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## Negro Killed Over Love Affair

### Reverend Robert L. T. Smith Challenges John Bell Williams To Open Debate

Jackson, Miss. — On his recent television appearance May 17th, Robert L. T. Smith, Candidate for Congress challenged his opponent John Bell Williams to an open debate on television.

Smith, made his decision known by asking listeners — "did they ever stop to think why the present incumbent has deceived you and betrayed your best interests and is now taking you for granted? Can you honestly see why, he would fail to openly defend his 'stagnation stand' against your progress? Could it be that he does not know how to debate important issues objectively? Is it because he is afraid of his record?"

"Since the issues involved in this campaign are basic to the progress and well-being of all of the people of Mississippi, he went on to say, he challenges Williams to open public debate of all of the issues.

The people have a right to hear both sides. Smith promises that he will relate the facts, and appeal to reason. He said that he will not appeal to hatred or prejudice nor try to shun the real issues by using any kind of "double talk."

### NAACP Head Attacks Reactionary Senators

Nashville, Tenn. — NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins this week called the Southern Senators who blocked the Administration's literacy test bill "defenders of the 3/5 slave system" of Congressional representation.

Addressing the Freedom Fund dinner of the Association's chapter here, Mr. Wilkins reviewed the historical background of the three-week Senate debate.

During the slave period, he said, the South determined that although a slave could not vote, he could be counted as 3/5 a person, thus swelling Southern representation in Congress.

Returning to the current scene Secretary Wilkins said that "in the South as a whole, the level of registration and voting for white people is far below the national average."

He pointed out that only 105,000 Mississippians re-elected James O. Eastland in 1954 although there is a voting age population of more than two million in that state.

"The story is plain," he concluded, "white southerners are being disfranchised along with Negroes."

### Episcopal Ministers Freed By Court

Jackson, Miss. — Hinds County Judge Russell Moore dismissed breach of peace charges against 15 Episcopal priests Monday because of insufficient evidence.

Moore had agreed to a dismissal but was admittedly disturbed by Travis' statements or "respect" and refused to order the charges dismissed to "uphold the integrity of this court."

The Rev. Jones' dismissal came after defense Attorney Carl Rachlin, legal counsel for the Congress of Racial Equality, asked that charges be dropped. Moore concurred saying testimony failed to show the presence of the ministers might have caused a breach of the peace.

The clergymen were arrested September 13, when they sought restaurant service at the trailways bus terminal here. The racially-mixed group was convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200 each.

### Pledges To End Discrimination

Washington, D. C. — The University shop pledged yesterday to hire its first Negro salesman after a meeting with representatives of the Washington chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Washington chairman Julius Hobson and Paul Bennett of

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### Literacy Bill Rejection Scorned By NAACP

New York — Rejection by the U. S. Senate of the Administration's voter literacy test bill is "more than a defeat for the democratic process and for the Senate of the United States," Bishop Stephen G. Spottswood, chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors, declared this week.

Bishop Spottswood's statement on behalf of the Board was issued following the final 49-34 vote, May 15th, to set aside the bill which would have established a sixth-grade education as evidence of literacy for voting in federal elections.

The bill sought elimination of practices in some southern areas by which college-trained Negroes are denied the vote on the claim that they failed "literacy" tests while whites with little or no schooling are per-

### Citizens' Council Tactics Document Southern Bias

Richmond, Virginia — Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary this week thanked the White Citizens' Council for substantiating "what we have said about the South's treatment of its Negro citizens."

They have documented "the extent of the racial deprivation involved in the Southern way of life" he told a rally here on May 18, marking the eighth anniversary of the Supreme Court School integration ruling.

"The shipping of Negro individuals and family heads to northern cities has revealed to Northerners more clearly than any NAACP treatise," the ends to which Southern mentality will go.

Secretary Wilkins credited the Little Rock, Arkansas Citizens' Council with throwing a "home run ball to the Kennedy family in shipping an unemployed Negro cook to Hyannis Fort, Massachusetts."

This gave the President's younger brother, Ted, "an opportunity to point out that Massachusetts, since the days of the Pilgrims, has always provided a haven for the refugees from discrimination and persecution," he said.

Mr. Wilkins' appearance pointed up the denial of public school to 1,700 Negro youngsters in nearby Prince Edward County school since 1959. The NAACP won a school desegregation order from the Federal District Court for them. However, the white leaders elected to close schools instead, while providing "private" schooling for the white children.

### White Man Kills Negro Over Lover

Lena, Miss. — It was reported to the Mississippi Free Press that on May 11, Charlie Johnson was shot down in cold-blood by his plantation employer Zenith Rosco, the white plantation owner.

Because Johnson and Rosco were associating with the same Negro woman, it was reported that he grew jealous of the association of the two Negroes.

The argument began in the field, it was disclosed, where both men were working. In order to get Johnson to say something to give Rosco a reason to shoot him, it was reported, Rosco began making remarks about Johnson and calling him indecent names. The reporters went on to say, that Johnson tried to

avoid such slanderous remarks by going to a different section of the field.

When the days work was done they went on to say, Johnson was feeding his team, when Rosco walked in the door as Johnson was about to leave, it was reported, that Rosco declared that he was going to have his fun that night, because Johnson had had his earlier, and began shooting him.

Johnson not falling immediately turned to Rosco and pleaded for his life. When Rosco shot him again, another Negro was unsuccessful at taking the gun from him.

Johnson died en route to the hospital.

### Dr. Aaron E. Henry's Conviction Appealed

Cleveland, Miss. — On May 21st, the trial of Dr. Aaron E. Henry began before a group of 300 persons, with two-thirds Negroes.

Defending Dr. Henry, in the case were Attorney Robert L. Carter, general counselor of NAACP, Attorney Jess Brown, Vicksburg and Attorney John Sandifer, of New York NAACP. Working in the defense of the state were Attorney Wynn and Attorney H. Stone.

Before the court procedure had begun two motions were filed by the NAACP counselors, which the presiding Judge denied:

1. That the Court room be desegregated;
2. That the Jury be integrated.

The all white jury took fifty minutes to decide Dr. Henry's case, before returning with a verdict of guilty on charge of disorderly conduct.

Dr. Henry was charged \$250.00 and given 60 days in jail, which is being appealed.

them now."

The text of Bishop Spottswood's statement follows:

More than a defeat for civil rights, the Senate's action on the literacy test bill represents a defeat for the democratic process and for the Senate of the United States. For it demonstrates that the Senate is not only unable to protect the constitutionally guaranteed right to vote of American citizens, but is in fact incapable of assuring its own right to vote.

Some members of Congress have commented on the relative lack of mail and pressure from individual civil rights upstarts on the literacy test bill. The

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### Rev. King Says He Will Live To See End Of Segregation

(Taken from the Atlanta Constitution)

Washington (AP) — The Rev. Martin Luther King predicted Sunday that segregation will be wiped out in his lifetime but he accused President John F. Kennedy of not providing adequate leadership on the U. S. racial problem.

The Atlanta Negro leader, 33 speaking on CBS-TV's "Washington Conservation" said there still is lingering bitterness in Montgomery, Alabama, where he helped win a fight to desegregate the bus system five and one-half years ago.

But he said there has been progress in other Southern communities toward the understanding he once hoped would follow the Montgomery struggle.

"Atlanta, for instance. Here is a community where you have many people working in a very determined and passionate manner to adjust to the change that is inevitable," King said.

There are more whites there willing to talk with Negroes about race problems, he said, adding that racial tension often comes from hate, rooted in fear, which in turn comes from failure to communicate.

Looking ahead, the clergyman said:

"I believe segregation will end in my lifetime. It may end sooner than many of us are able to see. I have the feeling that within the next ten years desegregation will be a reality all over the South. That is, the legal barriers will be broken down at least in all of the major urban areas, and this includes the hard-core resisting South."

But he said it would take longer to develop a truly in-

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Kennedy Is Not Another Lincoln

By JACKIE ROBINSON

You may have read that on May 17, the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in schools, President Kennedy received a petition signed by a group of prominent Americans; The petition asked the Chief Executive to issue an executive order on the basis of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution a sort of second Emancipation Proclamation. This Executive Order would outlaw all forms of racial segregation throughout the fifty states of the nation.

The request made to the President was initiated by Dr. Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Not only some of the most outstanding Negro leaders signed the original petition but also some noted white Americans who have proven over the years that they are on the side of equal justice — people like Mrs. Roosevelt.

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We were honored to be asked by Dr. King and the SCLC to become one of the initiators of this petition, and of course, we promptly agreed.

We agreed because we are in sympathy with the feeling that the President of the United States ought to have the courage and the integrity to rise above politics and reach the level of statesmanship. He should recognize that the United States has the right to pretend to be the leader of world democracy abroad until we straighten out at home some of the terrible violations of democracy and decency which occur.

We do not believe, however, that President Kennedy will sign such an executive order.

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We give Dr. Martin King and SCLC credit for a valiant try. But we cannot believe Dr. King himself believes that the President will sign such a sweeping executive order.

In Harlem, only a few evenings back, Dr. King spoke with his usual eloquence at a banquet in his honor. Dr. King noted that Mr. Kennedy the candidate, had promised to sign an executive order outlawing discrimination in housing — but that Mr. Kennedy, the President, now refuses to sign it until he believes it is "in the best interests of the country."

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Dr. King knows, as the whole country knows, that Mr. Kennedy's real reason for evading this issue is that he is afraid of offending Southern politicians.

Dr. King declared in Harlem that "President Kennedy owes it to the nation to immediately sign an executive order banning discrimination in housing. He owes it to his own moral convictions and to the God he worships."

Further, Dr. King declared, should the President fail to do this, he is "betraying the cause of justice and his own campaign promises."

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With President Kennedy refusing to keep a promise to outlaw discrimination in one area, housing, we have little to hope for in expecting him to sign an executive order outlawing all forms of discrimination.

We have received quite a few congratulatory comments on our recent column in which we asked the President why he couldn't get as angry in the interest of civil rights as he got in the steel situation.

The only time we recall the President getting mad about civil rights was when he showed a flare of temper because a reporter asked him if he was intending to keep his campaign promise by signing the anti-bias housing bill.

Don't get us wrong. We believe the President is a decent man, a man truly concerned about the race issue. We don't think, however, he has the courage of his convictions. If he would only keep his promises, stop worrying about Dixie and start backing up the sincere efforts of his brother, the Attorney General, we'd probably make a lot more progress.

Dr. King, in his appeal for a second Emancipation Proclamation, refers to the fact that Abraham Lincoln brought physical freedom of the Negro into being by a stroke of the pen.

If Mr. Kennedy does the same in the area of the Negro's total freedom it will be the biggest surprise of our life.

We think the President is a fine man, like we said. But an Abraham Lincoln — he ain't.

Judge Moore Delays Mrs. Bevel's Stand

Jackson Miss. — Mrs. Diane Nash Bevel attempted again Monday to surrender herself to serve a two-year prison sentence on charges of contributing to delinquency of minors.

Again Hinds County Judge Russel Moore delayed a showdown on her stand.

He told her that under his present understanding of the law she cannot abandon appeal until she has a trial in his court in which she has already filed appeal.

He said his calendar would not allow him time for her appeal trial until sometime in the next term of court which starts the third week in June.

Thus for the third time in less than a month the state of Mississippi appeared reluctant to jail this young woman who has made up her mind to serve her sentence unless what she calls the "Unjust and untrue" charges against her are dropped.

Mrs. Bevel, who is expecting a baby in September, is on the staff of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. She was formerly a student leader in Nashville and is now married to the Rev. James Bevel, who works for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Mississippi.

Last summer she came here to conduct workshops on the philosophy of nonviolence among Jackson young people, preparing them to take Freedom Rides. It was after this that she was charged with contributing to delinquency.

Two Are Arrested In Court Room

Jackson, Miss. — Apparently inspired by the example of Mrs. Bevel, two leaders of the Jackson Nonviolent movement defied courtroom segregation here Monday and were jailed on charges of contempt of court.

They were Luvagh Brown and Jesse Harris, both residents of Jackson.

The incident occurred in Hinds County as the two young men entered the courtroom to attend a hearing on the case of Mrs. Bevel, who is attempting to abandon an appeal and serve a two-year sentence received for her integration activities.

Brown and Harris seated themselves on the side of the courtroom reserved for whites and refused to move when the bailiff ordered them to. County Judge Russell Moore sent them to jail for contempt.

Mrs. Bevel had done the same thing three weeks ago when she appeared in the same court. She served a ten-day sentence.

Civil Rights Meeting Held In Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland — A conference of sit-inners, freedom riders, and spokesmen from national civil rights organizations gathered in Baltimore May 11-13 for three days of workshops, discussion sessions, and anti-segregation demonstrations.

Charles McDew, chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, James Farmer, head of the Congress of Racial Equality, Dion Diamond, SNCC Field Secretary, and CORE's Farmer was active in last summer's Freedom Rides.

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Rev. Eugene A. Marino To Celebrate First Mass

Biloxi, Miss. — On Sunday, June 17, the Reverend Eugene A. Marino of the Society of St. Joseph, will celebrate his first Mass at Our Mother of Sorrow Church at 11 o'clock.

The Reverend Eugene Marino, a graduate of O. M. S. will be conferred by his excellency, The Most Reverend Philip M. Hannon, D.D., J.C.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Washington on Saturday, June 9, it was announced joyfully by his father, Mr. Jesus M. Marino.

For the many organizations that have so diligently contributed to this most worthy cause, the Marino family together with many friends wish to express their deepest appreciation, and cordially invites you to assist at his first Solemn Mass.

Reception and First Blessing, Marian Hall, Sunday afternoon from four until six o'clock.

Tele-Lecture Series At Jackson College

Ten Jackson State College students have been chosen to participate in the Tele-Lecture Series to interview by telephone outstanding personalities in their offices in Washington, D. C.; Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; and Stanford University, California.

The first of this series was heard Friday, May 11, with Fred McDowell and Arthur Love Williams interviewing Marquis Childs, well-known columnist and journalist, connected with the WASHINGTON POST, and author of the PRESIDENT AND BOBBY (May issue of GOOD HOUSEKEEPING) and THE PEACE MAKERS.

Other interviews will be held as follows: Edward R. Murrow, famous radio and TV commentator, originator of Person-to-Person, now director of U. S. Information Agency, including Voice of America (Miss Gloria Allen, interviewer); George Romney, former President of American Motors, now candidate for Governor of Michigan (John Hatchett and James Hammond, interviewers); Chester Bowles, formerly Undersecretary of State, now special Representative and Advisee on African, Asian, and Latin American Affairs (Miss Ruby McGee, interviewer); Dr. Lucile Allen, Dean of Women Stanford University, Stanford, California (Misses Beverly Bowser and Sonja Gilliam, interviewers); Robert S. Shriver, Director of Peace Corps.

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Preston Cobb Case To Be Appealed

Atlanta — Donald L. Hollowell, NAACP attorney retained to defend 15-year-old Preston Cobb, sentenced to death for the slaying of an aged white farmer, announced this week that he would file a motion for a rehearing of the case by the Supreme Court of Georgia which on May 14 denied an NAACP motion for a new trial.

In effect, the Georgia Supreme Court ruling upheld the lower court conviction of the death sentence for the youth. The motion for a rehearing is a required preliminary step in an appeal to the United States Supreme Court for a review of the case.

Young Cobb was convicted last summer and sentenced to death. His conviction and sentence aroused worldwide concern because of his youth. A two-person Dutch delegation visited the country and presented to Governor S. Ernest Vandiver a petition with nearly 2,000,000 signatures asking for clemency. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt also urged a reprieve for the teenager.

The NAACP entered the case on request of the boy's mother, Mrs. Leatha Cobb, and retained Mr. Hollowell, the Association's attorney in Georgia. A motion for a new trial was filed, automatically staying the execution which was scheduled for September 22, 1962.

The NAACP appeal raised the issue of the exclusion of Negroes from the jury panel and the failure of the white court-appointed attorney in the original trial to raise pertinent constitutional questions. The attorney, J. Ben Warren, neglected to inform the accused of his constitutional rights.

In denying the NAACP motion for a new trial, the Georgia Supreme Court held that the challenge to composition of the jury had not been "raised by challenges at the earliest opportunity the defendant had to avail himself of the right."

The court further upheld the competency and diligence of the court-appointed attorney and supported the findings of the trial judge.

A human worthiness can only be measured by the performance of the individual.

and brother-in-law to President Kennedy (Mrs. Ida Jones Barnes and Tommy Williams, interviewers.

### 14 Restaurants Open In Florida

Miami, Florida — Fourteen Howard Johnson's restaurants in the Miami area are now open to everyone as the result of the first phase of CORE's "Freedom Highways" project.

A. D. Moore, CORE national treasurer and chairman of the local group, reported that the Howard Johnson area supervisor had agreed to open all 14 Dade County restaurants on May 2nd after a series of tests of Miami CORE.

CORE has taken on "Freedom Highways" as a major national project. The aim is to open the chain's restaurants on all major highways in the South.

Local CORE groups throughout the South are testing the policies of the chain restaurants in their areas.

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### 93rd Commencement At Tougaloo College

Tougaloo Southern Christian College will hold its 93rd Commencement exercises on Saturday and Sunday, May 26-27.

The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Spike, general secretary for program of the Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, New York City, will be the commencement speaker on Sunday, May 27, at 3:30 p. m. in the new Student Union Building.

Dr. Spike is substituting for Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice president of the Board of Homeland Ministries, who cannot come because of illness.

Active in the National Council of Churches, Dr. Spike serves on the executive committee of its Division of Home Missions and is chairman of the Committee On A Christian Ministry in the National Parks. He was also a member of the special committee on the role of religion in the mass media.

Dr. Spike is a graduate of Denison University, Granville, Ohio, and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York. He received a doctorate in education from Columbia University in conjunction with Union Theological Seminary.

Before joining the staff of the Board of Home Missions as Secretary for evangelism, in 1956 he served as minister of several churches. He is the author of *Safe In Bondage*, an appraisal of the Church's mission to America, and of *To Be A Man*, as well as of numerous articles in religious and secular periodicals.

On Saturday, May 26, the Rev. Dr. George W. Lucas, class of 1932, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, will be the alumni banquet speaker.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Lucas has attended Hopewell Vocational High School, Jackson College, Tougaloo College, Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Indiana University and Chicago University. He holds honorary doctor's degrees from three colleges. He has held pastorates in Mississippi, Indiana and Ohio.

During 1956, Dr. Lucas visited several countries of Europe, near East, North and West Africa. In 1960, he visited Portugal, Spain and West Africa.

Other commencement events are as follows:

Saturday, May 26, 2:30 p. m., alumni business meeting in Kinchelos Science Hall;

6:00 p. m., alumni banquet and senior class induction services in the college dining hall.

This is the reunion year for classes of 1882, 1892, 1902, 1912, 1922, 1932, 1942, and 1952.

Sunday, May 27, at 10:30 a. m. Dr. A. D. Beittel, president of Tougaloo Southern Christian College, will preach the baccalaureate sermon in Woodworth Chapel.

From 1:30 to 3:00 p. m., President and Mrs. Beittel will be at

### CORE, NAACP, PAC Attacking Philadelphia Area Housing Bias

Philadelphia, Pa. — Three Philadelphia civil rights organizations have launched an all out assault on the widespread discrimination in the Philadelphia area housing. The NAACP and CORE have launched "Operation Windowshop," a project to acquaint Negro home buyers with new developments so that the prospective home buyer may adequately compare the quality of housing before he buys.

"Operation Onendoor" is a project of the Philadelphia Action Committee to aid members of the community who are seeking apartments.

The PAC housing committee will find apartments according to the specifications of the prospective tenant and will insure that racial discrimination will not prevent the tenant from obtaining the apartment of his choice.

### Civil Rights Meeting

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both as a planner and participant, as was Peck. SNCC Field Secretary Diamond recently spent 59 days in a Baton Rouge, Louisiana jail after he was arrested on "criminal anarchy charges because of his participation in anti-segregation demonstrations on the campus of Southern University.

The theme of the conference sponsored by the Baltimore Civic Interest Group, CORE, and the Washington, D. C. Nonviolent Action Group, will be "Perspective: Civil Rights!"

home to welcome members of the college family and visitors.

The public is cordially invited to attend the commencement activities.

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CORE met with Harvey I. Rosenthal, vice president of the Men's clothiers, after picketing the store on the two successive Saturdays.

In a letter addressed to Hobson, Rosenthal said University "will make every effort" to hire employees without discrimination as to race, color or creed" and would place that statement in its want ads.

Rosenthal said that with the assistance of the Washington Urban League and the United States Employment Service he would try to hire a Negro salesman or trainee in "the very near future." University has employed Negroes in other capacities, he said.

Hobson said the University Shop is the 35th firm in the Washington area that, as a result of CORE action, has agreed to hire Negroes in jobs heretofore held by whites.

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He said CORE will continue to picket other stores which do not hire Negroes in certain positions until "there is an atmosphere in this city in which every one feels free to apply for any position."

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### 700 Attend Mass Meeting Of Mothers . . .

Jackson, Miss. — Mrs. Diane Nash Bevel, young integration leader who faces the prospect of bearing her first child in prison next September, addressed a Mother's Day Mass Meeting here and called on women of the South to stand up for right and make their "homeland a place where children can grow up in dignity."

Mrs. Bevel has announced her intention to abandon appeal and start serving a two-year prison sentence because her philosophy of non-violence precludes cooperation with what she describes as the "evil court system of Mississippi." She received the sentence on a charge of contributing to delinquency of minors after she trained Jackson young people to take Freedom Rides.

The Mother's Day mass meeting at Jackson's Masonic Temple was sponsored by Womanpower Unlimited, the women's organization which assisted Freedom Riders last year. It celebrated the organization's first anniversary.

On hand to pay tribute to Mrs. Bevel were the wives of

some of the nation's outstanding Negro leaders: Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., wife of the noted integration leader who heads the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Mrs. James Farmer, wife of the national director of CORE; and Mrs. Fred Shuttleworth, wife of the famed Birmingham civil rights leader.

Mrs. Bevel, who is on maternity leave from the staff of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, had been released from jail only a few days before the meeting after serving ten days on a contempt-of-court charge. She received this sentence for refusing to move from a white section of the courtroom when she went to court to attempt surrender on the two-year sentence April 30.

She told the mass meeting that she believed her decision to go to jail for two years in protest against Mississippi injustices is for the ultimate benefit of her child.

"How can I tell him," she asked, "that he is as valuable and important as any other child and still deprive him because he is a Negro?"

To other women and mothers she said: "We will not be free until we forget our excuses — when we women decide to stand up, the Negro race will be on its feet instead of its knees."

Mrs. King discussed the student movement in the South and placed it in the context of the world movement for peace and freedom. She said the courageous role of women students throughout the South was in keeping with the increasing role of women in leadership capacities throughout the world.

"We are not struggling for ourselves," she said. "We are struggling to save America and to save the world — Nonviolence has given us a spiritual dimension which has won us admiration throughout the world and even white allies in the South."

Other speakers at the meeting included Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Shuttleworth and special recognition was accorded Mrs. Bevel's mother, and sister, Mrs. Dorothy Baker and Miss Pat Baker, who were also present.

Greetings to the meeting and to Mrs. Bevel were read from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; from Mrs. Anne Braden, field secretary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund; and from Mrs. Clarie C. Harvey, President of Women power Unlimited, who was out of the city on the day of the meeting.

### City, County Funds To Citizens' Councils Approved Recently

#### Mississippi House Gives 78-33 Approval To Bill

Jackson, Miss. — The Mississippi House gave 78-33 approval Monday to a bill that would permit cities and counties to donate funds to the pro-segregation Citizens' Councils.

The measure, which faces Senate action, would permit counties or cities to spend up to \$100.00 annually for each million dollars in assessed property value to disseminate states rights information.

Rep. John Neill of Jones opposed the bill on grounds it would "spend public funds in an unaudited fashion. It is loosely drawn. You ought to be spending tax dollars on an audited basis."

Rep. Wallace Allred of Covington said he was in sympathy with the purpose of the bill but did not like the method of the "very bad bill. There will be a bad duplication if every county and city advertises. People will be spending money without knowing what they are doing."

#### Similar Bill

Rep. Joe Wroten of Washington changed a similar bill which failed during Governor J. P. Coleman's administration was "designed to channel money to the Citizens' Councils. If the Councils have not been able to get funds on a voluntary basis, we shouldn't give them the right to take it by taxation."

Other lawmakers argued it would hurt the councils by removing the necessity for popular support.

Rep. Roy Strickland of Stone argued it was unconstitutional, but Rep. Buddie Newman of Issaquena, who handled the measure on the floor, said it was drawn by the president of the American Bar Association, John Satterfield of Yazoo City.

He said the question was "Do we trust our local officials? I don't distrust them."

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### Literacy Bill—

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growing willingness of American citizens, particularly our younger citizens, to subject themselves to indignities, physical brutality and imprisonment, provides convincing proof, if proof be needed, that American Negroes are determined as never before to secure their constitutional rights — and to secure them now. Far from reflecting apathy or indifference, the lack of letters on the literacy test bill reflects a growing cynicism about willingness of the Congress to come to grips with the civil rights issue.

There is, unfortunately, ample justification for such cynicism. Even while the Senate was engaged in desultory debate on the literacy test bill, in constitutional hair-splitting and in impassioned oratory about the sanctity of unlimited debate, the Mississippi state Legislature enacted seven new measures openly designed to curb Negro voting and to intimidate would-be Negro registrants.

At the opening of the debate, Senate Majority Leader Mansfield observed, "It is clear that when one road fails, others will unfold — if the process is ignored in legislative channels, it will not necessarily be blocked in other channels—" Senator Mansfield may have uttered a prophetic warning. For it will be a sad day for democratic government — and for America — if citizens are made to believe, as the Senate's action would suggest, that the Congress of the United States is unable or unwilling to protect them in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

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tegrated society based on mutual acceptance.

King praised President Kennedy for an executive order designed to end racial discrimination in federally contracted projects for appointing more Negroes to significant government positions and fighting for greater Negro voter registration.

He rated Kennedy's civil rights record as better than that of the preceding administration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"On the other hand I do feel that President Kennedy has given the leadership that the enormity of the problem demands. There is still more than the President can do in terms of moral persuasion and executive orders", he added.

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