NO DECORATIONS

"WE ARE NOT HAVING ANY DECORATIONS OF ANY KIND DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON."
—THE JACKSON MOVEMENT

Drive through the Negro community at night. There will not be a single Christmas light or any other form of decoration. The community has backed its leaders 100 percent in observing this Christmas in a mood of mourning for John Kennedy, Medgar Evers, and the children killed in the Birmingham Bombing.

"We had really forgotten the true meaning of Christmas. We put up all those lights and bought all those gifts and forgot about Christ. But not this year," said one Jackson resident.

"The community is in this together. Some people didn't know what it was all about at first, but now they're saying 'I understand'," declared another citizen.

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Mayor Tries Games

Letter Blasts Local Editor

Much of the talk on Parish Street and around Jackson still concerns the local Negro newspaper that a U. S. Congressman reported was being used to "portray Mississippi Negroes as being satisfied with conditions in Mississippi."

The scandal came to light when two weeks ago the FREE PRESS published the letter from Robert Kastenmeier, U. S. House of Representatives.

Many Jackson leaders have expressed their alarm of the activities of the "other newspaper." Mrs. Doris Allison, one (Continued on Page 2)

All Prices And Bribes Put Down By Ministers

"Let no minister judge or participate in the decorations contest. What meaning can prizes have when the Mayor and his people blatantly deny our rights as citizens? Prizes will not alter the terrible conditions in Mississippi."

Rev. Allen L. Johnson, Pastor of Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church spoke this condemnation. In response to the announcement of a Christmas decorations contest to be held by city officials,

Mayor Allen "Tank" Thompson announced plans for a separate—but equal decorations contest during the Christmas holidays. The contest, consisting of a Negro and white division, offers identical prizes of $500 in money and groceries to the person with the best decorations.

But the Negro community refuses to take the bait.

The alleged purpose of the contest is: "to promote the true feeling of Christmas among all our citizens, white and Negro," Mayor Thompson announced.

However, the contest is generally regarded by the Negro community as a simple attempt to persuade Negro shoppers to break the boycott.

Since Christmas decorations are to be judged on the basis of how well they depict the "true Christmas spirit of faith, happiness, and contentment," Negro leaders feel they are unable to participate in the contest because happiness and contentment are unattainable goals as long as Mississippi continues to oppress one half of its population.

Mayor Offers 'Protection'

Choosing to ignore the real reasons behind the selective buying campaign, Mayor Thompson has tried other methods to encourage shopping on Capitol Street. In a televised speech, he guaranteed full police protection to persons wishing to buy at downtown business firms.

If promises of police protection and the announcement of the Christmas contest were attempts to divide the Negro community, then Mayor Thompson has obviously failed.

Rev. G. B. Hamilton, Pastor of Pearl St. AME Church commented, "No matter what their purpose, the Mayor's announcements have served to unite the Jackson Negro community.

Leaders of the Jackson Negro community, determined to continue the selective buying campaigns through the Christmas holidays, have asked the Negro community not to decorate their homes this year or buy Christmas presents.

Issuing a four page information bulletin, the Jackson Movement emphasized:

"We can best show love and concern for our relatives, friends and neighbors, and respect for ourselves by keeping OUR dollars in OUR pockets until we can live, work and shop with the dignity and respect of first class Americans."

"Sure, children enjoy lots of toys and gifts," the bulletin continued, "but they will appreciate first class citizenship more."
Jackson Merchant Reminds Citizens Of First Christmas

The significance of a pin point of light led these men to the very spot where the Christ Child lay—mind you it was not that light—but the significance of that light that guided the wise men on their journey. They were wise because they believed the prophetic saying and they believed that the time was fully come for the Messiah. It was the unswerving faith of Melchior, Balthazar and Gaspar, the three wise men from the East that satisfied their quest for they found the Babe of Bethlehem whom they had been searching for.

Many scoffed and disbeliefed and said that the universe in the skies was an astrophysical phenomenon and why be disturbed? Why did it happen? That is what they did say. But undaunted faith was rewarded for the Angelic Host heralded—the Birth of Our Savior and Fighter Freemason the world has ever known or ever will know. It was a happy day—when even Kindergarten students can tell it over and over and without hesitation—why it is the best of all the heavenly cries ever heard. On Earth Good Will To Men' would lose its air of mockery and reverberate again forever.

We tell it for this simple reason: The first Christmas season, we have adopted a new strategy to bring pressure against the system that surrounds us. In another sense our present is again her to of repeating older values and traditions that seem to have been lost.

Our country has seen many Christmases. But over the years we have watched the celebration of the birth of Christ grow more and more exaggerated. We are all looking now to support the merchants who have made that celebration more and more religious and we have called it sacrifice.

In many ways, it is the correct word. But in a Christian sense sacrifice means much more than self-denial. Christian sacrifice is the sacrifice of love. It is the sacrifice that celebrate on Christmas day the birth of the Son of God, made man, who gave his life for our sins. So the meaning of Christmas is that it is a time for celebration and for mourning together. A Christmas without decorations and without gifts may be hard to explain to our children, but if we can help them to know the real meaning of the Christmas season, surely we can bring a greater warmth and closeness to our homes than ever before.

Our "protest" is asking for a new understanding of the Christmas celebration. Like the struggle for freedom, which is the only source for reconstituting a native conscience for all Americans, the boycott may well be the only source for a religious conscience for America. It is a rediscovery that will not be shared by all Americans; the values we set out for are often in them, as did David in the Fourth Psalm:

Oh, Lord, Thou hast put more joy in my than they have when their grain Community Response: New Vision Of Local Unity have gone and wine abound.

With Christmas so very near it seems more and more unusual to see our streets brightly decorated. But the feeling one receives when walking down them is not a feeling that the Christmas season has been neglected. Instead, there is a sense of unity and common purpose that makes our streets, in many ways, brighter than ever before.

The other day a popular teacher spoke to us about this unity. She said that she had never before participated in the struggle for freedom, which she believes to represents the forces that threatened her job and her family's security. The proposal for sacrifice during the Christmas season came as her first opportunity for her support.

Like the overwhelming majesty of Jackson's Negro citizens, the proposal must be不得转载 for practice self-denial throughout the Christmas holidays. Her home will not be decorated this Christmas.

Her decision, and the decisions, of many like her, were made not for the reasons that we have joined an organization, or followed a demonstration, or even the fear of her job and an uncertain future. The Christmas proposals, however, only for the private benefit or the renewed brotherhood among us. They ask only for the private citizen to resist for the brotherhood during the season it is most appropriate.

Mrs. L. Fowle
Albert's Flower Shoppe

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Court System

The Lower Courts; Help Or Hindrance?

(III. Note: The court system in Mississippi is divided into three distinct sections: (1) the lower courts, (2) the circuit courts, and (3) the state supreme court. In addition, special judges are often appointed to handle certain kinds of cases. This article will be the first in a FREE PRESS series dealing with the structure of our judicial system.)

If we consider the many, many courts in Mississippi, the court system, as a whole takes the shape of a pyramid. Most of us will never be involved in court action except at the lowest level. There, at the base of the pyramid, the greatest amount of public contact takes place. Suppose, for example, that a farmer erected a fence but found that this fence was not in accordance with the local ordinance. In the event of a small dispute like this, a lower court would try the case.

In the same way, when a man is arrested for theft, fighting, or if a landlord cannot get a tenant to pay his rent, the case will always be taken to a lower court. In rural areas such cases would be tried in a court of the Justice of the Peace. In cities, the lower courts are called municipal courts. The legislature constitution states that a Justice of the Peace can handle cases involving sums of money less than $50.

Criminal cases are also re- stricted to the lower courts. The lower courts are not allowed to try cases that involve a punishment greater than a fine and imprisonment in a county jail. The power of the lower courts is limited to cases of "petty misdemeanor" and no more dispute between citizens.

Unfortunately, the candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace does not need to be a lawyer. In

Mississippi he is considered eligible for the office for at least two years in the district from which he is elected. If he is elected, he is the only person who can handle such cases in the state's legal system.

Collins Cancels Holiday Party

Collins Funeral Home wishes to announce that the Management, Staff, and agents have canceled their annual Christmas Banquet, and will conduct their Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. in the Collins Memorial Chapel, 415 N. Farish St., December 22, in honor of President John F. Kennedy, Medgar Evers, and children killed in the Birmin- gham bombing.

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Christmas Sacrifice: New Spirit Of Christmas Awareness

Sometimes, as we fill this column with a thing commonly called "protest," it is strange to think that our words only repeat the fundamental principles on which this country was founded. It is strange to think that our words contain few new ideas, because so much of the work we must do in Mississippi would not have to be done in a just society. Yet we know that American society seldom looks closely at itself, or at its own responsibility for past failures. And we know that our "protest" along with the protest of many other voices best expressed to us not by Capital reconstructed native conscience for all Americans.

This Christmas season, we have adopted a new strategy to bring pressure against the system that surrounds us. In another sense our protest is again her to of repeating older values and traditions that seem to have been lost.

It is dark in our windows—but the light of freedom and dignity kindled 1863 years ago by Him who said "I am come into the world as a light and they who abide in Me shall not walk in darkness" burns brightly on the altar of our hearts.

When those who oppose us catch a glimpse of that light of love and line and cast for all times that this light cannot be extinguished, then, rather than trying to put out this light we will add fuel to it. This would shine more brightly, the numbings would cease, and we would have cry "Peace. On Earth Good Will To Men' would lose its air of mockery and reverberate again forever.
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Out-Of-State Donors
Send Us 10,000 Books

Mississippi is being invaded by a dollop of books. Over 10,000 books were sent to the local CORE office to fill the shelves of Negro community centers, which are to be established throughout the state by direct action civil rights groups.

Sponsored by the CORE Books for Mississippi Committee, the project was launched two months ago by voluntary clerical workers at CORE’s National Office. An internal committee was formed and an appeal sent out. To the delight of the group, they were flooded with thousands of books, from colleges, schools, trade unions and private homes.

Checklist:
The community centers, part of a “solidarity” program for Negro communities, will feature programs designed to inform the community of the methods through which Federal aid can be obtained, and will serve as places of recreation and culture.

The educational program, proposed for centers in Canton and Meridian, Mississippi, cover the range of the distribution of vitamins to soared on the gut.

Additional Materials:
Although books will play the most important role in the programs for the education centers, Dennis has asked the CORE Books Committee to send out a flow of pamphlets, tape recorders, typewriters, movie projectors and record players in order that these centers may take bigger strides in overcoming the problems of education in Mississippi.

The Committee requests funds to carry on the purchase of additional books, as well as the necessary equipment. Donations and books should be sent to Mr. A. Brown, CORE Books for Mississippi Committee, 20 Park Plaza, New York, N.Y.

Do you know about the Association of Artists for Freedom? Have you seen the movie “Freedom?”

The Meaning Of Christmas

We will therefore tell them that the bombing of the churches and those six deaths have made a mockery of Christmas and we chance not to be a part of that mockery.

We will tell them that as long as the perpetrators of that murder go unpunished we cannot celebrate Christmas in the usual manner and feed those very economic forces which fund such crimes.

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Medical Skills Needed, Doctor Says

A doctor must be many things in a community. At times he is a social worker, helping us with various personal and family problems. Likewise, the doctor must be an educator—a person with an ability to simplify complex technical language into language we can understand. We must feel that his knowledge grows through the discoveries of other numbers of his profession, and that he is, in part, a scholar, as well as part of a team pledged to protect our health and prevent disease through science. Finally, we ask the doctor to be an individual and responsible member of our community.

Demanding

Behind the meeting of these requirements there must be a man expected to work a sixty-hour week, a man prepared to make night calls and interrupt his private life every day of the week, and a man who may drive an average of 40,000 to 50,000 miles a year to answer the calls of his patients.

Last week, in order to picture the hardships and the satisfaction of this strenuous profession, the FREE PRESS interviewed Dr. Robert Smith, general physician, who has just opened his practice here in Jackson. Dr. Smith's interest in the profession began at an early age; when he felt the need "to do something about it." After his medical training, he knew, would be working with people, in sympathy with their suffering. And it wasn't long before I learned that there weren't enough Negro doctors in Mississippi.

"There is still a critical shortage of Doctors in Mississippi, and especially Negro Doctors," Dr. Smith said. "In this last year alone we have lost twelve Negro doctors in a state where the doctor-patient ratio is already far below the national average."

A report published by the American Medical Association revealed a national ratio of 146.7 physicians for every 100,000 persons. Yet in Mississippi, there are only 40 physicians for every 100,000 persons.

"There was a time when the average Negro boy or girl felt that there were too many odds against becoming a doctor. But discrimination in medicine is breaking down, and I would like every student in Mississippi to know that the picture is changing."

"Many excellent medical schools have opened their doors to us, and there is a need for good students to fill these openings. Scholarship aid is readily available. Finally, a degree in medicine will put you in the doctor's seat to begin working in the hospital or clinical training center of your choice."

"At this time, American Medical Schools can only give the best breadths of the number of students that are needed to fill available positions."

A new practice in a cosmopolitan area, Dr. Smith said, takes an average of 2-3 years to establish. In a smaller community, however, some medical care can be saved because the doctor can keep in close touch with the whole community, and word of his practice will spread quickly among the townspeople.

Training

Before a doctor can announce a practice, however, it is necessary to complete at least nine years of training. As with many other professions, a careful selection of the courses offered in high school will often prove of enormous value to the student who will enter the medical profession.

The high school student should show ability in biology and chemistry, and he should be sure to take all the mathematics offered by his school. Dr. Smith emphasized, in addition, that the study of English is very important in the practice of medicine. "The clear and precise use of language," Dr. Smith said, "is directly related to how good a doctor one can become."

The educational requirements for the medical profession require either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited college. "The medical profession," Dr. Smith said, "once thought the Bachelor of Science degree the more valuable. In recent years, however, the professional schools have given the Bachelor of Arts degree the same high favor."

"Behind this changing policy is the fact that young people, within the profession itself, of the many different kinds of knowledge and experience a doctor can bring to his practice."

"Of course the sciences will remain essential," Dr. Smith added, "but the feeling is that they needn't be a student's major subject area." Basic courses in science must be completed during the four years of college work, but the more specialized work can be postponed until Medical school.

Medical Text

A standard Medical Aptitude Test is administered at all colleges and should be taken by the student either in the spring of his junior year, or in fall of his senior year. To be accepted for medical school training, the student must stand in the upper one-third of his graduating class.

Medical school training will require four years of specialized study, and a minimum internship of one year.

Dr. Smith attended high school in Utica, Mississippi, and entered Tougaloe College, where he received his B.S. degree in 1937. From Mississippi he went to Washington, D.C., where he attended Howard University College of Medicine which he is affiliated with Dr. H. C. Gore's Hospital, and Mount Alto, & Freedman's Hospitals. Dr. Smith completed his internship at the Ohio State University Hospital and served at the West Side Medical Center in Chicago—the largest general hospital and medical center in the world.
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These members of the Jackson State College Choir passed three of the rich and beautiful voices heard last Sunday at the Annual Christmas Concert at Jackson State. Under the direction of Albert T. Perkins, the JSC Choir filled Dancy Hall Artisticly with the gliding tones of a far-reaching selection of Christmas music.

The program was divided into two parts. The first half featured one of Joshua Sebastian Bach's most popular pieces, the Magnificat in D Major.

Although each selection in the second part of the program was treated with the delicate spirit of Christmas, the audience's applause gave special recognition to the Choir's simple rendition of "Mary Had A Baby."

Church Activities

MOBILE HEMP BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. R. J. Brown, Pastor
10:45 Morning Service
5:45 Evening Worship Service

PEARL STREET AVE. 97S Pearl Street
Rev. C. J. Houlton, Pastor
11:00 Morning Worship Service
6:00 Sunday Evening Service

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148 South Street
Rev. B. B. Babcock, Pastor
11:00 Morning Service
5:00 Evening Worship Service

TRUE LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH
211 E. 5th Street
Rev. E. H. Watts, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30
11:00 Morning Worship Service
5:00 Sunday Evening Service

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11:00 Morning Worship Service
5:00 Sunday Evening Service

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Elder W. M. Gill, Pastor
9:00 Bible School
11:00 Morning Service

Police Continue Clergy Arrests

Police arrest 4 Methodist Ministers from New York who attempted to attend worship services at two local Methodist churches last Sunday. The ministers, two Negro and two white, split up into two groups to attend services at Galway and Capital Street Methodist. Stopped by 6 officers before they could step on Capital Street property, the ministers attacked the officers, resulting in the police officers being called to the church.

The policemen pulled the two ministers to a standing position and pushed them into the squad car, witnesses claimed.

The ministers arrested at Capital Street were charged with disturbing divine worship, while the ministers arrested at Galway were charged with trespassing and disturbing divine worship.

Laborettes Civics Club Has Tea, Gives Prizes

Bids for the first baby of the year were in order at the home of Mrs. Mirthe Gregory, President of the Sophisticated Laborettes Social and Civics Club last Sunday, as tea and baby contests were held to raise funds for the Civics Club's long time project, the First Baby of Year. Winners of the baby contest were "Baby" Baker, of Mrs. Ima Baker; "Baby" Powell, of Mrs. Irene Edwards, and "Baby" Jeffry, of Mrs. Mirthe Gregory. The Club also discussed the Candle Light Ball to be held Dec. 21. Fruit cake and tea will be served at the dance. Plans were also discussed for a Christmas party to be held at a later date at which the members will have the opportunity to exchange gifts. The session of the meeting was Madam President Mirthe Gregory, Mrs. Kathleen Ray, Mrs. Hazel Maize, Mrs. Joan Bailey, Mrs. Rosetta Simonds, Mrs. Aline French, Mrs. Battie Blackmon, Mrs. Jared Brown, Mrs. Lilian McGehee, and Mrs. L. Parrish.

West Mississippi Builders

Joins All Of You

In Observing

This Christmastime

In Thoughtful

Consideration Of

The First Noel
‘Schools Are Unequal,’ 6 Women Demonstrate

In the face of arrest and fines why did six Negro women recently demonstrate on Capitol Street?

Defying a state court order issued this summer against demonstrations, the six marched down Capitol Street in protest against the brutalities of a segregated society.

They were promptly arrested and jailed on charges commonly used to discourage protests for equal rights and justice—blocking the sidewalks and parading without a permit. Jailed for 24 hours, the demonstrators were released on $25 bond each.

Who were these women?

What pressures caused them to break the relentless ‘cold war’ which kept silent the majority of the Jackson community?

Speaking out on the injustices of the present social system, one of the demonstrators listed a series of citizen’s grievances denied to the Negro community:

"The civic officials promised 12 police officers, and only 5 were hired. We still don’t have enough school enrolling guards, our children are still cursing dangerous intersections alone. We also want the segregation signs in city buildings removed. Although the Mayor was asked five months ago to meet with our ministers, he has still not met with them," she said.

"Protection. Referring to the police protection offered by Mayor Thompson to Negro shoppers, another demonstrator stated, "I don’t like what’s going on. If the Mayor offers to protect Negroes, he should show it today."

"Negroes are underrepresented. The schools are understaffed," she continued, teachers are unqualified to teach, programs are unqualified, and there are not enough school facilities."

Overcrowded schools in the critical problem that the demonstrators stressed. One woman used the conditions of Brinkley High School as an example: 'Brinkley is built for approximately 1,000 students,' she stated. "Yet, the present school enrollment is over 1,300. My son hasn’t had a biology text book for over a year, and the principal doesn’t seem able to get him one."

"The Negroes in Mississippi can also understand a statement such as this. I am not one of the many who will not stand behind the NAACP and all other civil rights groups 100 percent. All those qualified teachers will be the first to go when we get our freedom, so they might as well stop in last now."

"In reply to the question of the pickets to show their support of the health aspects of the present demonstration, conditions, one mother said, "I don’t mind being arrested. I’m willing to do anything I can do to make things better for our people."

"2nd Your Bags, Blankets, and Bed Spreads Really Clean Paris Cleaners 800 N. Farish PL 2-6541 6 Shirts for $1.15 Alterations Free Delivery"

"See Mosley’s For All Your Christmas Shoe Needs Mosley’s Shoes Masonic Temple Bldg. 948-3417"
Workers Stick Together and Win

Northeast Mississippi has a long history of strong opposition to organized labor. In this light, labor leaders were greatly heartened by a union victory in a recent election at Booneville.

The election marked the successful conclusion of a five-year campaign to organize the Boot and Shoe Workers local at the Boone Boot and Shoe Plant. According to the AFL-CIO, the union drive encountered "fierce opposition of the Prentiss County Industrial Development Council, the County Retail Merchants' Association, and the Booneville Banner-Independent, the town's only newspaper." In two previous elections, these forces were enough to defeat the union.

Work Together

But this time, "the employees decided to work together," explained L. H. Doe, President of the Cotillions Central Labor Council. "And they were a real happy bunch the day of the election," he added.

Doe pointed out that the opposition encountered at Booneville was typical of a pattern throughout the area. "The anti-union forces take out ads in the local papers which attempt to put us in an unfavorable light," he said.

Black List

Blacks, apparently, are another weapon used to keep unions out. "If you told us that in Tupelo there is an office with a file of all the workers in the area before being an individual, a company can call in and find out whether he has a union past," Doe noted.

To counter these tactics, Doe proposed a campaign of labor education. The first goal is to inform the working people what organized labor can do for them," he said.

Setting forth some of the advantages brought by labor unions, Doe cited job security and improved working conditions in unionized shops. "Without a union, a company can fire you if you don't part your hair right," he said. A union ensures that no worker will be fired without just cause.

Doe observed that the labor movement in the state is just beginning to realize its potential power, but that the working people must learn to stick together before they will gain influence in the community. "We could elect officials who represented us if we would only vote together," he said.

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Wipe Out Polio

"If everybody will come and eat a sugar cube containing three drops of this vaccine, we can completely wipe out polio from this area," stated Dr. Jim G. Hendrick, chairman of the campaign. Dr. Hendrick emphasized that it is necessary to take all three doses offered on each of these dates for full protection from polio, whether or not the person had polio shots.

Many schools will serve as S.O.C. clinics (Sabin Oral Sunday) throughout Hinds, Leake, Madison, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Rankin and Yazoo Counties. Clinics will be open from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Detailed information on clinic sites and times will be announced later.

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Describing his team as a "caravel with some of the best parts in town," coach Harrison Barnes of Lucier High School commented that his "ballclub" should have a fairly good season.

With a team comprised of two seniors, two returning starters and the rest juniors, he added, "today looks bright but the future looks brighter."

"Our main problem has been the lack of ability to work together as a unit" comments coach Barnes. This problem, however, didn't stop the team from beating Brandon 108-67.

Clanton

Taking a quick look at the players also indicates that the Bulldogs are in an enviable position. With Eddie Clanton, a senior forward, standing 6'10" and averaging 15 points per game, the team starts with a bang! Summing up Clanton's abilities, coach Barnes said, "he is an all around player. He has good shooting and dribbling ability, and he is a good leader on the floor."

The number two man on the squad is Willie Watts, a senior center, has contributed greatly to the team. A veteran of three years, this is his first year on the starting five. "He is a boy who has worked hard, and the result has developed good playing abilities," added coach Barnes.

Oliver

Playing the other forward position with Clanton, reliability should be well taken care of with junior Cliff Oliver on the team. Averaging twelve points a game, he should be a crucial part of the team's scoring attack. The short man of the big five is Junior Brown, a junior guard, is showing fine promise. Brown has by far the best dribbling abilities," says Barnes. "Ability to get the ball down field is an asset every coach dreams of."

Hudson

Completing the line up are seniors Leonard Hodge and William Hill. Hodge, a sharpshooter and Hill, a powerful runner, are expected to play important roles this season.

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COFO Launches Vote Campaign

"Our goal is that 20,000 Negroes attempt to register between now and March first." With this announcement, the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) chartered its main course for the coming weeks at its convention Sunday in Jackson. For the success of this renewed voter registration drive COFO needs the active support of all those who want Freedom.

"We can't just talk about Freedom," Dave Dennis told the convention, "We've all got to do something about it. We've heard from too many people who are behind us and not enough who are up in front working with us."

The convention also announced a poll tax drive to go hand in hand with voter registration. With the deadline for paying the $2 tax less than two months away, Dennis declared, "We must pay our poll tax now to be able to vote in next year's elections." Members of the House of Representatives and the post now held by Senator John Stennis will be decided in 1964. Although an amendment to abolish the poll tax is on the verge of ratification, it would apply only in federal elections. Poll tax receipts for two years are still required for voting in state and local races.

In order to ease the burden of the tax, COFO will attempt to raise money to pay the tax for citizens who cannot afford it.

In further action, Aaron Henry, President of COFO, suggested that an appeal be made to open channels of communication with Governor-elect Paul Johnson.

"We are going to have to live with Johnson for four years," he said, "It is up to the Negro leaders in the state to take the first step in establishing some understanding with him on the problems facing Mississippi."

In keeping with the goal of creating a state-wide political organization which is representative of Negroes, the convention set up executive committees in each of the five Congressional Districts. The committees will be responsible for carrying out COFO programs in their areas, beginning with the current voter registration drive. Their success will depend on the willingness of every Negro to take the first step in establishing some understanding with him on the problems facing Mississippi.

JFK's Death Alters Republican Battlegrounds

Despite the shocked and somber reaction that silenced political battles throughout the nation, there is still a real chance that the death of President Kennedy has given new life to Republican hopes in the 1964 elections.

On the day following the assassination, the New York Times stated that Republican leaders "see Mr. Kennedy as a figure to be reckoned with politically. Their candidate would almost surely be the underdog."

On the whole, the G.O.P. race has been more intense in the past few weeks than it was prior to President Kennedy's death. On Sunday, December 8th, former President Eisenhower announced that he had urged Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., the Ambassador to South Vietnam, to make himself available for the Republican nomination.

Nixon-Kennedy Campaign

During the Nixon-Kennedy campaign, President Eisenhower was often pressured for a strong party endorsement of his own Vice President. But Eisenhower steadfastly declined. In the past, the role of former President Eisenhower has been to stay away from primary battles.

With this change in personal strategy, Eisenhower's endorsement reveals the lack of Republican unity. Throughout the sixties, the Republican party has been a party of extremists and conservative elements. The conservative faction, led by Senator Goldwater, gained strong support in the South and middle West, but could not really infect other areas of the nation. Similarly, Rockefeller's liberal program made little headway outside the North.

Drive For Unity

In endorsing a third party candidate, former President Eisenhower has attempted to use his own store of popular support to unify these two bittered camps.

Richard Nixon was named by some as the only Republican with enough popular support to pull votes from both camps, but Nixon has yet to announce a second try for the Presidency.

A survey completed just prior to the assassination of President Kennedy showed Goldwater in first place among Republican hopefuls. Nixon followed a short distance behind and Rockefeller placed third.

Opinion Changes

A recent survey by the Gallup poll, conducted to measure the political impact of Kennedy's death, indicates that there has been some falling-out of conservative support. According to the most recent poll, Goldwater has dropped to second place in the Republican ranks and is in the second choice of independent voters as well.

Goldwater Down

The reason behind this conservative fallout are difficult to find. Some part can be attributed to Goldwater's standing strength of the "climate of violence" in the United States, and particularly in areas where Goldwater enthusiasm runs high.

Henry Cabot Lodge, a name hardly mentioned in connection with the presidency until Eisenhow er's endorsement, is already running in third place among Republican voters, and in fourth place among the independents.

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