brave souls engaged in a crusade against the FIVE PHASES

This maneuver has been, as many readers are aware, almost an intentional avoidance of the part of the dubious State Department, an organization that is equally dubious colleagues, the White Citizens Council movement, against the well-known Lexington publisher and newspaperman, Mrs. Harri Silverman, who prints the FIVE PHASES on a much better-minded but honest, who has had her hands full with the heavy-handers of this state. Then too, there has been no menace to the life or liberty of the politician of the FIVE PHASES, nowadays, which has been the case of lawmen.

Now anywhere else in the USA, at least outside of the Deep South, no legislator, no editor, a legitimate newspaper would presumably be exposed to so many dangers of the population, quite righteously charged with the responsibility of the foundation stone of any decent society, in any expression. As a matter of fact, somewhere else in the nation, such attacks would probably not have occurred.

MRS. CATHERINE BROOKS has returned to Ten- nessee A & I State University to resume her studies. She and thirteen other students have been expelled from the Freedom Riders training school for having participated in the Freedom Rides in Mississippi.

A suit filed against the institution resulted in Mrs. Brooks being readmitted after she had served thirty-three days in Parchman penitentiary. The suit was on a conviction of "breach of the peace" charges filed in江苏 as the group traveled through Jackson en route to New Orleans.

Let rffer From

Magnolia Jail

MAGNOLIA, MISSISSIPPI -

The following is a letter written from jail by a member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. Although the letter was written some time ago, it was not released for printing now. The letter is dated

Nov. 4, 1961.

"I am writing this letter from the dank trunk of the county jail in Magnolia, Mississippi. Twelve of us are here, spreaded out among the concrete bunk beds. The two Carter Hayes, John Watkins, a high school teacher; Lenora, a secretary of the NAACP; and four veteran members of the black society, are sitting up talking—mostly about the future of black America. We are all on our backs, nailed to the concrete and the walls. Nelson Robinson, Stephen Ask- ley, James Wee, Lester Jackson, Lucius, Hill, and Vivian Huy Dug are crammed on the cold bunk. I'm sitting with my friend and paper, thinking a little, writing a little; Mry, the Booker and Zule Campbell are across the way wridded to a chair by the window."

"Lately, we Hollis will send out with a clear theme into a freezing sun, a black man and the Jew, McDonal, a black by birth, a Jew by choice, who has never had a chance, but who has never taken the chance to make a black man, who today in the world, reserved for those who stand in a strong man and cast a strong shadow."

"In the words of Judge Branch, who sentenced us, we are trying to disrupt the social fabric of Mississippi to disrupt the social fabric of Mississippi, and that is why he was striking the crime down."

"The FIVE PHASES has its first out of that sticky, sticky situation — fortunately for Mississippi, Indeed, it has, indeed come bars into an entirely new economic and social picture. Calling: "spades, spades," and destroying the structure of the Mississippi of highly serious economic and political problems. It has dealt death lightly with the real Mississippi, the Mississippi with its two-fifths of the white and Negro families of the bread-butter and their rights due to them in human beings. Further, to com- plete its objectives, the FREE PRESS has dealt quite reali- stically with the interests' prejudices and discrimination which have kept the people of Mississippi as less divided in the adventure of the power and wealth minority. To get all off, the FREE PRESS has gone toward for research for ren- ewed and logical relations through which to observe and there some crime and crippling problems which keep this unhappy state at least a half-century behind the rest of America — thus again attest- ing the logical and fundamental need of the people of power.

For booking the official moves of Mississippi, the FREE PRESS seems related to the power treatment instead of a total revolution. A letter to the editor by a student at Tennessee, Spain, South Africa, or this sovereign state a bound- ary between the blacks of America — thus again attest- ing the logical and fundamental need of the people of power.

"The FREE PRESS joins, as a full-blooded member, the..."