

Needed: ADEQUATE EDUCATION



WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION will these children receive? Given the conditions in our school systems, it is bound to be painfully inadequate. It will be marked by a lack of good teachers, buildings, and equipment.

It is difficult to get a good education in Mississippi; in many areas it is nearly impossible for the Negro student to get any education at all above the high school level.

Several counties provide no high school instruction for Negroes in the county. In Quitman County 4,471 Negro children of school age have no high school to attend in the area. Negro students in Alcorn, Hancock, Tunica, and Issaquena Counties face the same deprivation.

They may look outside the county for a high school education. But it is unlikely that they will see very bright possibilities, for high school training in adjoining counties is frequently no better than no training at all.

Students from Quitman who might go to Coahoma County would find only two high schools for Negroes accredited by the state. These schools are already overburdened with serving the needs of more than 11,000 school-age children living in Coahoma and could hardly absorb Quitman students satisfactorily.

Negro children in the state attend only 7 high schools which are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Four of these schools are in Hinds County leaving the rest of the state educationally barren.

Segregation further reduces the service provided for the Negro student. In Sunflower County, three high schools serve the area's 11,000 Negro students, while 6 high schools are open to the 4,400 white students in the county. At the same time, Sunflower County spends ten times as much money to educate a white student as it spends to educate a Negro.

Sunflower is typical of the pattern across the state; inadequate funds build and equip inadequate schools.

The Negro student who finishes high school has some-

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U. S. Congressman Says

Local Negro Paper Used Portrays Satisfied Negro; Destructive To CR Bill

Civil Rights Bill; What It Would Mean

With President Johnson's call for renewed action on the Civil Rights Bill, the outlook for this legislation brightened considerably. However, it is unlikely that the bill will pass this year unless House liberals can compile enough signatures for a discharge petition.

With 218 signatures, a House majority, the discharge petition would bring the bill before the floor of the House. Normally, the bill would have to pass through the House Rules Committee headed by Howard W. Smith of Virginia. Smith is a staunch opponent of the bill and has refused to call a meeting of his committee for consideration of the bill.

Southern Roadblocks

Smith and other Southern Congressmen are doing all they can to block passage of any civil rights legislation. They realize that the key to keeping themselves in office and maintaining white supremacy is barring the

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In a letter to the editor of the FREE PRESS, United States Congressman Robert Kastenmeier stated that a Jackson Negro weekly was being sent to the members of the U. S. Congress, "to portray the Mississippi Negro as being satisfied with conditions in Mississippi"

In his letter, he said, "As one who believes deeply in the cause of Civil Rights and has played some role in the struggle for effective and strong Civil Rights legislation, I wish to call to your attention that copies of the JACKSON ADVOCATE are being sent to the members of the House and Senate here in Washington."

Kastenmeier serves on the House Judiciary Committee, which for the past several weeks, has been holding hearings on the all important Civil Rights Bill. An ardent supporter of the legislation for justice, Rep. Kastenmeier is deeply involved in the battle to try and keep the bill from being destroyed by those forces who want to keep the Negro from gaining his equal rights.

Makes Negro Appear Satisfied

He is alarmed by the use of the Jackson newspaper because he knows that the enemies of the Negro will make it appear that the Negro in Mississippi is satisfied and does not want new and better laws. In the letter dated November 27, 1963, Congressman Kastenmeier writes:

"I, of course, realize that this is not so. However,

there are many members of the Congress who might be influenced by this publication at this crucial time."

Citizens of Jackson have long wondered how the newspaper that Mr. Kastenmeier names has been able to exist with its small circulation. Perhaps the fact that this paper being used to convince people that the Jackson Negro community is happy and satisfied with everything becomes an explanation of why the paper "does so well."

If the paper is being sent to the members of the House and Senate, that accounts for nearly five hundred of its circulation.

It has been the policy of Southern politicians who want to justify their stands against civil rights laws to say "we love our colored people. We treat them very well. And they are some of the happiest folks on earth."

Although there are many people who do not believe such propaganda, there are many also who are ready to be convinced. Certainly, having a Negro newspaper in Mississippi suggests that the Mississippi Negro is satisfied with conditions here and greatly reinforces the argument of the Southern politician.

For this reason, these powerful politicians are willing to pay quite a price for such misrepresentations in order to maintain their positions.

Text Of Letter

The text of the letter to the FREE PRESS reads as follows:

Dear Editor:

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Figures Fly Through The Air With The Greatest of Ease

If you follow economic conditions as reported here in Jackson, financial management in the state of Mississippi will gradually begin to resemble the techniques of the trapeze artist. That is, the moment you think the performance will surely end in disaster, our financial acrobats grab hold of a new swing and remain aloft in a new burst of seeming triumph.

The crowd in Mississippi appears always pleased. In their Sunday papers they can find an editorial that describes tight financial squeeze in our 8 state-supported colleges and universities. The squeeze is blamed on the failure of the state to appropriate enough tax money for the increasing costs of higher education.

But the following Monday Miss Evelyn Gandy, state treasurer, will declare that the state is not broke and that all indebtedness are current. Applause. Mississippi, Monday's article concludes, is still forging ahead.

Miss Gandy is part of a troupe. Now her partner, Dexter Barr, "over at the State Tax Commission," takes to the center ring. He is showing tax collections that are more than \$2 million ahead of last year. "And we still have a month to go." More applause.

Indeed, it would be foolish for us not to show our appreciation, for we should never fail to recognize any art form. Nobody has fallen. We are relieved. And yesterday's apprehension is forgotten as the crowd prepares to welcome the circus clowns.

The act is repeated time and time again in Mississippi—an alarming report, an astonishing recovery, another alarming report, another astonishing recovery, and so on. Most states have been without performances like these for years. But somehow, Mississippi continues to risk its financial neck for the sake of her few acrobats.

Like almost everything else in Mississippi, our financial circus follows a pattern, and has a reason. We are an over-taxed and underemployed state, and the burden of our tax payments falls on the shoulders of the people. Business and industry in Mississippi are too scarce to take up much of this burden.

And finally, the people of this state cannot bear the weight either. Our state institutions do not receive adequate support. So it happens, now and then, that they complain.

Last week, the source of complaint was the Council of Presidents of Mississippi state institutions for higher learning. The facts and figures revealed by their report are significant.

Mississippi state schools have not been able to keep ahead of enrollment increases. The result has been a water-down of costs per student. Our eight state schools report that there has been a reduction of 11 per cent per student in state operational funds in less than ten years.

Faculty salaries have not kept pace with averages throughout the rest of the nation. The result: Mississippi professors at our state institutions receive a salary that is 25 per cent below the national average. For a college president this means that getting and keeping a good faculty is a nearly impossible task.

By the next day, however, we have recovered. Miss Gandy and her troupe dazzles us with their performance, and, as they swing overhead, why should we even bother to think about the new taxes, and new appropriations, that will have to support the state schools?

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IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, the late John F. Kennedy told the world of his hopes in becoming President: "The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it—and the glow from that fire can truly light the world."

Ole Miss Professors Rap Policies Of State

Ed. Notes

About three weeks ago, Dr. James Wesley Silver stood alone in his courageous criticism of this state as totalitarian, backward, and corrupt. Dr. Silver's most pointed remarks concerned his own institution, the University of Mississippi, where he is a professor of history. At the University, Dr. Silver charged, the loss of academic freedom has become increasingly evident during the last decade.

Since the time of Dr. Silver's speech, two other members of the University faculty have joined in the struggle to bring academic freedom to Mississippi. They are Rev. Wofford K. Smith, Episcopal Chaplain at the University, and Russell H. Barrett, Professor of Political Science. Their remarks, together with Dr. Silver's, are compiled below.

on Mississippi exiles

With (the power structure) in control and economic opportunity at a minimum, it is not strange that large numbers of the most ambitious Mississippians, the ablest, and the most adaptable to change, have left the state year after year.

—Dr. James W. Silver

Finally, (Mississippi's failure) is the failure of moderates to speak out soon enough and loud enough. This is partly because so many moderates have left the state. . . .

—Russell H. Barrett

on the press

The Mississippi press as a whole mounts vigilant guard upon the closed society. Happy with what a news director of a Jackson television station called "their home grown version of news management," the Hed-

man family papers in Jackson manipulate information with little regard for accuracy or integrity.

—Silver

The custodians of (Mississippi's closed society) are the present political leadership, the Citizens Council activists, and the dominant newspapers of the state.

—Barrett

on Mississippi law enforcement

Associated with the causes of (Mississippi's) difficulty is the pattern of legal harassment or what might be termed "selective law enforcement." Cleve McDowell was speedily arrested and convicted on a charge of having a concealed weapon on the University campus, but there were no attempts under state law to convict those white students who violated various laws last year, including those against possession of weapons.

—Barrett

Mississippi is deservedly famous for some aspects of its justice and for an incredible past of police brutality, and for the harassment, even to death, of those who defy the code.

—Dr. James W. Silver

on the University of Mississippi

It was increasingly evident in the middle fifties . . . that changes were taking place that would adversely affect the University. The administration became more and more appeasement minded, more and more involved (like a woman constantly professing her virtue) in presenting the Ole Miss story to the state as if it were a bar of soap.

—Silver

It is perfectly true that

stronger policies (of student discipline) would have brought (greater political interference) against University officials, but this should have been considered part of the cost of upholding academic integrity.

—Barrett

on the status quo

People like myself who oppose the status quo down there (Oxford, Mississippi) have become well known so we have a choice: We can move away or we can stop what we're saying or we can use our notoriety to help create a better society.

—Rev. Wofford K. Smith

on conservatism

The white Mississippian is not even conservative, he is merely negative. He grows up being against most things that other men at least have the pleasure of arguing about.

—Silver

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Upon entering high-school, our students begin to select the courses that will best meet their interests and abilities. Without counseling, these selections are often made with no particular end in mind, and with no clear idea of the professions and vocations that can be reached through careful choosing.

Local Pharmacist

Still, our community can serve, in part, as a corrective measure. For in our own neighborhoods, we are fortunate to have men representing many different professions, and many different kinds of achievements.

Last week, a Free Press reporter spoke to Mr. Claude A. Barial, pharmacist at Jones Pharmacy, Lynch Street, here in Jackson. Mr. Barial graduated in 1953 from Xavier University. He was hired by Jones Pharmacy after passing the state licensing exams.

Typical Day

Mr. Barial described the kind of day a pharmacist would have. His duties begin with making up a drug order for the wholesale drug house. Then he puts the prescription department in order and begins to number and fill the orders for the day.

In addition, there is retail work to be done, for a drug store, according to Mr. Barial, is "practically a grocery store and part of a clothing store."

All prescriptions must be filled and checked, and personal records must be kept for state inspections. Part of the day must be spent giving advice to customers, and a pharmacist must keep himself well informed about drugs and changing practices in the medical arts.

After all prescriptions have been filled, the pharmacist will end his day by cleaning his utensils, checking records, and recording incoming drugs.

Mr. Barial discovered his interest in pharmacy at a very early age and worked against many odds to achieve his goal. His service to the community is essential, and his example as a man bringing a careful skill and pride to his work, may very well help some of our high school students to find

their own careers in pharmacy.

Preparing for a career in pharmacy, Mr. Barial said, can begin in high school with the study of Latin, biology, chemistry, and math. Although Latin is not required for admission to a school of pharmacy, an early acquaintance with the language will make the first year of college work less difficult.

Math Required

Likewise, a course in pharmaceutical arithmetic is required during the first year, so that it is a good idea to take as many courses in high school mathematics as possible. Two years are a minimum in most schools: one year of Algebra and one of Plane Geometry.

To become a pharmacist requires five years of college work. Mr. Barial suggested that the study program can be wisely divided by enrolling in a junior college or a liberal arts college for the first two years, and then making the switch to a school of pharmacy. In this way, the required studies such as English, history, government and religion could be already completed before the concentrated work in pharmacy begins.

Intern Period

In addition to holding a degree from a school of pharmacy, candidates for the state board exam must serve six months as an "intern" in a drug store to gain a firsthand knowledge of the job. Applications are then considered by the state board, and licensing is determined by the results of the state examination.

Service Needed

In Mississippi, the beginning pharmacist can count on an average salary of \$100 per week. That figure is low in comparison to other states. The beginning salary in California, for example, is \$200-\$250 per week. It is no wonder, then, that Mississippi has numerous openings for pharmacists, for to settle in this area, will involve a financial setback that can be replaced only by a determination to serve where one's services are most needed.

A licensed pharmacist has access to many different kinds of jobs. He can teach or be a chemist, or he can work with the distribution of drugs and medicines in hospitals. In addition, there is the whole field of retail and wholesale pharmacy. But it is likely that the pharmacist will always be best known for his place in the drug store.

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The Annual Session was filled with a flurry of activities. Meetings began on Sunday and continued regularly through Wednesday night's banquet and installation of officers.

Oratory Contest

One of the key events of the Session—the Oratorical Contest—was held Monday night, when 16 young people delivered speeches to the assembly. Eight winners were selected and given \$600 each to attend college. The winners include:

Benite White, Holly Springs and Carlas Marshall, Summerville, 1st place; Patricia Coats,

Hollandale, 3rd place; Randolph Walker, Rienzi, 4th place; Elaine McLeod, Wiggins, 5th place; Mildred Davis, DeKalb, 6th place; Shirley Palmer, Clinton, 7th place; Carylon Gates, Alderman, 8th place.

According to J. W. Stampley, public relations director for the Grand Lodge, the oratorical contest is part of the general program of service. He pointed out the \$125,000 has been given out for college scholarships in the last 25 years.

Donations

In addition, the Grand Lodge has contributed to Campbell College in Jackson, the Urban League, the Afro-Hospital in Yazoo City, and several other institutions. For the past 16 years the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has received \$500 a year from the Grand Lodge, Stampley added.

Monday afternoon's program included the opening of the 29th Session of the Heroines of Jericho and a tour of the city for members of the Palace of Children. Later, Mississippi Vocational College Choir gave a performance at the Temple.

The Annual Session of the Grand Lodge opened officially at noon on Tuesday, with the Welcome Program following in the evening. The Session's main address was delivered by Rev. Paul Hayes, of Brooklyn, New York. The Session closed Wednesday evening with final remarks by Grand Master James C. Gilliam.

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Court Declares Test To Register Illegal

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The judges voted 2-1 to throw out the test, which they said acts as "a wall between registered voters and unregistered, eligible Negro voters."

Discriminate

In both states, registrars demand that vote applicants interpret sections of the state constitution. The judges held that Louisiana registrars required Negroes to give nearly impossible interpretations of obscure sections of the constitution, yet at the same time accepted almost any interpretations from whites. In some cases registrars refused to accept even correct answers by Negroes.

The Justice Department has filed a suit against the state of Mississippi and several individual registrars, charging that they use the test to discriminate against Negro applicants. Since the Louisiana decision arose from the same charge, Mississippi's discriminatory voting laws and practices face legal death.

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I, of course, realize that this is not so. However, there are many members of the Congress who might be influenced by this publication at this crucial time. Therefore, I strongly urge you, as a public service, to send copies of the FREE PRESS to the members of the Congress as soon as you possibly can and to continue to do so until the Civil Rights legislation has been successfully passed.

I trust that this brief note and suggestion will be of value to you and will assist the cause of Civil Rights for all American citizens.

Sincerely yours,
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Poor School System Discourage Students

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how gone through a battle with nearly all the odds against him. Yet he has fought against what is lacking more than what exists—the lack of laboratory or shop tools, the lack of good teachers and textbooks, gaps in the curriculum, the lack of musical instruments.

However, for most the fight is over long before high school. The benefits of a bad education do not seem worthwhile when time in school could be spent helping out on the family farm or working to increase family income. Without a compulsory school attendance law to bar the exit, most students leave school before completing junior high school.

More than half of the Negroes in the state over 25 have not graduated from 7th grade. According to the U. S. Census only 7.5 per cent have finished high school. Part of the reason for this low figure is that a good many people who graduate

from high school, and especially those who go on to college, eventually leave the state for better jobs and higher wages in other parts of the country. But the primary reason is that the public schools do not provide an education good enough to keep students in school.

Of 35 students sitting in an average 4th grade class, about 11 will drop out of school at the end of the year. For most students 6th grade is the limit; of the original 35 seven more will drop out at the end of the 6th year.

This drop-out rate strangles both personal advancement and the progress of society. Lacking education beyond the elementary level, individuals can not qualify for skilled jobs.

Even civil rights is affected by the problem; if President Kennedy's Civil Rights Bill becomes law, a 6th grade education would be proof of literacy and voted registration would become easier. Yet even under this law, more than 40 per cent of the Negroes in Mississippi now over 25 would not qualify, because they have not passed 6th grade.

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Kennedy's Rights Bill Cuts Voting Barriers

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Negro from voting booths, adequate schools, and equal jobs.

The recent Freedom election which gave Aaron Henry 83,000 protest votes demonstrated that the men now holding office do not represent the people. It showed that Negroes would vote if they were not denied the right and that they would vote against present political leadership.

Voting Barriers

President Kennedy's Civil Rights Bill would go a long way toward breaking down the barriers to Negro voting.

The bill provides for the temporary use of federal voting referees in any county in which fewer than 15% of the eligible Negroes are registered to vote. The referees would remain in the county until a court decision is reached regarding the county's voting practices or until local registrars give up discrimination.

In the federal courts, cases involving voting rights will be moved ahead on court calendars in order to bring prompt action against violations in voting procedures.

In addition, no one who has received a sixth grade education can be denied the right to vote on grounds of illiteracy. The Kennedy bill requires that all people with six years of public school instruction must be considered literate and qualified to vote.

Passage of the Kennedy bill would also insure a more rapid process of school desegregation. If the Attorney General received a complaint of existing segregation signed by a parent or any individual, he would be authorized to initiate a lawsuit against local school boards and public institutions of higher learning.

The extension of the Attorney General's power could be a major step toward enforcing the Supreme Court decision of 1954, for time and time again desegregation suits have been stopped in the lower courts. With the new power to initiate lawsuits on a local

level, the Attorney General could put a halt to racially biased and corrupt courts of law.

Another provision of the Kennedy bill is aimed at correcting discrimination in federal programs. Under this provision, the federal government would not be required to give aid or financial assistance to any area where racial discrimination is practiced.

Equal Federal Hiring

To further prevent discrimination the President would have the power to determine the nature of contracts in federal programs. If such contracts were to reveal discrimination in employment, the President would have the right to reject them.

Although the public accommodations measure is not as broad as many have wished, the Kennedy bill would nevertheless require all hotels, restaurants, places of amusement, and retail establishments in interstate commerce to guarantee full and equal enjoyment of goods, services and facilities to all citizens.

J.D. Can File Suit

Again, the power of the Attorney General has been extended to the lower courts, where he may bring a lawsuit against any establishment accused of racial discrimination. However, he must first refer the case to a community relations service for voluntary settlement, and he must give the establishment time to correct its practices. State and local laws would still be given priority in public accommodation under the bill.

Finally, the bill broadens the powers of two agencies concerned with equal rights for all citizens. The first of these is the Civil Rights Commission, which would operate as a clearing house for civil rights, offering advice, information, and assistance to anyone requesting it.

The second agency, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, would be established as a permanent commission, with the Vice-President of the United States as its chairman.

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Moses Challenges President To Act

As President Johnson called upon Congress to enact the Civil Rights Bill without delay, his Administration was told that legislation would not be enough. Robert Moses, head of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in Mississippi, declared that only Federal intervention could markedly alter the denial of civil rights in Mississippi.

Speaking at a SNCC conference in Washington, Moses pointed out that white Mississippians would not voluntarily press for a change in the status quo. And since white politicians promise to enforce the present conditions, he said it will be necessary for the Federal authorities to take direct action.

The key to progress is "a change in the power structure," Moses said. He added that the power structure could be broken down in the near future only under pressure from Washington.

Moses' challenge casts a watchful eye on the actions of President Johnson. Although the President has strongly committed himself to passage of the Civil Rights Bill, he has given little indication of how he intends to use his executive power in working for civil rights.

In his message to Congress, he declared, "We have talked long enough," and urged a "new spirit of action." Yet these words were directed at Congress not members of his administration.

Unless the administration takes action on its own, Moses said the only other course would be to create a climate which would force the federal government to intervene on behalf of civil rights.

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Charles Evers,
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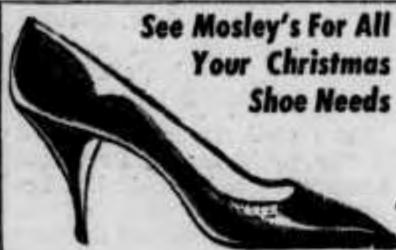
Kennedy Requiem

Tougaloo Southern Christian College will present Mozart's Requiem Mass in a performance given in honor of the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy, thirty-fifth president of the United States. The performance will be given in Woodworth Chapel on Sunday, the eighth of December, at 5:15 o'clock.

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