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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, Zerith Racco, the white plantation supervisor.

Because Johnson and Racco were associated with the same Negro woman, it was reported that he grew jealous of the association of the two men.

The argument began in the field, it was disclosed, where both men were working an order to get to Johnson to say something about some bill in regard to shoot him, it was reported. Rosco began making remarks about Johnson's wife. It is domes
tic name the runter was on to say, that Johnson tried to avoid such calamities earlier by going a different section of the road.

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Johnson died en route to the hospital.

Dr. Aaron E. Henry's Conviction Appealed

Cleveland, Miss. — On May 17th, the trial of Dr. Aaron E. Henry began after a group of 300 persons, with three Negroes.

Defending Dr. Henry, in the case of Roscoe v. Carter, general counsel of NAACP, Attorney Jess Brown, Vicksville and Attorney John Sandifer, of New York NAACP. Of Working the state were Attorney Wynn and Attorney Evans.

Before the court procedure had begun two motions were filed which the president Judge de
deed: That the Court room be desegregated; That the Jury be intregat

The all-white jury took fifty minutes to decide Dr. Henry's case, before returning with a verdict of "not guilty." The charge of disorderly conduct.

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

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Judge Moore Delays Mrs. Bevel's Stand

Jackson Miss. — Mrs. Diane Nash Bevel attempted again last week to secure a two-year prison sentence on charges of contributing to delinquency.

Again Hinds County Judge Rambler turned down a show-up on her.

He told her that under his present order, he could not accept her services unless she made some other arrangement in which she has already filed appeal.

It was said his calendar would not allow him time for her appeal trial until sometime in the latter part of the third week in June.

He also said his calendar is overburdened with lawsuits and that he cannot afford the time to hear her case.

Mrs. Bevel, who was expecting a baby in September, is on trial for violating the Mississippi Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

She was formerly a student of the University of Mississippi and was tried to the Rev. James Bevel on charges of contributing to delinquency.

The Rev. Bevel, who serves on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, called her case here to conduct workshops on the philosophy of nonviolence among Negro students.

Miss Bevel made her appearance at the trial.

For the time being, she is charged with contributing to delinquency.

Two Are Arrested In Court Room

Jackson, Miss. — Apparently inspired by the example of Mrs. Bevel, two leading members of the Mississippi Nonviolent movement deposed court room, seeming to be seeking to complain.

Their pleas were rejected.

Judge Rambler charged with contributing to delinquency.

The Rev. Bevel had no comment on the matter of his wife.

Ms. Bevel and Mr. Bevel, both residents of Jackson.

Mrs. Bevel's sentence occurred in Hinds County as the two young men attempt to bring about a more just world.

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**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 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 Sunday and Monday, May 20-21.

The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Suggs, president of the College, will be the commencement speaker on Sunday, May 20, at 3:00 p.m. in the new Student Union Building.

Dr. Suggs 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. Suggs serves on the executive committee of its Division of Home Missions and is chairman of the Committee on Christian Ministry in the National Parks. He was also a member of the special committee on the worship of religion in the mass media.

Dr. Suggs is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, Grambling, Louisiana, and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York. He received a graduate degree in education from Columbia University in his position 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 also a former secretary of the University of Minnesota. In 1955 he was named "Man of the Year" by the University of Minnesota. He also has written articles on religious and secular periodicals.

On Saturday, May 20, the Rev. Dr. Gene 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 Hopeville Vocational High School, Jackson College, Tougaloo College, Fort Wayne College, Indiana University and Chicago University. He holds honorary Doctor's degrees from three colleges. He has held pastorates in Mississippi, Indiana and Ohio.

During 1958, Dr. Lucas visited several countries of Europe, West Indies, North and South Africa. In 1960, he visited Portugal, Spain and West Africa.

Other commencement events are as follows:

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- **Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.** — Dr. A. D. Petit, president of Tougaloo Southern Christian College, will preach the baccalaureate sermon in Woodward auditorium.

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**Pledge To End**

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CORE met with Harvey L. Rosenthal, vice president of the Men's clothing, after picking the store on the two, on the eve of the close Saturday.

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 University Colorado and the Department of Employment, the University is on the lookout for Negroes in other facilities, he said.

Hobson said the University Shop is the 35th firm in the Washington area that has been required to hire Negroes in jobs here-to-fore held by whites.

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**GIVE MISSISSIPPI A LIFT FOR VOTE FOR A"**
700 Attend Mass Meeting Of Mothers . . .

Mississippi FREE PRESS

JACKSON, Miss. — Mrs. Diane Nash Bevel, young integration leader who faces the prospect of being the first child in pris-

son 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 peace and security." Mrs. Bevel has announced her intention to abandon appeal and start serving her two-year prison sentence because her philosophy of non-violence precludes ac-
citronship, in her words, implies the using of the "evil system of force" in the South, described as the "evil court system." Just before the meeting began, Mrs. Bevel's husband, John Bevel, arrived from prison and received a charge of non-violence, contributing to the alienation of minority groups after she had served Jackson young people to take freedom.

The Mother's Day mass meet-
ing at Jackson's Masonic Temp-
ple was sponsored by Woman-
power, Unlimited. The women's organization was started by African-
dom Riders last year. It cele-
brates the organization's first anniversary.

On hand to pay tribute to Mrs. Bevel were the wives of LULABELLE'S FASHION

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LITERACY PROJECT

Growing willingness of Ameri-
can citizens, particularly our younger citizens, to subject themselves to indignities, physical brutality and imprison-
ment, provides convincing proof that proof will be needed, that American Negroes are determined, as never before, to secure their con-
stitutional rights as well as to se-
cure them now. For, from register- ing openly or indifferently, 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, a palpable, justifica-
tion for such cynicism. Even while the Senate was en-
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of unlimited debate, the Mis-
sissippi state Legislature enacted seven new measures, openly de-
signed to curb Negro voting and to intimidate would-be Negro registrants.

"On the other hand, I do feel that President Kennedy has given the leaders that the enormity of the problem de-
mands. There is still more than the President can do in terms of moral persuasion and execu-
tive orders," he added. Attend Church Sunday