

Workers Reap Poverty



With barely enough income to survive, Negro cotton laborers must raise their families in overcrowded, broken down shacks.

Cotton growers harvested the richest crop in the state's history this fall. At the same time, cotton laborers reaped a harvest of poverty.

The average Delta day-haul worker made less than \$500 this year working in the cotton fields. And if the economic trend continues he will have to look forward to making even less money chopping and picking cotton next year.

With this income, the Negro day-haul worker is at the bottom economically in a state which is already the poorest in the union.

The day-haul worker not only has to face low pay for his work, but increasingly he must face unemployment as well. During the cotton picking season this year, no more than half the available labor supply was used at one time. Throughout the 12 week season, an average of about 8,000 day-haul workers were employed. Yet the average available was more than 20,000, with most of those not working in the cotton fields unable to find some other kind of job.

Nor is it likely that the cotton worker will find employment in the off season between November and May. Construction and pulpwood industries, which might employ unskilled labor, are in a seasonal decline. Out of state agriculture, such as the citrus harvest in Florida, will provide work for about 6,000, but with the cost of travel, incomes will not be raised to a great extent.

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Adults Back In School

Henry Challenges State Stand-Still

"We will push democracy into every nook and cranny of the state of Mississippi," stated Dr. Aaron Henry in an exclusive FREE PRESS interview.

Henry, who led over 90,000 Negro citizens to protest the denial of the right to vote, has just finished one of the most difficult political campaigns in the history of Mississippi. Yet despite the problems encountered Henry emphasized that great strides were made by the Freedom Vote.

Vote Promotes Unity

"The Freedom Vote has laid the groundwork for organization and communication among the Negro community on a state-wide basis," Henry said. "We now have a very formidable method of working together for mutual progress, and for overturning the status quo."

Despite the fact that both Johnson and Phillips promised they would uphold the Mississippi "Way of Life," Henry felt optimistic about the future. "We're coming to see the day when all people who are a part of the problem, will have to become a part of the solution, if that problem is going to be solved."

Speaking out against the economic and the political neglect of the present power structure, Henry affirmed that real economic progress for Mississippi is possible, but not under the present conditions.

"For the 50,000 new jobs that Johnson

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"I need an education to keep up with my kids. When they ask me to help them with their lessons, how can I if I don't understand what they're studying."

This is an honest admission of a "student" taking the adult education courses offered at Jim Hill High School.

Other honest admissions would reveal that a great many adults can't keep up with their kids. Yet, the adults attending night classes number only 85.

Participation Down

When registration for classes at Jim Hill was announced two months ago, 165 adults responded and enrolled in the courses. Since that time, students have dropped out due to a lack of time, or lack of interest in fur-

thering their education.

Training Valuable

But the adults who drop out, like teenagers who drop out of high school, sell themselves short. The training received in a night school typing-class might make the difference between working as a maid and working as a secretary. Training in the electronics class might allow a student to become a TV technician instead of a gardener.

Yet apparently this does not matter to many adults in Jackson, for classrooms that have the capacity to hold 25 students are being used by as few as 4. The largest class, ninth grade English, has only 17 students enrolled; at the same time a high percentage of the population remains functionally illiterate.

Name Your Course

The training program of the classes ranges from basic reading courses to electronics. And the possibilities for expanding this scope are almost unlimited. A new course will be set up, and a teacher will be hired for any course that is requested by more than 10 people. Funds are available to pay for the classes. All that is needed is for people in the community to get behind the program.

Adults who do not have a high school diploma may pursue either an accredited high school program or an equivalent program. With the equivalency program adults take placement tests and begin courses at their own level.

Reading, arithmetic, spelling, and writing are the basic subjects of the elementary section. Students are allowed to learn as rapidly as their performance and ability permit.

Classes are scheduled two nights a week

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Meredith Speaks On Education

As a person deeply concerned with the problems of education, James Meredith will return to his home state to discuss his attempts to provide students with better schooling opportunities.

Beginning in Jackson, Meredith will speak throughout the state about the James Meredith Education Fund, a pool of money earmarked for deserving students. The Fund has already provided scholarships for several students in need of financial help. Among those in James Hood, one of the first Negroes to attend the University of Alabama.

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James Meredith

Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR . . .

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Mississippi Learns From Controlled Textbooks

In 1866, a secret organization, the Ku Klux Klan, was founded in Tennessee. The purpose of the Klan was the protection of the weak, innocent, and defenseless people, especially the widows and orphans of the Confederate soldiers.

—Our Mississippi, revised edition by Pearl Vivian Guyton

The above quotation is lifted from a sixth grade textbook used throughout the state of Mississippi. To say it is merely slanted is inadequate—such a distortion is clearly criminal.

It would be impossible to estimate the damage that texts like these can cause. It is as if, in some ancient and fatal plague, our public schools had admitted a known carrier of disease. But in Mississippi the exposure is calculated and controlled, and the disease is man-made.

For our pupils in the public schools, such a textbook will testify to an educational system fundamentally designed to debase and betray the Negro in Mississippi.

The selection printed above is frightening in many ways. On the one hand, it indorses an organization that was admittedly violent in its activity—an organization that condoned almost any means to accomplish its political ends. On the other, this selection sets the tone for a treatment of Reconstruction that is so one-sided as to be propaganda rather than history.

There can be no justifiable defense for such a tone in any book that pretends to provide instruction. For whenever history is allowed to become propaganda, a whole dimension of human growth is automatically lost.

This loss is particularly alarming in the study of history, where it should be apparent that proper study can provide numerous guidelines for our own behavior. For just as we can learn from our own past mistakes, or frustrations, or victories, so we can learn from others. In this way, history serves almost as a prologue to our own lives.

Propaganda, however, is always a straight-jacketing of the mind. It is always a means of cutting off natural inquiry for the purpose of regional conformity, no matter what its disguise.

The State Daughters of the American Revolution, the Citizens' Councils, and other segregationist organizations in Mississippi have chosen, predictably, to mask their propaganda in the name of Southern Culture. In recent years they have worked for texts like *Our Mississippi* "so that children can be truly informed of the southern way of life." Presumably, whatever life that happens to be includes a fine Southern taste for contradiction.

For surely there must be some people in Mississippi who realize that culture is never a thing fixed and unyielding or set apart from current events. To decide to keep people exactly where they were one-hundred years ago is not to preserve a culture, it is to create a sub-culture.

Already within that sub-culture we can find the suspicious, the distrustful, the regional and conforming mind of "the Mississippi way." And already within our public system we find education reduced to propaganda, and distributed by educators who seem to have lost all sense of private and public morality.

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Cotton Laborers—Forgotten Poor

Trapped by lack of education, day-haul workers do not qualify for skilled work and are bound to an occupation which is slowly being eaten away by machines. Mechanical cotton pickers picked a greater per cent of the cotton in the Delta this year. At the same time, the average number of day-haul workers dropped from 11,000 to 8,000.

During chopping this spring, increased use of insecticides also shortened the chopping work period and reduced the number of days in which a worker could earn even a \$3 a day wage.

The laborer is thus facing the competition of thousands of other workers who can not find jobs, plus the competition of machines. With no industrial or technical skills he is unable to move out of his poverty. He must live with his family in overcrowded, unhealthy homes, and must eat a terribly inadequate diet.

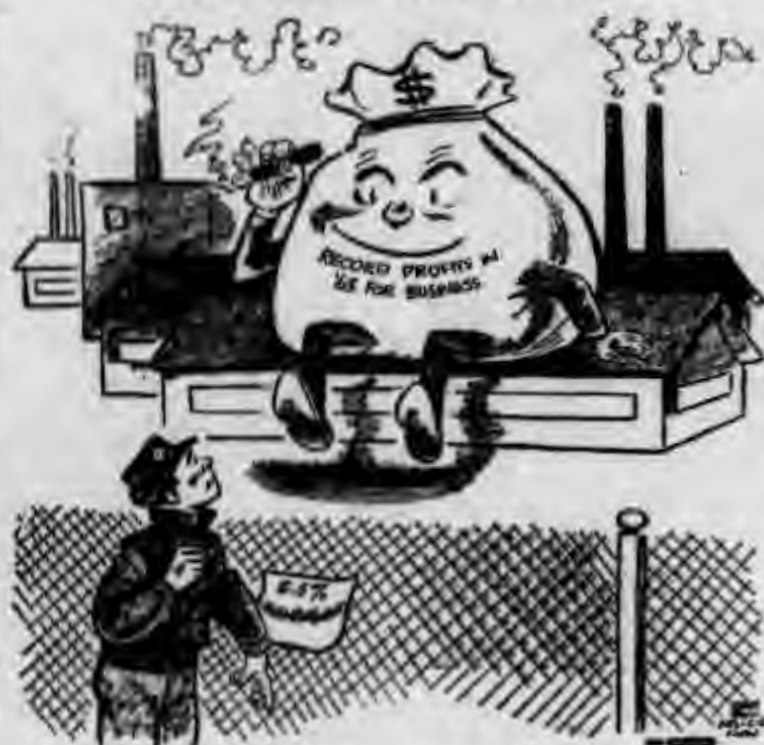
Yet he has little or no opportunity to learn the skills that could put him in a well paying job.

In Tunica County, with a Negro population of over 13,000, there is no high school for Negroes, no opportunity at hand to even develop the basic skills of reading and writing. Two other Delta counties have no high schools for Negro students.

This neglect of the county governments is bested only by the state's refusal to offer the day-haul worker a way out of his plight. The state has turned down federal government money for training in technical skills, and as yet has set up no program of its own.

Problems as vast as these need the coordination of both federal government and the initiative of the state. Presently the money and resource of the both are almost totally lacking.

Dilemma of the '60s



As businesses across the nation continue to record fat profits, workers in large numbers are left without work. With 5.5 per cent of the work force out of a job, the nation's economy, seemingly healthy on the surface, still suffers from chronic unemployment.

In most cases, the rate of Negroes out of work is twice as high as the rate of whites. And in Mississippi, with the state's low wage scale, the suffering for the mass of Negro cotton laborers is doubly severe.

As businesses find ways to increase profits through the use of machines, laborers find themselves with little or no income, and little opportunity to learn a skill so that they could drive the machines to work instead of being driven out of work by them.

Ole Miss Prof. Denounces State As Corrupt, Enslaved

A single voice has broken ranks with Mississippi's academic community to denounce the society of this state as totalitarian, backward, and corrupt.

Dr. James Wesley Silver, professor of history at the University of Mississippi, made his charges last week in an address entitled "Mississippi—The Closed Society." A text of Dr. Silver's speech is scheduled for publication by Harcourt, Brace & Co.

Dr. Silver centered his attack against the heritage of secession in Mississippi—a heritage that has worked to withdraw this state from the rest of the nation and from the whole of world history.

Totalitarian Society

Mississippi's power structure has worked to make our society "obedient to an official philosophy almost identical with the pro-slavery philosophy. In committing itself to the biracial system, Mississippi has erected a totalitarian society," Dr. Silver stated.

His address specifically attacked state schools, churches, and laws that operate to maintain "the closed society" as effectively as the ancient Chinese Wall.

Loss Of Freedom

Dr. Silver's most courageous remarks were directed against the members of his own profession in Mississippi.

At the University of Mississippi, Dr. Silver charged, the loss of academic freedom became increasingly evident in the middle fifties.

In 1955, for example, the University's Board of Trustees produced an edict which required a screening of all speakers brought to the campus. In another instance, a clergyman was turned away from the University's Religious Emphasis Week when it became known that he contributed to the NAACP.

But the most striking illustration of the loss of academic freedom occurred after the Ole Miss riots last year, when fifty professors and instructors resigned their posts rather than accept the growing influence of the White Citizens' Council.

Dr. Silver also pointed to the textbooks proposed by the White Citizens' Council, saying they are designed to keep the people of Mississippi unable to imagine life beyond a corrupt and monolithic society.

To quote from one such text: "White men built America so they could make the rules. George Washington was a brave and honest white man. The white men cut away big forests. The white man has always been kind to the Negro."

Closed Minds

The textbook was proposed for the third and fourth grades. To Dr. Silver, this is "perhaps the greatest tragedy of the closed society"—that its citizens are unable to think of any other view than the one they are made to think.

From his own teaching experience, Dr. Silver said, "In recent years there has been a hardening attitude among college students who do not want to hear the other side. In such a twilight of non-discussion, minds not only grow tough, they do not grow at all."

In such an atmosphere where minds cannot grow, "the white Mississippian is not even conservative, he is merely negative. He grows up being against most things other men at least have the pleasure of arguing about. This is the Mississippi heritage—a secession from thought, 'from the United States of America, from democracy itself, and from the whole of humanity.'"

THE FREEDOM WRITER—

By Andy Mitchell

I'm Wondering

Sometimes I stop myself as I'm walking down some lonely street at night, and I look up at the stars, and I ask myself, "Just why is it?" or I ask myself, "How could it be?" And I think. And I wonder. But I never get any answers. If I don't get some help soon, I might be standing looking and wondering all night. So, I thought that maybe you could help me out.

Just why is it that people say that we are not cultured, when we are not permitted to go to a concert when an orchestra comes to town?

How could it be that they say Negroes don't want to vote, when 90,000 of us just voted, by mail if we had to, even when some of us were scared to death?

Just why is it that some people don't keep their word? Some folks claim they heard Barnett say he'd die before he let another party into Mississippi?

I wonder just how a Jackson State College professor can say, "We have a wonderful school system here."???

How could it be that some people think that we don't want to get anywhere, when we are not permitted to get, let alone keep, a job?

How could it be that some people can hold a World Wide Communion Service in the House of God, and then arrest people for coming to worship?

Just why is it that I see bunches of Negroes shopping on Capitol Street?

How could it be that there is a (bootlegging) tax in Mississippi when selling liquor is prohibited?

Just why is it that some preachers say, "Wait, wait, wait," when we are so tired, tired, tired?

How could it be that Ross Barnett claims that the Mississippi School System is "Jesse James," when an industrialist says that most students can't spell their own names when they apply for jobs?

I wonder how can Tougaloo and Jackson State College students keep their self-respect when COFO had to bring down 70 white Yale U. students to do a job that they were supposed to do?

How could it be that everybody says that they are behind the movement, when there is nobody up front leading it? I guess when they say behind, they mean way behind.

If you have some answers to these puzzling questions, write and tell me. If you don't know the answers, well . . . don't stand there looking at the stars too long.

Womanpower Continues To Benefit Community

By Claire Collins Harvey

Many women who worked long and faithfully with Womanpower in 1961 and early 1962 are asking what has happened to Women Power Unlimited. The answer: Nothing happened except that Woman power has grown bigger and better.

The original movement brought into its circle individual women who wanted to make Jackson a better community for all to live. The enlarged movement, which started May 1963, brings into its circle (council) women's organizations and representatives who have the same goal and ideal of the original movement.

Broad Program

The program includes registration and voting, inter-racial prayer fellowship, and community needed projects. Women Power has given great efforts to the selective buying campaign, which is getting particular attention as the Christmas season approaches. The group has also begun a new program in the important area of school drop-outs.

300 Active

Women Power involves 125 women in active community service. The Council has 300 active women, who through their respective organizations represent more than 1000 women.

Story Told

The complete story of Woman Power Unlimited and Woman Power Unlimited Council to date is told in: WOMANPOWER AND THE JACKSON MOVEMENT, now available at \$1 a copy. It is history that you and I are helping to make. It contains pictures of activities and words of Freedom songs that all should know. Every home should buy a copy and pass it down in the family, so that future generations may know the true story of what is happening in our city and state. (Proceeds from sales help Womanpower's treasury.)

Womanpower Unlimited and its Council meet every Wednesday until Christmas at 7 p.m., Campbell College auditorium.



Working to gain a better education, adults who had been out of school returned to the classroom this fall. They sought training in subjects from English to electronics through the adult education program of night classes at Jim Hill High School.

Meredith Speaks . . .

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Through the speaking tour, Meredith hopes to encourage students to apply for scholarships and to take the College Entrance Examination Board tests.

On the tour, Meredith also will be asking for the cooperation of teachers and other educators.

The public is invited to the opening of his speaking tour at the Masonic Temple in Jackson, this Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Education

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(Monday and Thursday) for two hours each night. A fee of 25c an hour is charged. For more information, contact the state Department of Vocational Education.

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Families Need Balance

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Mrs. L. J. Marshall, social worker at the Family Service Association, suggests that the family should operate as a small community

where progress depends upon the contributions of each member.

A Balance Needed

A balance must be maintained between the ideas and wants of the children, and the ideas and desires of the parents.

Too many families suffer from the fact that proper attention is not given to the child so that he feels he is making a worthwhile contribution.

In many families where there is only one parent, a different kind of balance is needed. Without the leadership of the father, for example, the mother's influence on a child can be harmful out of proportion.

Problem To Avoid

Commenting on the problems resulting from this kind of imbalance, Mrs. Marshall said, "The child and mother, in such

cases, both become the victims of a "Don't do as I do, but as I say" philosophy. This is the worst kind of philosophy. The child may find himself in the strange position of being scolded for imitating the actions of his mother."

Communication Lost

Communication between the child and the parent is impossible under these conditions. Mrs. Marshall pointed out that the absence of communication leads the child to lose respect, and rebel against his parent.

Must Set Example

Mrs. Marshall emphasized that the mother must actively set an example for her children. "A child in a family without a father has the same needs as any other child, and much less of a chance to have those needs fulfilled."

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'No Longer Isolated' — Henry

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claims he can create in the next four years, we need stable industries," he said. "And stable industries will not enter to a racially oriented society."

Commenting on the Balance Agriculture with Industry program (BAWI), Henry emphasized that the program needed to be strengthened. "The plan is essentially a negative one, as it stands now. It is based on what industries don't have to do," Henry stated. "A good BAWI should be based upon Mississippi's resources. Unless this happens, vagabond industry will continue to come, take what they can get, and then scoot."

During the campaign, Henry suggested a bi-racial committee composed of people of various backgrounds. Although there has been no official reply to this suggestion,

Henry feels, "The establishment of a bi-racial committee is inevitable. Even if it has to be unofficial."

Tax-Supported, Integrated

One of the planks in the Johnson platform proposed the establishment of a housing association that would pay for itself. This housing plan would use tax money to maintain segregated housing areas. Dr. Henry's comment on this plan indicates the determined direction and goal of the civil rights movement. "I wish Johnson well. Whatever is established with the use of tax funds, the Negro will soon be in a position to get his share of it."

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County Supervisor—

Friend Or Foe?

In Mississippi, where the population is mainly rural, county government is the most important form of local government.

In the rural community, the county court house stands at the center of rural politics.

The Board of Supervisors is the principal governing body of the county.

The Board is composed of five persons, one elected from each of five county districts (beats) for a period of four years.

To be a candidate for the post of County Supervisor a person must be a district resident and own property valued at \$300.

Office Is Important

On our ballots, the post of County Supervisor may not seem terribly important. But counties enforce state laws and

serve as administrative units of the state government. To vote for qualified men to fill such posts will be, in many ways, more important to us than voting for the more impressive state officers.

One sure way of determining that somebody holds an important job is whether he handles a lot of money. The County Supervisors do.

Spends Our Money

They have the power to levy taxes in order to raise money and draw up the budget to spend money. It is this five-man board that decides how the money is divided between welfare, hospitals, roads and libraries.

Not only is this a great deal of money, but it is our money. And it is being spent on things that are very important to each of us. Clearly, it is important to select a man for the position of County Supervisor who is capable of spending the county's money wisely and honestly. The job of the supervisor does not end with the collecting and

spending of money. He has all the powers of a Justice of the Peace and together with the Board selects the jury list for the circuit court.

Friend or Foe

Within the office of supervisor there is considerable opportunity for giving favoritism. A good example would be his control over road building. He decides who gets a road and who does not. A look out our front door will probably serve to remind us who he decided should not.

He also decides who gets what job on the county road crews, how many of your friends get jobs and how much they get paid.

Make or Break

It is not hard to see, from the above list, that the power and responsibility of every county board brings politics pretty close to home. We know that Mississippi is far behind other states in the public works, education, and health programs. County by county Mississippi's welfare offers the lowest relief payments in the nation, and at the same time her unemployment rate is among the highest.

We must all struggle to correct these conditions, and to recognize that such conditions are not made simply by politicians in the state capital, but by local politicians as well. We have the potential power to make and break many such politicians; our struggle lies in making that power felt.

Church Activities

"The teacher of today has the greatest opportunity of any person in history to help shape the lives of the leaders of tomorrow. In many ways, the teachers can do what the preachers cannot. It is through consecrated teachers, dedicated to the principles of education that we can move forward in developing human beings to cope with the problems of our changing society." Rev. S. L. Whitney.

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Topic: "Now We Should Spend Our Money"
7:00 Evening Worship
Training Section

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Blair St.
Rev. R. M. Richmond, Pastor
11:00 Worship Service
7:00 Evening Service

CENTRAL METHODIST A.M.E.
111 E. Church St.
Rev. W. P. Taylor, Pastor
11:00 Sunday Morning Worship
FARISH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
619 N. Farish St.
Rev. S. L. Whitney, Pastor
11:00 Worship Service
All Men's Day
Guest speaker: Rev. R. E. Willis,
Chaplain at Whitfield State Hospital
6:00 Sunday Evening Service

MOUNT HELM BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. T. B. Brown, Pastor
10:45 Worship Service
6:45 Sunday Evening Worship Service

PEARL STREET A.M.E. 925 Pearl St.
Rev. G. R. Haughton, Pastor
11:00 Morning Worship Service
6:00 Public is invited to hear the Youth Choir Number One in concert, presented by the Rose of Sharon Club. The choir is directed by Miss Lillie L. Fitzgerald, and assisted by Mr. Calvin Groom on the organ.

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1057 Pascagoula
Rev. Allen L. Johnson, Pastor
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Topic: "One Thing I Know"
7:30 Sunday Evening Service

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224 E. Bell St.
Rev. R. H. Walls, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00
Topic: "Power Through Faith With God"
Sunday Evening Worship Service 7:00
Topic: "The Power In Prayer"

TRUE VINE BAPTIST CHURCH
1133 Pleasant St.
Rev. J. C. Matthews, Pastor
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Sunday Morning Worship
7:00 Sunday Evening Worship

ST. PETER BAPTIST CHURCH
149 South St.
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Results From Governor's Race

County	Henry	Johnson	Phillips
Adams	860	3,244	2,614
Alcorn	11	3,677	2,975
Amite	79	2,053	379
Arista	—	2,609	1,435
Benton	185	966	353
Bolivar	1,723	2,578	2,061
Calhoun	—	2,605	889
Carroll	—	1,371	387
Chickasaw	21	2,152	1,168
Choctaw	47	962	1,206
Claiborne	—	888	293
Clarke	301	2,478	830
Clay	131	1,808	1,084
Coahoma	16,964	1,680	2,229
Copiah	54	3,329	1,001
Covington	4	2,264	796
Desoto	11	1,242	966
Forrest	3,561	6,132	3,533
Franklin	—	1,907	252
George	—	1,739	731
Greene	—	1,371	462
Grenada	17	2,011	1,157
Hancock	306	1,739	889
Harrison	2,241	7,587	8,482
Hinds	13,101	14,944	13,395
Holmes	993	1,992	968
Humphries	46	1,292	616
Issaquena	—	275	160
Itawamba	—	2,926	1,179
Jackson	2,208	5,371	4,911
Jasper	3	2,010	1,068
Jefferson	—	924	190
Jeff Davis	291	1,735	602
Jones	525	6,293	6,435
Kemper	94	1,346	253
Lafayette	91	1,812	1,569
Lamar	63	2,159	1,339
Lauderdale	1,805	7,177	4,753
Lawrence	683	2,167	484
Leake	—	3,123	824
Lee	610	3,888	2,529
Leflore	1,723	2,527	2,473
Lincoln	117	4,295	1,617
Lowndes	1,058	2,746	3,121
Madison	3,518	841	381
Marion	164	4,206	1,429
Marshall	1,261	1,415	1,098
Monroe	123	2,653	2,055
Montgomery	—	1,842	1,192
Neshoba	5	3,519	1,297
Newton	329	3,015	1,215
Noxubee	1	1,027	487
Oktibbeha	491	2,367	1,674
Osborne	6,339	1,972	1,843
Pearl River	26	1,645	852
Perry	106	1,454	568
Pike	869	4,137	1,603
Pontotoc	—	2,454	1,568
Prentiss	40	2,986	1,257
Quitman	7,168	1,618	835
Rankin	85	5,371	1,708
Scott	93	3,339	1,144
Sharkey	61	783	391
Simpson	107	4,005	1,237
Smith	—	3,169	826
Stone	5	854	790
Sunflower	279	1,160	694
Tallahatchie	204	1,061	576
Tate	22	1,571	878
Tippah	—	2,458	1,356
Tishomingo	—	1,654	1,023
Tunica	1,033	526	489
Union	—	1,851	1,004
Walthall	165	1,897	863
Warren	1,515	3,153	3,274
Washington	3,072	2,687	4,288
Wayne	11	1,283	558
Webster	—	2,122	1,154
Wilkinson	—	986	286
Winston	7	2,600	1,570
Yalobusha	3	1,684	873
Yazoo	45	2,979	1,369
County cannot be determined	9,856	—	—
Total	83,463	203,760	122,917

COFO Maps Future

90,000 Freedom Votes are only the beginning of a political party that will determine the future of democracy in the state of Mississippi.

Despite the political terrorism of the Henry for Governor Campaign, COFO is determined to run congressional candidates in each Mississippi congressional district in the 1964 November election.

Conducted along the same line as the Freedom Vote for Governor campaign, congressional nominations will strengthen unity in counties where fear and political awareness has prevented Negroes from voting.

Building A Party

Having proven that Negroes in Mississippi are denied the right to vote, The Council of Federated Organizations faces the enormous task of building a political party that will restore this right.

By intensifying its structure, COFO IS ABLE TO FORM A THIRD INDEPENDENT POLITICAL party, or challenge the Mississippi Democrats by forming a Democratic Party organization which would affiliate with the National Democratic Party.

Only Real Democrats

Since the Mississippi Democrats have separated themselves from the National Democratic Party, COFO would be the only organization to represent the real Democratic Party in Mississippi. Once a democratic party has been established, all federal appointments in the state of Mississippi would have to be approved by Dr. Aaron Henry, rather than Governor Paul Johnson.

Halt Bias

It is apparent that a Negro voice in Federal appointments would halt the political neglect and bias of Mississippi Democrats.

Plans are being made to increase the staff members of both CORE and SNCC in each community. Although the main area of concentration will be voter registration, these members will also begin training programs and community centers.

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