

Boycott Toll Mounts

Stores Feel Dollar Pinch

Capitol St., Grocery Businesses Hurting

See Story Below



KING THE TAILOR—Rumors that Capitol Street business is hurting seem to be borne out by this "Going Out of Business" sign displayed on the front of a Capitol Street store.



JORDAN SUPERMARKET—The store looks mighty dark under that awning in front, but it's not because our picture is under-exposed. The reason is that there is nothing inside the store. Jordan's on Lynch St. was cleaned out by the boycott.

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Boycott Power Proves Worth As Weapon

The toll in the selective buying campaign is beginning to mount. As the boycott bears down, more and more stores are falling victims from the attack of dollar warfare. Stores which used to treat Negro customers with discourtesy and get away with it are not getting away with it any more.

Jordan's Supermarket on Lynch St. was one of the first stores to feel the power of the boycott this summer. Jordan's was forced out of business, and the now empty building stands as a reminder of what can happen to stores which do not respect Negro trade.

Jordan's was put on the boycott list for a reason which has become common—discourteous treatment of Negro shoppers. Specifically, a customer complained that she was slapped by a Jordan employee.

For years that slap and the failure to fire the employee might have meant nothing to Jordan; this year it means going out of business.

Capitol St.

More recently, the boycott struck on Capitol Street. Rumors that Capitol Street business is in trouble were borne out last week when King the Tailor put up large "Going Out of Business" signs on his store front. If the boycott continues at its present strength other Capitol Street stores can be expected to put up their own "Going Out of Business" signs. NAACP officials estimate that more than 75% of the Negro trade that once went downtown is now staying away. But perhaps the greatest test of the boycott's effectiveness and of the unity in the Negro community will come in October when the teachers receive their first paycheck for this term.

As a group, Negro teachers have the buying power to greatly help the boycott, or to hurt it by shopping downtown. The community awaits their action.

Groceries Hurting

The boycott has had its greatest effect so far on neighborhood grocery stores. The Star Supermarket chain was one of the first grocery businesses to feel the boycott's squeeze. Threatened with permanently losing the majority of its Negro trade, Star met the Strategy Committee demands in late July and was taken off the list. Over a month later New Deal Supermarkets were taken off the list when the Strategy Committee was satisfied with the store's hiring and treatment of Negroes.

However, other food stores were not successful in meeting the demands of their Negro customers for courteous service and fair hiring. Cox Street Grocery is one store which re-

McDowell Expelled

Cleve McDowell, the only Negro attending Ole Miss this semester, was expelled Tuesday by the Student Judicial Committee for carrying a concealed weapon.

In addition to the University's action, McDowell faces a civil hearing in an Oxford County Circuit Court Saturday morning. Maximum sentence would be a \$100 fine and ninety days in jail. McDowell has not yet decided whether he will post bond or appear in court.

Police Report It As Self-Defense; Witness Says No

Earnest Jells of Clarksdale was brutally shot to death by police Friday night. Witnesses say that he carried no weapons and was fleeing for his life when he was killed.

The following day Clarksdale police told a coroner's jury that they had shot Jells in self-defense. They said he was pointing a rifle at them. The jury believed the police and ruled that the Jells murder was "justifiable homicide."

But this shooting will not be forgotten because it was called "justifiable." Both the Department of Justice and the FBI have been asked to conduct investigations to determine the true circumstances of the case.

The incident was touched off by an argument at the Fair Deal Grocery Store between Jells and the store owner's son. As Jells left the store, the son drew a pistol and fired three shots. Police who had been called to the scene took up the chase from there.

Flees For Life

Trying to escape the shower of bullets, Jells turned into a blind alley and began climbing on to the roof of a low smoke house. Witnesses say he was shot before he could get on to the roof. However police claim that he was already on the roof pointing a rifle at them when they killed him.

Witnesses who reported that Jells had no rifle also stated that several people pleaded with the police not to kill Jells. But their pleas were not heard and Jells was finally brought down from the shack with five shots in his side and the back of his neck.

Justifiable homicide? Self defense? The Coahoma County Branch of the NAACP pointed out that "self defense is the excuse given by policemen when they kill a Negro, and in the past it has worked. But not this time."

Citizens' Council Denied Revenues

Due to increasing federal pressure, the State Sovereignty Commission announced last week that it would withdraw financial support from the Citizens' Council Forum.

For the past few years, the Sovereignty Commission has been using state tax money to sponsor a local network program that openly favored segregation, and openly criticized organizations dedicated to improving the status of Mississippi Negroes.

Naturally, part of the money that financed the program came from the pockets of Negro taxpayers.

The pressure began to build when a directive was issued July 26th by the Federal Com-

munications Commission demanding equal time for controversial issues. The directive was specifically aimed at certain "controversial programs involving personal attacks on individuals or on groups."

Shortly after the federal directive was issued, the Citizens' Council Forum was pulled from the airways. It is presumed that once a station like WJTV was forced to consider giving equal time to Negroes, it found that it preferred to be harmless rather than controversial.

Only payments from July to November are involved thus far. The State Sovereignty Commission resolved that it would meet with the Citizens' Council (Continued on Page 2)

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Waiting In Slavery

"A slave is a man who waits for someone else to free him."

In the face of the violence that issued from Birmingham last week, no one could have filled this column with words calling solely for order. But the process of daily living must continue, so we force our outrage into a far corner of the mind, because remembering brings with it too much pain.

But if tragedy forces us to hide from ourselves—if we allow our minds to shrink from last week's reality—we will merely leave an opening through which new violence can occur. Tragedy is also knowledge, and, finally, we must force ourselves to use it as knowledge.

We know that in Birmingham public officials encouraged an atmosphere of civil disobedience. In such circumstances it would have been a miracle if violence had not occurred. But the point here is that the city, by its very blindness and irresponsibility, has committed both its races to slavery.

The quotations below all testify to a slavery which denies the right to prosper, to grow, to increase and improve man's present station. They were all spoken by white business and professional men.

If we agree that a slave is a man who waits for someone else to free him, then it is important to see that each statement implicates some outside power. It is always someone or something else. It is always the "situation" or the "federal government" or the "Kennedys" or "outside agitation" that is in control. All of these men are mostly waiting.

Dr. Richard Hill, Dean of the University of Alabama Medical Center, said, "The racial situation has kept some people from joining our faculty, even though we offered them a greater opportunity than anyone else. One doctor had already decided that this was the best place for him. But after he talked it over with his family he was against it."

Glenn E. Taylor, a member of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce in charge of attracting new industry, said, "We haven't had a commitment for a new industry all summer, but we had hopes things were going to improve. I was going to make a trip next week to contact some prospects. But what's the use now?"

These people have been severely hurt, and their freedom severely limited. Remember, the slave is the man who waits and asks like Mr. Taylor—"What's the use now?"

There could be more quotes telling the same story. Freedom begins, for every race, only when we acknowledge our personal responsibility and our past failures.

We all of us, white and Negro alike, learning what slavery means now, in this century, in our age. That knowledge will become our freedom, the moment we stop waiting for someone else.

You Can't Buy Freedom

In the last century a slave, if he was fortunate enough to have a little money, could sometimes buy his freedom. Today, however, the situation is reversed—we can help to gain our freedom by not buying. By not buying on Capitol Street and by not buying at other stores on the boycott list we show the store owners that the Negro does not have to depend on the white man to feed, clothe, and house him. We show the white community that the Negro is not the white man's charge.

And finally, we show ourselves that we do not have to suffer disrespect and discourtesy from anyone.

The boycott then is a weapon to gain not only the respect of the community, but our increased self-respect as well.

Yet if this were the sole effect of the boycott, only a partial success would be achieved. Individuals would be uplifted by a greater self-respect while the Negro community as a whole might remain still enslaved. Without total support from the community, ten years from now a Negro might still have to step out into the back alley if he wanted to try on something bought on Capital Street.

Without total, continuing support one or two stores might go out of business, a few more stores might apologize and get Negro trade back, but the present system would still stand.

A total boycott will not force all the white stores on Capital Street out of business. At the same time a total boycott will severely hurt many stores, generally depress all downtown business, and force store owners to cut back on their style of living. When that happens we can expect the white community to be ready for a change in the system. We can expect not the occasional apology, but the change in patterns of living that is the final goal of the boycott.

Boycott

No Business With Bias

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cently paid the price of discourtesy. Although the store was not officially on the boycott list, local residents made the white ownership feel unwelcome. Teen-agers in the area broke out windows in the store after an employee had reportedly slapped a Negro shopper. The store soon closed down.

As the boycott continues, the following stores remain on the list in Jackson: all the stores on East Capitol St., Bagby Hall Motors, Glorioso Supermarket on Whitfield Mill Rd. and Woodrow Wilson Dr., Guarantee Shoe Store on Farish St., Jitney Jungle Stores, Liberty Supermarkets, McRae's Department Stores, and Willinson's 555 Tire and Service Co. on Pascagoula.

The continued success of the boycott depends upon the constant action of the Negro community. Its effect can be even greater than 75%.

The aim of the boycott is not only to stop discourteous treat-



COX ST. GROCERY—Although Cox St. Grocery was not officially on the boycott, neighborhood pressure forced the store out of business. When one of the employees reportedly slapped a Negro customer the pressure against Cox opened up.

ment of Negro customers and employees, nor is it simply an attempt to put the white store-owner out of business. The boycott is the first in a series of steps which can demonstrate that the Negro of Jackson is a growing force and power that can no longer be ignored.

Anti-Labor Laws Bring Hardship Upon Mississippi

Gov. Ross Barnett, in a recent speech, stated that the right to work law "has been the number one point in talking to industrial prospects about what Mississippi has to offer."

Maybe the governor has done a lot of talking, but the record still shows that our state is the least industrialized and the poorest in the country. But perhaps the governor is right when he says that it is a good way to tell about the way things are in Mississippi.

The right to work law makes it difficult for workers to organize into labor unions which will insure decent wages. That is Mississippi all right—low wages, with laws to keep them there.

The state has a good deal of literature ready to distribute to industries that might want to come to Mississippi. In each case the state stresses the low wage rates.

Right To Work

One of these books put out by the state, makes note of the right to work law and the lack of labor unions. Another part of the same booklet states that some of the industrial men of Mississippi are happy with the productivity of the workers here. To make this point, the booklet quotes the president of a large company that is organized by a labor union.

Like so many other things in Mississippi the Governor and other state officials are not consistent. But it is all part of a plan. They want the state to remain poor. As long as the state is poor it will remain ignorant and continue to elect the same kind of officials.

The area of the state that is getting the most new and high-paying industries is the Gulf Coast. Yet this is the area where there are the most labor unions. This is where the right to work law has had the least effect.

Despite the efforts of the governor to attract the kind of industry that will exploit workers like the plantation bosses, some good industry is coming to the state and is going to the area where labor is allowed to organize more freely, and consequently, wages are higher.

Maybe Barnett is using the right to work law as a talking point, but clearly he is not talking good for the working man and it does not seem he is bringing industry either.

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Gulfport Case Sweeps Beach Into The Court

In Gulfport last week Judge Luther Maples delayed 42 appeals in beach-integration cases. Judge Maples' tactic involved a complex of legal machinery, so massive and unwieldy as to suggest the production of a Hollywood spectacular.

Judge Maples apparently followed an earlier decision calling for a cast of 2,000 extras to take roles as defendants in the case. The 2,000 are people who own property along the Gulf Coast where a wade-in was staged on June 23.

Maples added his own slow-down decision to the beach-integration case when he postponed the appeal of 42 of those convicted of trespassing in the wade-in. He said he was waiting for "formal motions." Probably this means that the cases will be kept out of the courts indefinitely.

No one has asked the Judge where he will find a court house large enough to hold the 2,000 defendants, should the case ever come to court.

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Citizens' Council . . .

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in October to determine whether payments should be resumed.

But the real question seems to be one of administrations, for the chairman of the Commission is none other than Gov. Ross Barnett. Although the dailies here in Jackson said only that "some question as to relations with the Federal Communications Commission" was involved, one spokesman for the Sovereignty Commission was more than willing to admit that the organization had "no relations with the F.C.C. period." It appears, therefore, that Barnett was unable to get around federal orders, and we can be sure the program won't be seen unless another governor decides to spend state tax money to support Council forums.

Voter Workshops

All those who have not yet registered to vote—Learn to fill out the registration form, including the Constitutional interpretation section, so that, when you go down to register, you will pass the test and become A REGISTERED VOTER.

Workshops will be held regularly, every week, in the following churches:

Cades Chapel, Ridgeway near Bailey, Monday evening at 7:30.

Shady Grove Baptist, East Ridgeway, Monday evening at 7:30.

Cherry Grove Baptist, Rondo & Whitfield Mills Rd., Wednesday evening at 7:30.

New Jerusalem Baptist, 226 Whitfield St., Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Come to the workshop in the church nearest your home.

Church Activities

Let us pray for the four children whose lives were cut off in church at Birmingham. Let us pray that the blasphemous bombing has not quenched the thirst of those who strive for freedom. We pray not only for those who did the bombing . . . Rev. S. L. Whitney.

ANDERSON CHAPEL 812 Page

Rev. S. L. Webb, Pastor
10:00 Sunday Morning Worship
Topic: "Christians' Omnipotence"
Phil: 4:13

In the middle of 10 week study program called House to House Visitation The minister visits each member's home to inform him of the glory of God.

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111 Church St.
Rev. W. P. Taylor, Pastor
Church School Rally Day begins
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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00

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619 N. Farish St.
Rev. S. L. Whitney, Pastor
11:00 Sunday Morning Worship
Topic: "The Tranquil Valleys"
Joint Sunday Evening Service with Pearl St. Baptist at Farish Baptist
Concert of the Pearl Street Youth Choir
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Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45
Topic: "God Seeking Sinners" Gen: 3:9
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Topic: "How Long Hail Ye" Kings: 18:21

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Topic: "The Lord is my Shepherd"
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Tougaloo Undisturbed By Fund Withdrawal

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The news reports are thought to be out of proportion to the actual amount of money contributed by the organization.

Beittle Calm

When Dr. A. A. Beittle, pres-

ident of Tougaloo, heard the news, he was very undisturbed.

"I'm sorry to see the Christian Church of Mississippi limit their benevolence giving, but their contributions have very little to do with our program," Dr. Beittle stated. "Even though we need every bit of money that we can get, the withdrawal will not be significant. I'm certain that other disciples of Christ will gladly make up the difference."

Mother Of 8 Kids Claims Brutality

"I'll go to jail, but don't hit me." Witnesses report that this was the cry of Mrs. Ora Lee Lomax, of Jackson, when a policeman arrested her Saturday.

Her cries were in vain. The policeman pushed Mrs. Lomax into the patrol car after hitting

her in the stomach and beating her on the side of the head so that her right eye was closed, witnesses said.

The arrest was made when the police investigated an argument between Mrs. Lomax and another woman in front of Queen's Place Cafe last Saturday afternoon.

A policeman hit Mrs. Lomax on the hand with his nightstick. Mrs. Lomax swung back, and the beating began, she claimed.

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Local Businessmen Welcome Teachers

Negro businesses in Jackson are sponsoring a "Welcome Teachers" party Friday evening. The annual affair is an attempt to introduce teachers in the Jackson area to the services and goods provided by Negro businesses.

The get-acquainted affair will begin at 9:30 p.m. at Stevens Rose Room, Sunset Drive. In an informal atmosphere free refreshments will be served and free gifts will be given away to the teachers. A drawing with a television set as the prize will highlight the evening.

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Friendly Talk Lures Dennis To Jailhouse

The police had no trouble arresting voter registration worker Dave Dennis and putting him in jail. They didn't have to pick him up on the street or break into the house to get him. Dennis went to the police station himself.

While Dennis was out of town, police had issued a warrant for his arrest. Mrs. Dennis received a call from police Lt. Wilson, who said he wanted to talk to Dennis. He asked her to make sure that her husband stopped by the police station when he returned to Jackson.

And that's exactly what Dennis did. Expecting a friendly chat with the police, Dennis walked right into the embrace of the law. And for the sixteenth time, he found himself behind bars.

Later he was convicted on four counts of contributing to the delinquency of minors. The

charge is supposed to be based on Dennis' leadership of non-violence workshops this summer, but in effect it is designed to take him out of voter registration work.

Dennis directed workshops in Jackson this summer teaching demonstrators how to protect themselves non-violently from attacks of white racists.

In order that the case be brought before the County Court of Appeals as quickly as possible, Dennis did not contest the charges at the city court, and was sentenced to six months in jail on each count, and fined \$500.

Another decision against Dennis is expected in the court of appeals, but Dennis is prepared to appeal to a higher court until the obviously unjust charges are dropped.

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