Famed comedian Dick Gregory will entertain at the free public rally which closes the week at the Masonic Temple. He will appear at the Masonic Hall, 2:30 Sunday afternoon, November 6.

GREGORY HEADS SPEAKERS
AT 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Was Dishwasher

The comedian, who rocketed to stardom from a dishwashing job, exclaims in his typical style, "Makes you wonder. When I left St. Louis, I was making five dollars a night. Now I'm getting $3,000 a week -- for saying the same things out loud that I used to say under my breath."

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RFK Calls Barnett Liar, Files Charges In Court

Where Stand: Nov. 6

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The only major issue before the state is reapportion- ment. Although we firmly believe that reapportionment badly needed in Mississippi, we feel that S.C.R.101 will only increase the inequality of representation in proportion to population in the state legislature. We must stand against the amendment to the Mississippi Constitution which proposes to reapportion the state.

Among those candidates running for office, we see those that stand for our platform as stated on our editorial page. Below we list that (1) we believe we are more familiar with the political make-up of Mississippi government; (2) there will be a larger number of candidates and issues presented the views of this paper; and (3) most important to effecting No. 2—there will be many times more liberal people registered to vote. We shall strive, as we can, and you let us, towards these ends.

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Editorial Page
For Good Government

You will notice that an addition to our editorial page has appeared—a platform printed in the uppermost part of this column. We are attempting to clarify for our readers what we believe in.

The first of the four planks, "good government" perhaps seems vague. Isn't everybody for good government and what does it mean? It is sometimes difficult to tell if all concerned truly want good government, but clearly there are differences and we must clarify the subject for ourselves.

Government is one of the most difficult things to discuss, because it is so complex, but the need for good government is very important in improving our state. We must attempt to clarify the subject so that we can discuss it and eventually act upon it.

The importance of government can be seen most easily in the highly publicized entrance of Mr. James Meredith into the University of Mississippi. Although the government is not supposed to interfere in the business of the public education, it is obvious that it can. The governor, the legislature and the attorney general all stepped in the way of Mr. Meredith's attempt to get a better education and denied him the equal protection and equal opportunities to which he was entitled.

In order to bring good government to Mississippi, the people who are dissatisfied with the way it is running must vote against the people who are in power. In order for those people to vote, they must be registered. (Of course, good government is democratic government when the people are given the opportunity to participate in political decisions.)

Presently in our state it is difficult for many of those people who wish to improve the government to register, but only through continued attempts at registration will we be able to bring about the most vital of our planks—good government in Mississippi.

The Effectiveness of Unity

The success of the boycott of the Negro State Fair will not be fully realized for some time yet, but it was clear that those people who wished to make a segregated business, were forced to realize that the people decided to act together.

There were two other possible significant outcomes of the successful boycott. In the first place, all those people who participated in the boycott have more of a feeling of pride in themselves for not accepting a "second-hand fair." And in the second place, it is not in the too distant future that the dollar will seem large in the minds of those who run the fair that an integrated fair would not be an end after all.

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By Phil Mullin
Assistant Associate Editor
Mississippi Valley Herald

Cussing the federal government has been a favorite pastime for Mississippians for many years, particularly the delight of the state's politicians, in moving more and more into civic circles.

Most of the verbal attacks are made on the racial issues, in support of Mississippi's notorious and unattainable belief in State's Rights, but much of the volatile blame is levied at the federal government's spending policies, with often accusations of "socialism.

One often heard remark is, "Why should we send our tax money to the United States? Why should we go to war and then send it back to us in the form of federal programs?"

Fact about the matter is that Mississippi receives from the federal government in aid programs, more than twice as much as it gives to the federal government in taxes.

In 1961, Mississippi paid all federal taxes a sum of 244 million dollars. In that same year, the Mississippi share of Federal Aid was a total of 397 million dollars.

If we were to deduct from our taxes, our share of the military program, which we must pay for, the amount would be nearer to three to one.

DEMOCRATIC WAY
Mississippi continues the progress made in recent years.

The basic tenet of a democratic form of government is that the tax the wealth where it is and take the governmental benefits where they are needed.

The great concentrations of wealth and power in the country. If it were not for a federal government taxing this wealth and making these concentrations bear the problems of the country as a whole, then Mississippi would be shorn in many fields of need.

A good example is in veterans' benefits. Mississippi would not possibly have paid in federal taxes enough income to support on her veterans. Why should a million Mississippians who helped protect and defend these great concentrations of wealth in other parts of the country be taxed so much as they did Mississippi.

Another example is in road building. For every dollar Mississippi pays in the federal gasoline tax, we get 1 1/2 cents in federal highway construction funds.

NO ARGUMENT

This writer does not wish to enter into any argument as to what is right or wrong about the federal government's expansion of its role in the national life, but merely presents the figures below for information. Readers may find it interesting to decide on what programs they would like to eliminate or add.

FEDERAL AID PAYMENTS
in Mississippi and the Federal government made the following expenditures to state and local units of government in the fiscal year of 1961:

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Special School milk program, $2,337,820

Removal of surplus agricultural commodities, $5,152,606

Aid to the aged, $5,370,413

Aid to the blind, $5,290,341

Aid to dependent children, $5,870,026

Aid to families with dependent children, $2,359,647

Aid to the aged, blind, and disabled, $1,342,900

Old age assistance, $286,531

Aid to the blind, $2,890,573

Child welfare services, $310,317

Mental health activities, $80,000

Cancer control, $61,112

Wildele conservation, $273,370

Migratory bird conservation, $68,312

Crop insurance and catastrophe payments, $1,350,380

Federal airport program, $1,300,000

Public housing, $1,342,900

FHA insured mortgages, $2,337,820

FEDERATION OF INDIANS
Mississippi made the following payments to individual Indians in 1961:

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Conservation reserve program, $4,591,512

Air Force National Guard, $1,342,900

Army National Guard, $9,700,000

National Arboretum Institute, $12,797,000

Mississippi State Heart Institute, $329,322

National Institute of Mental Health, $328,322

Department of Defense Educational activities, $327,322

Unemployment compensation for veterans and federal employees, $1,444,600

Temporary extended unemployment compensation, $2,597,547

Atomic Energy Commission, $320,000

National Science Foundation grants and awards, $542,725

Veterans rehabilitation and training, $2,918,334

Veterans Security payments, $2,031,300

Federal wages to civilians, $32,000,000

Veterans compensation and National Military pride contracts, $39,305,000

SOCIALISM

Someone has defined socialism as "the going in a way that the government does to help you which does not, in its present form, work."

Whatever is "socialistic" in the expanded role of the federal government, the state government can decide for himself. He can also decide what would happen to the economy should the state government do what the federal government did in our affairs if we did so.
Gregory Brings Sense Of Humor To Spark Meeting In Jackson

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and you'd be surprised how many of them are.

Civil War Twist
He stringed on about his race-keeping the African dancer—espe-
cially that now one called the Civil War Twist. The Northern girls, he said, when at the time of Southern parts tries to secede.

If someone heckles him, he'll re-

spond, "Why heckling me? You want some excitement? Go down to the NAACP and ask for the white wash"

"Some people have a wonderful way of looking at things, take an example who brings in to baby sit so they can go to Koli Kahi. There's one Pointed Heads
And I got a surprise for you. You always see pictures of them wearing those pointed heads? Those heads are flat. It's their heads that are pointed.

Much of his humor has a def-

Marriage. At the times he's

ative can drive the point deep in the illustrated and which gives real

As he says, "my people have

Known what job security is... For instance, comes another reason and the evi-

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Letters To The Editor...

To the Editor:

I fully realize that the purpose of your newspaper is to advance the cause of civil liberties in the state of Mississippi and I commend you for it. However, in your issue of October 20, you have committed an error that violates all rules pertaining to newspaper editorializing.

On page two you reprint an article from a Jackson daily—"Policeman Slays Negro Motorist." On top of this piece you inserted an editorial comment "inviting readers to draw their own conclusions as to what took place." This comment is uncalled for. In the first place, you are jumping to conclusions without knowing the facts. As long as any doubt exists, as it does in this case, it is conceivably possible that the policeman was attacked by a "Negro Motorist." I know these things are quite unusual in Mississippi but you must admit that it is not impossible. You could have gotten your point across much more effectively if you had simply reprinted the article as is and let your readers come to the conclusion which you seek. A newspaper—good newspaper—must trust to the intelligence of its readers and not undervalue their capacity to think. If you felt it necessary to comment on this piece you should have used your editorial column. The only place on the editorial page, or anywhere in the paper, as an editor can reprinted the article, or an editorial, or an opinion, or a commentary. In the first place, you are jumping to conclusions without knowing the facts.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Spector
New York, New York

We certainly appreciate comments—whether critical or otherwise—whether in our newspaper, provided they are sincere.

Obviously the above letter is from a sincere and sympathetic reader. He contends that we violated all the rules of newspaper editorializing. From our knowledge of the number of rules that control the writing of editorials, we must have really produced something if it has broken all the rules. We do not feel that we have. In the first place, we do not see how we are "jumping to conclusions," when we had invited our readers to draw their own conclusions.

In the second place, we are accused of putting editorial comment where it does not belong. Page two, the editorial page of the FREE PRESS is normally devoted completely to signed comment. In this case, the note that preceded the reprinted letter was signed by the editor.

We hope that we have spared some rules from being broken—whether critical or otherwise. The names are different but otherwise it is much the same. It also appeared in a Jackson newspaper a few days after the other article. Often these incidents do not reach the newspapers, as you are not the news, a communique.

The Editor.

Negro Sloan Attacking Officer

CLEVELAND—A Cohoma Negro died in the Cleveland County hospital after being shot twice by a policeman here Sunday.

Hospital authorities said Maurice Barnes, about 37, died from wounds.

Police Chief W. C. Dempsey said officer L. T. Kemp had attempted to calm the Negro who was "acting crazy." The Negro attacked Kemp, he said.

Kemp's condition was described as "seriously injured," by a hospital spokesman.

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Exc-Ole Miss ...

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Barrett... and, unfortunately, these few are always on the scene, waiving their Confederate flags whenever the camera men appear.

On the Monday following the night of rioting, Robertson claims, "Several hundred think it is funny; several thousand do not." Although the violence has brought most students to "their senses," any danger that still exists is on the campus.

Comment...

ceived from the federal government roughly every month: that the average family of six received $150 per month; that the average family of six received $300 per month.

I wonder how the tax payers of such states as New York, California, Illinois and Pennsylvania feel about the tax money they pay into the federal government for distribution to such states as Mississippi. It is probable that they consider this money in the category of foreign aid?

Some Mississippi editors recognize the irrationality of the antifederal campaign. I hope some of the people can, too.

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Justice Dept. Seeks Injunction To Check Voter Discrimination

The Justice Department is seeking an injunction to prevent Jefferson Davis Circuit Clerk James Daniel from discriminating against Negroes seeking to register.

In a hearing before Judge Harold Cox, L. Hattiesburg, Justice Department Attorney D. Robert Owen charged that a "white people has been able to register with ease, but some Negroes have had to make as many as 10 trips to the clerk's office in an effort to register."

The federal government declared that the number of reg-

istered Negro voters has dropped from about 1,300 to 60 since Daniel became clerk.

State Assistant Attorney General Will Wells defended Daniel and asserted that the county board of supervisors had ordered re-registration in the county because the books were poorly kept prior to 1939 and did not reflect the true situation.

Daniel, who handles all registration himself, assured that he required all people to take examinations and did not know that this was only necessary for new applicants.

Following the two days of hearings, October 28 and 29, Judge Cox ordered attorneys for both sides to file briefs by November 2.

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