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This goal not only indicates the solvency of the association, but also adds financial strength to the Ne-

One of the main driving forces behind the foundation of the Savings and Loan was the difficulty Negroes

found in getting financial aid to buy their own homes.

White loan companies considered any Negro residential district as a blighted area, and were reluctant to provide large home loans for Negroes. The typical ceil-ing on a home was \$6,700 according to State Mutual officials.

Under pressure from State Mutual, attitudes in the

profession changed and Negroes may now borrow with-out an arbitrary ceiling set by prejudice.

The importance of this association cannot be meas-ured only in terms of housing expansion. It provides employment and training opportunities for Negroes which are normally denied by white business.

Pounding hard at the issues of justice and democracy, Aaron Henry brought his campaign for governor into its final week. From Holly Springs to Hattiesburg, large crowds turned out to hear Henry denounce the state power structure and offer his alternatives.

In the midst of the campaign, members of the power structure in some localities set out to supress the VOTE FOR FREE-DOM by continual harrassment of cam-

paign workers.

As Henry challenged the state power structure to end police brutality and intimidation, over thirty people involved in his campaign were arrested on charges thought to be false and unconstitutional.

"The atmosphere of this campaign suggests more nearly what a cam-paign might be like under communism in the Soviet Union rather than in the United States," observed Al Lowenstein, chairman of the Henry for Governor Advisory Committee.

In response to the harassment, campaign workers organized the "Mississppl Underground Ballot." Ballots were sent to areas where threats from local officials prevented setting up VOTE FOR FREE-DOM polling places, Marked Freedom Ballots will be mailed back to campaign head-quarters in Jackson.

"Voting by mail is the only way left that will enable Negro citizens in some areas to express their point of view," Lowenstein

declared.

"Because of fear of reprisals, it is impossible to have a public FREEDOM VOTE even in the Negro churches of some communities," he said.

As of Tuesday a total of 38 workers were arrested for distributing leaflets, violating curfews while trying to enter hotels, and for committing a variety of traffic violations.

Indianola police picked up 22 Yale University students and SNCC members this week, on the charges of distributing leaf-lets without a permit. 17 of these students were passing out issues of the FREE PRESS. They were sentenced to 30 days in jail or a \$25 fine.

In Hattiesburg police raided a private home where four Yale students were sleeping. The students were forced to get out of bed, and were taken to the police station.

The students were released after 3 hours of qustioning. It is reported that the Hattiesburg chief of police announced that any white "agitators" found in the city limits will be sentenced to 6 months in jail and a \$500 fine.

A mass rally for Aaron Henry was cancelled in Yazoo City, October 25, because of intimidation of the Negro leadership from local police. After receiving a menacing phone call, one of the Negro leaders felt that an attempt to carry the Henry for Governor campaign into Yazoo City would cause repercussions.

By Andy Mitchell

Editorial Page

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

Political Neglect Or Political Responsibility

Within the current governor's race, the Henry for Governor campaign has fought for more than the neglect of this state's official political parties. Recent events will show the alarming hostility that operates against free elections in Mississippi. The unlawful arrests. The fines and jail sentences. The interrogations,

Vote for Freedom workers have had to face an organized and official resistance, and the reasoning behind that resistance is painfully clear: political negligence cannot survive unless it is enforced. We repeat, political irresponsibility does not survive unless it is enforced.

Politically, Mississippi is an ignorant state. It is a state with an ignorant and backward people. But we say this only if a clear line is drawn between notive and manufactured ignorance, for it is not that the minds of the people don't work it is that these minds have been misused.

Mississippi's ignorance is a manufactured ignorance. It is an ignorance that has been mass produced, guarded, and carefully enforced by a small and selfish power structure.

Certainly a responsible political party with a thoughtful political platform would threaten this structure. At the present time, because Vote for Freedom platform is the only sign of such responsibility in the state, it is the only party that can begin to bring to the people the real issues that will determine the future of Mississippi,

The Henry for Governor is at present a protest party, it provides the two key ingredients that our state politicians most fear: (1) an organized voice for all Mississippians that is long overdue, and (2) a political arena for leadership training and individual participation in government.

In this light it is not hard to see that the defense launched by the state is nothing more than a means of keeping thought out of Mississippi. But it IS hard to imagine the minds that are truely manufactured, the minds without some vestige of thought, or some particle of reason, for these be-long to the "citizens" who will merely watch the growth of a police state, and not react against it. These minds belong to "citizens" who will shortly be enslaved.

The Vote for Freedom organization is unique at this time in providing the one force that is designed to fight the dictatorship that presently controls this state.

Its program will not simply register its protest and fall back into the mechanical, thoughtless control that has been imposed by the present power structure. The training program will be designed to study and rehearse the qualities of democracy, and to train leaders who will never be content with the system that has been established here.

If an organized and official resistance continues to drive COFO's aims underground, every Mississippian had better take a close look at what is being lost in his state.

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THE FREEDOM WRITER-

Opening More Mail

Been getting lots of mail. Dear Friend, Thought you might be interested in it. Here's some. Dear Mr. Mitchell,

I been reading your column for two weeks and I like it very much. Yes, in Birmingham the three white men were arrested on charges of illegal possession of dynamite about recent bombings in Birmingham and then they were released on only \$300 bond. What kind of Christians are they. They are not Christians.

We have a movie here in Moss Point but no Negroes can go to it. White only. I vote for Freedom - Vote for Aaron Henry for Governor on November 5th. I like work for Freedom, because the Truth shall make you Free.

Friend, Moss Point You got the way,

With ya-Andy

Dear Andy,

Please read this poem that I have written for you.

To begin with: I was reading the Mississippi Free Press.

And I can see this world of ours is in a mess. The main thing that put this in

Was a Freedom Writer who

was so kind, Andy Mitchell is his name. The title of his verse, was, 'So

I'm Told.' And I'm sure he wrote it for

young and old He was right when he said what enjoy reading it, also.
side are you on Very Truly Yours, side are you on

Do you want Freedom, or do

you want to be a Tom. What I'm trying to say is just

this: No matter what the charges

may be-Don't give up. Fight and vote for Freedom and be Free.

All this Boycott and things that are going on

Don't give up, for God will carry on.

I don't know about Tall Paul and his gi-rafe-ee

But I'm going to vote, vote for Henry.

And You can aways bet. That we will beat Ross Barnett. -A Jackson Lady

Dear Jackson Lady, That is a very fine poem.

Thank you very much. I am sure that all the readers will

Andy

Minister Decries Church Segregation

For the second Sunday in a we are in Mississippi. Against Reed blamed the "infiltration of the White Citizens' Council Chicago attempted to attend odist Church the police take an into the churches" for the offigroups. In each attempt the pattern of segregation." ministers and their companions were turned away, and six arrests have been made.

One of the ministers, Rev. James Reed, said it was "odious and shaming for a Christian minister to be turned away from a Christian church."

Calling out against this denial of the Freedom of Worship, Rev. Reed declared, "Actually, we live in a police-state when

Jackson churches in integrated active part in maintaining the cial maintenance of segrega-

Church Divided

Rev. Reed said the police are making arrests for integration attempts against the wishes of many church members. He said he spoke with one worshipper who didn't want to have people arrested in the door of our church," and who didn't "believe in turning people away from a house of worship."

In addition to the police, Rev.

to let such conditions go on in

our country—a country said to be free for all men.

were denied a fair or a parade

forward to the fair and the pa-

rade each year, and it was very important for recreation.

Now we don't have any recrea-

tion, after these two privileges

were taken away. We have no

place to go at all. We know that

We didn't say much when we

tion.

WCC Intimidation

He said an associate pastor at one of the white churches told him that at least 6 church board members were also on the Citizens' Council. Rev. Reed reported that the six intimidated the other board members until they were afraid to stand up against segregation and the police guards at the church doorsteps.

We Must Fight

Ed. note: The writer of this and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. article is Bettie Booker, a student It's just a disgrace to the huat Jim Hill High School. The man race for the United States FREE PRESS welcomes articles of opinion on any subject from concerned Mississippians.

by Bettie Booker

As a Negro I feel that since birth, the world in which I live this year. But everybody looked has been unfair to me and my race. We do not have first class opportunities as whites. We live in the white man's world almost like slaves again, but we can't let this go on any

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Grambling Overwhelms Jackson State, 62-16

The Jackson State Tigers were reduced to butter Saturday night by another set of Tigers from Grambling College. The powerful ground game of the Grambling Tigers overwhelmed Jackson State 62-16.

Despite a near upset victory over Southern last week, Jack-son was not ready to handle Grambling's

offense, and Jackson was buried by its opponent's rushing attack. The Tigers ran for 139 yds., while Grambling churned out 376 yds. on the ground.

8 Interceptions

In addition, the rambling Grambling defense held down the Jackson pass atteams chalked up almost equal yardage in

Jackson halfback Leslie Duncan was the game's leading ground gainer with 120 yds., but Grambling had several hard runners to offset his spectacular performance.

The game went in favor of Grambling all the way. They opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 28 yd. TD run. In the second quarter Grambling ripped through the Jackson defense for several long scoring runs. One of Gramblings scores came on a 27 yd. scamper after an interception of a Tiger pass. Only a minute earlier Grambling had run 25 yds. for a TD,

Jackson scored in the second quarter on a 2 yd. plunge by Duncan. The half time score was 322-8. Each scored once in the 3rd quarter and Grambling galloped to 4 in the last period.



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According to James Allen, executive director of the Educational Fund, the 10 winners will participate in an educational enrichment program next summer in Jackson. The scholarships will pay for the program of study in science and English.

"We want to motivate high school students to take their schooling more seriously," Allen said.

He also suggested that the topic of the essay might get

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students interested in law . engineering, "areas where Mis-sissippi really needs trained people."

The Educational Fund has sent letters to high school principles in 10 of the state's larger cities asking that they pick two essays from each class to enter in the competition.

Essays by 9th and 10th graders should not exceed 250 words, by 11th and 12th graders not more than 300 words. The 10 contest winners will be announced not later than Dec. 19.

The Educational Fund was set up by James Meredith while he was still a student at Ole Miss. The Fund channels money to underprivileged students, chiefly Negro, who show promise as college students.

Allen pointed out that many eachers are afraid to associate themselves with the Educational Fund because it carries James Meredith's name. But he noted that the fear has no basis.

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All registered and unregistered voters 21 or over are permitted to vote in the Freedom election. Special VOTE FOR FREEDOM polling places are being set up throughout the state.

The special ballots include names of the three nominees for governor: Aaron Henry, Freedom candidate; Paul Johnson, Democratic candidate; and Rubel Phillips, Republican candidate. The Democratic, Republican, and Freedom candidates for Lt. Goevrnor are also listed on the ballots. Ballots will be provided at the polling places, where they are to be marked and put in the ballot boxes.

Since the VOTE FOR FREEDOM is an unofficial election, people do not have to fear reprisals for voting. Names of voters will not be taken unless volunteered.

In areas where local officials have hampered the VOTE FOR FREEDOM organization, voters can participate in the "Mississippi Underground Ballot."

ON NOV. 5 VOTE IN THE OFFICIAL ELECTION.

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Guest speaker for the service is Mrs. Martin L. Harvey, Secretary of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns. Mr. Harvey took part in the Peace Pilgrimage to Rome and Geneva, in 1963. During this pilgrimage, she had an audience with Pope John XXIII.

Those attending the service are asked to bring friendship packets for children in underdeveloped areas. These packets are made up of two large wash rags pinned together on three sides with safety pins to form a pocket. In the pocket these items should be placed: a child's toothbrush, a tube of toothpaste, a bar of soap, a comb, band-aids, a tube of vaseline, a small toy, and a box of crayons, or paper pad and pencil.

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Labor Joins Battle To Defeat Johnson

Entering the political fracas stand at Ole Miss. in the current governor's race, the Mississippi AFL-CIO Labor Council issued a report to its members backing Republican candidate Rubel Phillips.

The Council condemned Paul Johnson, the Democratic nom-inee, for his actions as Lt. Governor. It stamped the Barnett-Johnson Administration as "the most corrupt and irresponsible Administration in the state's history."

The Council criticized the Administration's "inept and deceitful" action leading to the Oxford Riots last fall. The Council suggested that Johnson sought only political profit at the expense of the state's reputation by making his famed

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The Council also hit at the anti-democratic "police-state tactics of intimidation now being used by the Barnett-John-son Administration over the state" to force people to support

The Labor Council noted Johnson's stand against organized labor when he refused an invitation to meet with the Council and discuss his platform. All other governor candi-dates met with the Council.

Tragic Consequences

In sum, organized labor in Mississippi believes "that Johnson's election would have tragic consequences for the people of Mississippi."

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