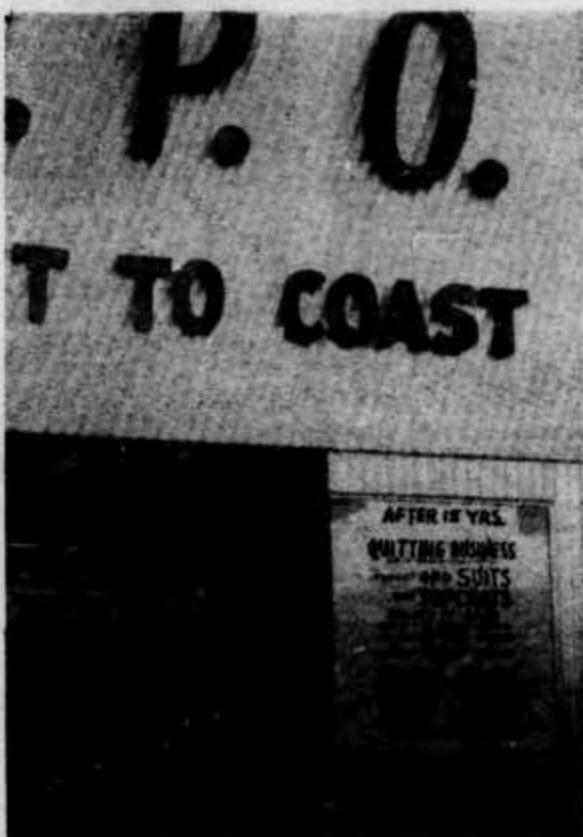


**Two More Driven Out**

# Mayor Hints Some Are Hurting



Jackson police were downtown in force Saturday, when these pictures were taken, apparently keeping the Mayor's promise to "protect" shoppers on Capitol St. But Negro shoppers don't want this "protection," and have stayed off Capitol St. As proof, Hermans jewelers and O.P.O. men's wear have put up large "Going Out of Business" signs. O.P.O.'s motto, "Coast to Coast" now needs the added phrase "Except Jackson." And despite police "protection," Hermans trade has gone elsewhere.

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## Local Editor Says Congressman Lies

"Percy Greene? Everybody knows he's sold out," said a retired Jackson business man. "I regard his paper just as I regard the White Citizen's Council paper."

"Well, all indications in the paper show that he's not for us," stated a Jackson barber. "The ADVOCATE is trying to influence people to say that we're satisfied — and we're NOT!"

Last week, the FREE PRESS published a letter written by a U. S. Congressman Robert Kastenmeier which stated that copies of the JACKSON ADVOCATE, a Negro weekly, are being sent to each member of the U. S. Congress "to portray the Mississippi Negro as being satisfied with conditions in Mississippi."

In an interview with the editor of the ADVOCATE, Percy Greene, the FREE PRESS discovered the reasoning behind a paper calculated to hamper civil rights legislation important to every minority group in the United States.

Denying that the Advocate is being used by Mississippi

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### Organ Discord

## Church Members Say 'We Were Tricked'

Cade Chapel is in the midst of a controversy which reaches from the church altar to the Mayor's office. At the center of the controversy is a church organ, installed in the chapel last month.

Normally, the installation of a new organ in a church would be welcomed by the church members. But when Cade Chapel received a new organ last month a storm of controversy arose. The reason? The organ was bought on Capitol Street.

"We were tricked," said one church member. "The way the purchase was arranged, most of us went into it blindfolded."

The story of the purchase is couched in discord and deception. Early in November a demonstration organ was delivered to the church. However, when the congregation found out that the organ had come from Werlein's For Music on Capitol St., they demanded that it be taken back.

The demonstration organ was returned but at the same time the fraud had begun. Albert Warren, the church deacon in charge of buying an organ, promised worshippers on the third Sunday in November that no organ would be purchased at a Capitol St. store.

"We all know that we hurt ourselves if we buy on Capitol St.," a member declared. "We told the deacon not to buy the organ there, and

he assured us he wouldn't."

But the organ that was finally installed was purchased from Werlein's downtown, although it was delivered from New Orleans.

"He was fooling the people," one member complained. "To make it look like it came from another company the freight lines delivered it directly from New Orleans."

The city government entered the fray when the Mayor went on television in defense of the deacon. He tried to make it appear as if the opposition to the purchase came from "agitator groups" outside the church, when in reality, it came from church members themselves.

He accused the NAACP of making a threatening phone call in order to have the organ removed, and said, "We will hire everybody we have to to insure that you can buy anywhere you want to in this city without fear of threat or intimidation."

Of course, the Mayor failed to point out that the church members were not able to buy where they wanted to because they were deceived by someone within the church. Insurance was needed not against intimidation, but against fraud.

The organ was to be paid for by a

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### An Editorial

## Why We Must Act

On our front and second page, you will read articles about the confirmed use of a Jackson Negro weekly to ends harmful not only to the Jackson community, but to the passage of the Civil Rights Bill now in Congress.

As a Negro weekly functioning in the same community, we feel it necessary to state why we have emphasized the activity of this newspaper, so that there be no confusion about the goals of the FREE PRESS.

We feel that our action is an example of the responsibility that each citizen must take when inaction results in the subtle damage of the civil rights struggle.

The community has long known of the activity of this paper, yet has voiced no opinion. For reasons unknown, we have let this operation slide.

We must face the question: What is being lost when we do not attempt to change those things which are destructive to the fight for truth in our state and nation.

## Editorial Page

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SOCIAL JUSTICE . . . IN MISSISSIPPI

### School Cheering: A Reflection of Mississippi's Climate of Violence

Mississippi's news coverage of school applause at the death of President Kennedy has been nearly as alarming as the applause itself. State politicians, news commentators, and school officials were quickly and understandably defensive, but in their very haste to reduce the impact of such incidents they made them sound even more serious than before.

One staff writer for the Clarion-Ledger, submitted a fine piece of journalistic bunk: a story that means one thing, but tries desperately to say another.

Beginning with a headline that claimed exaggeration on the part of out-of-state news media, the writer gathered a number of quotes from white teachers and school officials here in Jackson. Some of these quotes are reprinted below:

An official said: "There was widespread elation among the students, but it would not be majority of students. It was an immediate reaction, and they calmed down very shortly."

A junior high school official said, "It was not because of deep feeling but because of these youngsters' natural emotions and spontaneous expression."

The story concludes: "any such reactions coming from youths are typically youthful, immediate reactions of emotion that quickly changed when they realized the seriousness of the event."

Needless to say, no one ever questioned the unwitting response of the children. The out-of-state press proved a simple point with its coverage; namely, that in their applause, the white school children of Mississippi reflected the whole political atmosphere of this state.

We know that political poise at the expense of truthfulness is the usual trademark of Mississippi politicians. We could all predict that state officials would issue statements assuring us of their admiration and respect for the late president. The political mourning clothes were out of their dusty closets in minutes, and only the children were left to remind us of Mississippi's former atmosphere of hate and violence.

Too young to wear false mourning clothes, too young to feign what they did not feel, these children reflected the precise political atmosphere our state has so carefully taught.

### Tougaloo Choir Offers Fitting Memorial To Our Late President

Last Sunday, the Tougaloo Southern Christian College Choir, under the artistic hand of Areil Lovelace, sang Mozart's Requiem Mass in D Minor as a beautiful and powerful tribute to the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

In a state where culture is so very scarce, the Voice of these students is a brilliant exception.

The honor Jackson holds for the choir can be best judged by the people who come to hear the students' work. An overflow crowd came early, from near and far. They came from the Negro neighborhoods and the white neighborhoods. And although they each returned to the segregated society away from Tougaloo, they mutually carried home a profound experience that knew no color. A most proper memorial for our President.

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# Johnson Must Act For Rights, Economy

'Let Us Continue'



President Johnson has repeatedly declared his desire to enact the late President Kennedy's proposals into law. Now he is faced with the task of turning his hopes and promises into legislation.

He has begun to line up Congressional support, but despite his efforts it appears unlikely that Congress will do anything this year about the two most urgent issues in the nation—civil rights and the economy. At the same time, the need for immediate action continues to mount.

Across the nation the number of people looking for a job increased to a six-month high. Nearly 4 million people were unemployed in November, with the rate of unemployment among Negroes about twice that among whites.

Government officials have described the economy as "sluggish." But for these 4 million the economy seems to have stopped altogether, and it will take more than the proposed tax cut to get it moving for them.

Agricultural workers have been especially afflicted. In Mississippi only half the number of workers available were

used during the cotton picking season.

Just as nothing is being done by the state to meet the curse of unemployment, nothing is being done by the state to further

progress in civil rights. In this light, the need for continuing and expanding the use of federal pressure falls heavily on the shoulders of President Johnson.

### Advocate Announces Goodwill Of Whites

A special 64-page edition of the Jackson Advocate, Nov. 9, poorly disguised to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation and "100 years of Negro progress," reveals the paper's successful and total sell-out to Mississippi's white power structure.

Complete with a full page ad for the present state administration — headed by Governor Barnett greeting the Negro citizens of Mississippi—the Advocate is filled, page after page, with articles that echo the same propaganda that has been the trademark of the Barnett administration.

Beside the propaganda, the Advocate permits perhaps the most purposeless treatment of Negro history that has ever appeared in print. No mention is made of Mississippi's Negro political leadership today, with the single exception of Aaron Henry, whose campaign for governor is called "harmful, illogical, impractical, and unrealistic."

In fact, the stories of individual political leadership called "makers of Mississippi history," end rather abruptly in 1946 with a picture of Percy Greene, owner, editor, and publisher of the Jackson Advocate, who is seen casting his ballot in the Democratic Primary of that year.

Apparently, readers of the Advocate are meant to accept Greene as a political mentor of sorts whose sole backing is the depth of "continuing goodwill" shown to him by his white advertisers. The Centennial Edition, the Advocate claims, stands as a proof of this goodwill—64 pages of it, eight times the usual size of the weekly.

In stuffing his paper with compliments and congratulations from white business men and political leaders, Mr. Greene has produced a showcase portraying satisfactory race relations in Mississippi. The newest and most costly Ne-

gro school buildings are pictured, but nothing is said about the conditions inside: the inadequate equipment, the slanted texts, the teachers who are not free enough to take an active part in the political activities of our nation.

A number of professional men, such as doctors, lawyers, and dentists are recalled as having practiced in the state of Mississippi, but the Advocate never says that these men could not have received their training here due to now-existent educational facilities.

New agricultural buildings and equipment are shown, but the Jackson Advocate does not say that the average cotton laborer in the Delta earned less than \$500 this year.

There is probably nothing more helpful to the cause of Mississippi's white politicians than to have a Negro newspaper endorse a program that has been clearly designed for appeasement, not correction.

If there has been any progress in Mississippi during the last 100 years, you can be certain it came from determined individual effort, not from the state capital. The "progress" that Greene has called to our attention is the same "progress"

that men like Barnett and Johnson will take to Washington D.C. to show that Mississippi, if left alone, will "always treat its Negroes well."

Greene's editorial in the special emancipation issue follows the arguments of Mississippi's politicians to the letter. "One of the easily visible facts of contemporary Mississippi history is the fact that the state has again been invaded by carpetbaggers."

Progress was made in the South, including Mississippi, after the departure of the carpetbaggers," the editorial continues, "and with the help and cooperation of Southern white people."

"To rid ourselves of the 20th century carpetbaggers," the editorial concludes, "and to seek by every honorable means the cooperation and goodwill of the white people of the state in our pursuit of first-class citizenship, is our greatest challenge for future progress."

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# Jackson State Choir Gives Holiday Concert

In connection with the annual Christmas Concert, the Jackson State College Choir will perform the "Magnificat" by Johann Sebastian Bach Sunday, December 15, 1963, at 7:00 p.m. in Dansby Hall Auditorium. Along with the "Magnificat" of Bach, the program will include other Christmas selections by Palestina, Luboff, Wilhousky, Dawson and others. There is no charge for admission.

The Jackson State College Choir consists of sixty members studying in various academic fields. They have pooled their efforts in a concentrated way toward the realization of this

vocally demanding concert.

## Solos Difficult

The soloists, all students of the College Music Department, have worked untiringly to conquer the running scale-like passages written for their particular voice ranges. The soloists are Mattie McGee, Goodman; Marlene Wilson, Lucedale; James Hammond, Slidell, Louisiana; Robert Broome, Greenwood; and George Woodard, Hattiesburg.

The conductor, Albert T. Perkins, hailing from Owensboro, Kentucky, is in his first year with the Jackson State College Choir. He received his training from Morehouse College and Indiana University. Mrs. Gladys P. Henry and Mr. Henry D. Nelson will serve in the capacity of accompanists.

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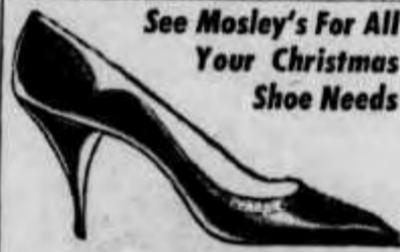
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Henry spent two hours discussing the bill and its relation to Mississippi in private conference with Lee White, President Johnson's special assistant on civil rights.

"I have learned from Mr. White the Administration's position in enforcing this bill once it is passed," Henry said. "I promised cooperation with the Administration in every way possible."

Henry was in Washington to attend the National Civil Rights Conference sponsored by the National Student Councils of America.

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**Vocational Guidance****A DESIGNER OUTLINES JOB SKILLS**

**ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER W. A. Lattimore**, seated in his drafting office.

After graduation, Lattimore was employed by the Bureau of Census in Washington. From there he moved to Chicago where he was employed until 1956 when he returned to Mississippi.

**Architecture As A Career**

For the student interested in the pursuit of architecture as a career, Lattimore pointed out that the field is highly competitive and demands both hard work and talent. "An architect is basically a self-employed person. There is always room for the best," he said, "but an ordinary talent will find it hard to prosper in the face of so much competition."

The interested high school student should be in the top 20% of his graduating class to have his application considered by the better schools. A degree in architectural-engineering requires five years of study and is presently the most lucrative to hold. A Bachelor of Science degree requires four years of col-

lege work.

**Math Important**  
The high school student should take as much math as possible, and all the sciences with the exception of biology. Courses in mechanical drawing are required, and art courses are strongly recommended.

The state administers an examination to people wishing to practice with the title of architect, but it is possible to practice as an architectural designer, as Lattimore is presently doing, without being licensed by the state. Applications for the state can not be made without a minimum of one year of practical experience in an established firm, Lattimore said.

Henry Wright, architect and community planner, once said that architectural designs must be conceived "to meet the expectations of the land." As a community, all of us make and share those expectations, and the architect is given the difficult and creative task of organizing the space around them.

A drafting table, a sharpened pencil, and a keen mind—three key ingredients that go to create a building, and three of the tools used by an architect to lay the plans for houses, office buildings and skyscrapers.

The position of the architect in a community is highly demanding. The public expects from him a definite skill, a love for beauty, an original imagination, and a strict practical sense to be able to design usable structures at low cost.

To find out about the kind of man at the center of these demands, the FREE PRESS interviewed W. A. Lattimore, architectural designer, who began his practice in Jackson in 1956.

**Impressive Work**

Lattimore's most recent work includes a residential building in Gulfport valued at \$175,000, a \$150,000 motel in Natchez scheduled to open this January, and numerous homes for both white and Negro families. He is presently associated with Bilbo McHale Builders.

Lattimore's day begins with conferences. There are contractors, building manufacturer's representatives, and property owners who must be contacted. In conference, Lattimore irons out various problems and initiates new plans and new ideas for building.

**At The Drawing Board**

"After the conferences," Lattimore said, "I usually try to spend at least six hours a day at the drawing board," where ideas are translated into floor plans.

Architecture is a changing field; new ideas, new materials and techniques are constantly being introduced. As an architectural designer, Lattimore must keep ahead of new developments. He does so by finding an hour, somewhere in his day, for reading and studying various professional publications such as "American Builder," "Architectural Record," and "Architectural Farms."

**Early Exposure**

Lattimore received early training in his field. "My father was a contractor, and I was reading blueprints at the age of twelve," he said. After finishing high school, Lattimore entered the service, took an engineering exam for the Service Engineering Corps, and qualified. His studies in the service included surveying, map computing, engineering, and topographic drafting.

Lattimore attended Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, Roosevelt University and the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, and Howard University in Washington, D. C. He received his degree of Bachelor of Science from Howard in 1952.



**LATTIMORE WORKS** on the design of a new house laid out on his drafting table.

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Jan. 10	Walnut Grove
Jan. 14	Lanier*
Jan. 17	Brandon
Jan. 21	Walnut Grove
Jan. 24	Greenville*
Jan. 28	Greenwood*
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Feb. 14	Brinkley*
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# Movement Leaders Request 'No Christmas Decorations'

"Christmas for Christ, not for the downtown merchants," was the plea at the Ladies Night Mass Meeting last week.

"The downtown merchants celebrate Christmas by collecting our money—but not this year. This year, with the murders of Medgar Evers and President Kennedy still fresh in our minds, we cannot rejoice."

"As an expression of sorrow for the late President Kennedy, Medgar Evers, and the Birmingham children, December will be a month of Mourning."

## "NO CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS SHOULD APPEAR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE ANY NEGRO HOME."

In keeping with the somber mood, Sunday, Dec. 15, has been set aside as a day of fasting and prayer. Ministers will preach on the topic "Keeping Christmas for Christ," and at 12:30 p.m. everyone is

asked to pray silently for at least five minutes. Leaders of Womanpower Unlimited urge persons that old clothes be worn throughout the day and that at least one meal be skipped. At 3 p.m. a mass rally will be held at the Masonic Temple.

"Every person who understands what Freedom means and wants to gain Freedom will be a part of these activities," leaders in the Jackson Movement declared.

It is asked that special Christmas buying be given up this year and that Christmas trees, lights, and other decorations not be brought out.

Mayor Thompson has tried to break the boycott by luring people to shop downtown. He declared in a televised speech that the "Nigras" who shopped on Capitol St. would have police protection. In response to this it has been said that "Good Nigras will show off their Capitol St. clothes and put up decorations—Negroes will not."

# Citizens Arrested In Downtown March

In the first downtown demonstration in several months, six Negro mothers of Jackson marched on Capitol Street Friday carrying American flags in dignity and defiance of segregation.

They walked silently down either side of the street for about five minutes, when police discovered their presence and arrested them for "parading without a permit."

Apparently expecting another march Saturday, the police department stationed at least a dozen officers on Capitol St. In a televised speech, Mayor Thompson said police would be used as protection for people

who chose to shop on Capitol St. However, Charles Evers pointed out that "The Mayor is trying to encourage our people to go against the Jackson Movement. And he is doing it with the same police who 6 months ago hauled our children off to the compound."

"They were arrested for protesting the same evils that exist today," he declared. He reminded shoppers that Capitol St. is still off limits and indicated that our Friday's demonstration marked the beginning of a series of protest marches against the downtown merchants and segregationist city officials.

# Moss Point Movement Urges Mass Boycott

The Moss Point Movement is asking for support in its selective buying campaign of all downtown Moss Point stores. The boycott list includes service stations, Burnhams' Drug Store, and Brumfields in Pascagoula as well as in Moss Point.

The Movement requests that citizens go to town only for bank calls, visits to the post office and the city hall, and for the monthly payment of telephone bills. Previous bills are to be paid, but no new ones should be made.

In addition, the movement asks Moss Point citizens not to patronize washing wells that are not clean. Clothes are to be taken elsewhere or washed at home until the time that these laundry establishments are cleaned by the owners. No busi-

ness with a sign saying "colored entrance" is to be patronized.

The Movement declared . . .

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