A Pulpit For Freedom



Rev. R. Edwin King

The final thrust in our struggle for equality will not be waged in the field of civil rights but in the minds of individual men. In this light the COFO campaign offers much more than the first political opportunity for a vote against segregationist candidates, it offers a chance to break down the rigid racial classifications that have petrified thought in Mississippi for years.

The joint COFO ticket of Aaron Henry and Reverend Edwin King shows that these barriers can be broken, that candidates for office are personalities, not simply representatives of a race.

The COFO platform takes no racial stand, instead, it exposes the real issues of public welfare and human liberty in Mississippi. The COFO ticket was integrated by a unanimous vote last week when Reverend Edwin King was made candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Reverend King has served as Chaplain of Tougaloo College since 1961. He is a native Mississippian, born in Vicksburg in 1936.

Though seemingly isolated from his own community, Reverend King argues that many white Mississippians are more frightened than prejudiced. His present position, as a leader in the struggle for human liberty, cost him many old friends, King said, but he has also made many new ones.

Rev. King's resolution to return to Mississippi after joining the ministry was made while he was still in high school. King recalled that at the time he attended high school teachers were less afraid to speak out against the crippling system of segrogation. And within the Methodist Church Youth Groups that he attended, there was far greater freedom than there is today.

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An Editorial

They Can't **Even Spell**

High School graduates . . . cannot spell the name of the school from which they graduated."

Herbert Worley

Chairman, Industrial Education Committee mean old man who didn't like their careers on keeping the moving the Negro community Mississippi Manufacturers Association

The Jackson industrialist quoted above represents the reaction of industry to Mississippi's educational laxity. Mr.
Worley pointed out that industry today is receiving applications from high school graduates who "cannot spell well back from their nest. The hornets; instead he shrunk back from their nest. The they will need unity and direction to make their votes effection to make their votes effection.

ential not only for industrie Basic education Basic education is essential not only for industries alunlikely that firms will be attracted to this state unless the state can provide trained personnel.

Despite this pressing need, only seven Negro High Schools in the entire state of Mississippi have been accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. This incredible fact means, very simply, that enormous number of our high school graduates will not have the necessary education to find jobs in Mississippi, even when openings occur. Mr. Worley stated that already "a backlog of industrial workers" is badly needed in Mississippi. But no industry can be expected to make up for the lack of basic training in our public schools. Training is an expensive and time-con-suming occupation, and most often it is easier for a firm to remain understaffed than to assume the job that should have been done in grade school.

But it is not enough to say that an inadequate educational system is stifling economic progress, for there is an immense human loss here, too. It is the loss that every student must feel when he learns he has been betrayed by the institutions he has been taught to respect. It is the enormous number of school dropouts. It is our young people without jobs, and without futures,

Vith Political Organization

Negroes Wield **Ballot Power**

one day he came to a hornets' hornets nest of Negro voters. an was afraid because, a

There is another story about organization, a new kind of organization in Mississippi. During the present VOTE FOR FREEDOM campaign Negroes are getting together to create a state-wide political organization.

For the present, this organization is devoted to getting out the vote for Freedom candidate Aaron Henry. But the organizing efforts are designed to create a permanent force in Mississippi politics, to endure after the VOTE FOR FREE-

As the organization develops, white politicians will not be able

There is a story about a to base their campaigns and chance to play a key part in animals and would beat them Negro down. There will always to voting. He will stand at the every chance he got. Then be the threat of stirring up a

> tive. This direction is provided by community leadership from the local to the state level.

In conjunction with the VOTE FOR FREEDOM campaign, the Mississippi Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) has already appointed state and district political leaders, who in turn work with County & Town

Town Leaders

The Town Leader occupies a crucial position in the state setup. A Town Leader arranges mass meetings and keeps his community posted on the campaign. He also supervises the work of Section Leaders, who are responsible for neighborhood participation in elections.

Section Leaders Section Leaders will have

head of his neighborhood and direct the local organization, such as arranging for VOTE FOR FREEDOM polling places in churches, stores, or homes.

Block Captain

Finally, Block Captains will have direct personal contact with the object of the entire network of organization - the voter. The Block Captain is responsible for getting his neighbors to participate in the VOTE FOR FREEDOM and other elections. This includes telephoning or going from house to house on election day and reminding people to vote. . .

The political organization plan laid down by COFO will aid greatly in making the VOTE FOR FREEDOM a success. At the same time it will foster new community leadership to carry on after the Nov. a election.

Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR .

GOOD GOVERNMENT HIGHER LIVING STANDARDS BETTER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES SOCIAL JUSTICE . . . IN MISSISS IPPI

What's Not Said

Last week was National Newspaper Week: an event regarded by our local newspapers, apparently, as a time for self-congratulations and mutual back-slapping.

Needless to say, there is something suspect about a paper that goes to such lengths to convince its readers of its own honesty. And last week's editorial, addressed to the "cronic, harping critics of the (Southern) press," seemed written, in part, to dare critics to find distortion on its pages.

They claim to be as objective as any other newspaper. And the invitation to prove them otherwise is mostly decep-

The real issue here is not what IS printed in any of the

local papers, but what IS NOT.

The dailies here in Jackson have no competition. They are responsible to the same ownership. They are both subject to the same controls.

Because this is so, the whole function of a newspaper as a watchdog for the community has been lost. You can scan back issues of these papers for political criticism on a state and local level, and not find a single story.

Omission, in this case, is certainly a form of dishonesty. In a way, it is the worst kind of dishonesty, for if a news-paper fails to provide access to the political figures who con-trols so much of civic life, then it plainly neglected its first duty to inform.

Fundamental of the successful operation of our Democracy is information. The most important means of receiving information is the daily newspaper. In order for a newspaper to truly inform, it must tell about the good as well as the bad. It must criticize as well as praise.

To be sure, the local press finds a good deal about activi-ties in the Negro community to criticize and it has a lot to suggest about what is wrong with our government in Washington, but where is the story that comes as a result of investigating government right here at home at the local, county and state level? The only thing to find is that Mississippi a great place.
It is not that what is said is always so wrong. It is what

is not said.

Much of the lack of Democracy that exists in Mississippi

stems from the lack of information.

The way our system of government is set up, there is supposed to be a system of checks and balances. There are many examples. The president, Congress and the Courts are all set up to check on each other. The Republicans check on the Democrats and the Democrats, in turn, check on the Republicans.

In each case, one power has to keep "straight" or be ex-posed by the other. Consequently there is less chance for 'crooked dealings" and more chance for what is wrong to be

Mississippi, however, exists with very few checks and balances. It operates with virtually a one party system (though that is now being challenged). Further, not only are there no daily papers competing with each other, but their interest is one and the same with those of the one political party in power. Because it agrees with those who are in office it does not wish to expose anything that might not be

An evaluation of a newspaper, then, must consider not only what IS printed, but what IS NOT. The greatest fault of the Mississippi daily press is what it FAHS to say about what is wrong and what needs to be changed.

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SMITH'S SUPER MARKET

Valley Street At The Railroad Crossing

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THE FREEDOM WRITER-By Andy Mitchell

Yassuh, Boss

about how Barnett was saying that he has had some real successful trips up North. He says he thinks that a whole mess of industries are thinking of moving here as a result of his trip. (Any industry that would move here-with things like they are now-would have to be a mess.)

I wouldn't want to say anything disrespectful about the good Governor, but it happened that I followed him on one of those trips. And I must say, that our travelling Governor is quite a sight.

But following this guy when listen to him is quite a chore, rights legislation. Negroes are Finally a representative of a better off there than in most does stand tall.

-for about an hour. At the end of the chat, the representative said that Barnett's visit was part of a continuing effort by Mississippi officials to interest his company in Mississippi. But Barnett's visit did not cause any changes in company thinking the representative said afterward, Aw shoot.

Also part of this trip was a speaking engagement. After about an hour on State's Rights everybody was pretty bored. But then the place was open for questions. One person asked about civil rights legislation.

Barnett said he felt that Mishe is trying to find someone to eissippi did not need any civil

You know, I read last week paper mill was willing to listen other places. "They love our way of life."

You know, I almost stood right then and there and

shouted, "Yassuh, Boss."

Then, to a question about how Negroes register to vote, he said that they are treated the same as white citizens.

"Yessuh, Boss. Whatever you say, Boss."

Say-remember that giraffe we have been talking aboutthe one that came to Jackson to stand tall with Paul. Well, Paul didn't know if he was so happy about it when he found out ole Geeraffe was from Africa. Too bad, Paul-but he sure

Henry Feels 'Freedom Spirit Is Uplifting

"I am uplifted in the feeling of Freedom."

Waging war on fear and indifference. Aaron Henry has opened his VOTE FOR FREEDOM campaign with speeches throughout the state. Henry said he has been inspired by the enthusiasm people have shown for his cam-

"The spirit of Freedom is abundant."

Greenwood was one of the crucial stops in his campaign route, which has also taken him to Jackson, Vicksburg, Holmes County, and Clarksdale. He spoke Tuesday night in Greenwood, a city which to him is "symbolic of the present struggle in the Delta." Greenwood officials have put up tremendous resistance to voter registration, but still the feeling is high, he said.

"Greenwood has gone from a community of almost no activity a year ago to one of the most progressive areas in the Movement. The spirit of Freedom is abundant."

Henry said he hoped the VOTE FOR FREEDOM campaign would intensify the spirit of Freedom throughout the state, so that after the campaign Negroes would be inspired to register to vote in official elections.

In his campaign speeches, Henry has continually emphasized that Negroes must continue to try to register. He has pointed out that in the past four years over 60,000 Negroes have attempted to register, while only about 6,000 were successful. Henry is asking that those who failed try again, and that the 330,000 eligible Negroes who haven's yet tried make an attempt.

"We are aiming at a tremondous increase in Negro

Henry's campaign takes him to Greenville on Thursday, where he wil speak outside the courthouse. This is the first time Negroes have been permitted to use the courthouse facilities for such a purpose. Friday night he appears in Yazoo City and on each succeeding night in Meridian, Laurel, Hattiesburg, Clarksdale, and Biloxi.

The campaign will wind up with a mass rally at the Masonic Temple in Jackson Friday, Nov. 1 The following three days voters will cast their VOTE FOR FREEDOM

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Jackson Tigers Bow To Southern, 17-16

By Emmett Morris

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Although the Jaguars from Baton Rouge, La., were held to 39 yds, in the air, they ground out 281 yds, rushing to set up



their two touchdowns and one field goal. While the Jackson Tigers picked up 179 yds. passing, they couldn't find a pass re-ceiver in the end zone, scored both their touchdowns on short runs by halfback Leslie

First Blood

The Jaguars drew first blood with a 5 yd. touchdown plunge late in the first quarter. Connecting on the extra point, they jumped to a 7-0 lead.

The second quarter saw scoring on both sides. Southern connected on a 15 yd. pass play, kicked the extra point and went ahead 14-0. But with only 1:20 min. to go in the half, the Tigers struck back as Duncan ran 6 yds. for the tally. Duncan also ran for two extra points making the halftime score 14-8, Southern over Jackson.

In the third quarter Southern came back with its final bid on a field goal by Clayton. The Tigers returned the thrust with a 4 yd. T.D. plunge by Duncan. Quarterback Bobby Thompson tossed a pass to end Gloster Richardson for the extra two points.

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The 14 were arrested on charges of "distributing leaflets without a permit," reported vote worker Dave Dennis.

"This kind of ordinance is a form of curtailing civil rights activities," Dennis said. "It is designed to prevent us from

getting any information to the people in the state."

The 14, including 2 Yale University students, are being held on \$50 bond each in the Indianola jail.

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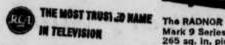
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Clifford Zachary, a 26-yearold Negro printer, is being held in jail on the charges of shooting a white service station attendant.

Segregated Fountains

Zachary told the police that he stopped to drink from the water fountain in the station after he had bought a pack of crackers. The attendant demanded that Zachary use another fountain outside the sta-

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When Zachary objected that

Zachary said that he shot the

mitted the shooting, and surrendered his pistol and am-

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