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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.

Mississippi

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Mayor Tries Games

Letter Blasts Local Editor

Much of the talk on Farish 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

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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 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 \$675 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 that they are unable to participate in the contest because happiness and contentment are unattainable goals as long as Missis-

sippi 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. R. Haughton, 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 campaign 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."



*The World's Greatest Gift
— A Child of Love*

Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR . . .

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

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 before and after us, will eventually reconstruct a native conscience for all Americans.

As we enter this Christmas season, we have adopted a new strategy to bring pressure against the system that surrounds us. But in another sense, our protest is again a way 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 only more expensive and more commercial. We are pledged now not to support the merchants who have made that celebration less and less 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 finally the discovery of love. It is this that we celebrate on Christmas day, the birth of the Son of God, made man, who gave his life for ours. 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 reconstructing a native conscience for all Americans, the boycott may very well be the only source for a re-discovery of the religious conscience of America.

It is a rediscovery that will not be shared by all Americans, but this year we can say of them, as did David in the Fourth Psalms:

Oh, Lord,
Thou hast put more joy in my
heart
than they have when their grain
and wine abound.

Community Response: New Vision Of Local Unity

With Christmas so very near it seems more and more unusual not 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 public school teacher spoke to us about this unity. She said that she had never before participated in the struggle for freedom because of the many pressures 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 majority of Jackson's Negro citizens this teacher decided not to buy on Capital Street and to 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 as a private expression of religious faith. For her to have joined an organization, or followed a demonstration, might have meant the loss of her job and an uncertain future. The Christmas proposals, however, ask only for the private belief in the need for a renewed brotherhood among men. And they ask only for the private will to work for that brotherhood during the season it is most appropriate.

Jackson Merchant Reminds Citizens Of First Christmas

The significance of a pin point of light led the three wise 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 advent of the Messiah. It was the unswerving faith of Melchior, Balthasar and Gaspar, the three wise men from the East that satisfied their quest for they found the Babe of Bethlehem whom they sought.

Many scoffed and disbelieved and said that the unusual light in the skies was an astronomical phenomena and why be disturbed. The more rigid die hards said this "so called virgin birth" was an attempt to cover the waywardness of an "ordinary Maiden" so that her fiance Joseph would not put her aside for reason of fornication. But undaunted faith was rewarded for the Angelic Host heralded—the Birth of Our Savior and The Greatest Fighter For Freedom the world has ever known or ever will know.

Why write this story—when even Kindergarten students can tell it over and over and without error — why tell it over and over when faithful Christians the world over know it is forever old — yet forever new.

We tell it for this simple reason: Today, tonight and throughout this Christmas Season there is an absence of bright baubles, spangles and tinsels and even there is the absence of Christmas trees and bright colored lights in the Negro neighborhoods of

Jackson. Pray tell me what has happened—why is it that these neighborhoods once so gayly lighted at this Season is so suddenly dark.

Friends, Christians, Fellow Americans and Lovers of Absolute Freedom it is not the darkness—but the significance of that darkness that prompts the telling of this story. This darkness signifies a unanimity of spirit and effort and thought to achieve the goals of **Dignity and Freedom**. This darkness signifies that in spite of efforts to divide us—we stand united in our quest for freedom and dignity. This darkness signifies that while we are being denied and rejected—we too can practice self-denial to achieve and accomplish that which is rightfully ours as citizens of this great nation.

It is dark in our windows— but the light of freedom and dignity kindled 1963 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—and realize once and for all times that this light cannot be extinguished, then rather than trying to put out this light would add fuel so that this light would shine more brightly, the rumblings would cease and the Heavenly cry 'Peace, On Earth Good Will To Men' would lose its air of mockery and become a reality.

Albert L. Powell
Alberts' Flower Shoppe

Court System

The Lower Courts; Help Or Hindrance?

(Ed. Note: The court system in Mississippi has three distinct divisions: (1) the lower courts, (2) the circuit courts, and (3) the state supreme court. In addition, special courts have been established 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 ways that courts affect our lives, 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 his neighbor disagreed with its location. If the two could not settle their dispute between themselves, their arguments would have to be settled by the law. 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 speeding, or fighting, or if a landlord cannot get a roomer to pay his rent, the case will always be taken to one of the lower courts.

In rural areas such cases would be tried in a court of the Justice of the Peace. In cities, lower courts are called municipal courts. The Mississippi constitution states that a Justice of the Peace Court cannot handle cases involving sums of money greater than \$200.

Criminal cases are also restricted, and these 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, therefore, is limited to cases of "petty misdemeanors" and small disputes between citizens.

Unfortunately, a 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 if he has lived for two years in the district from which he is elected. Farmers and workmen, for example, have held office, and many of these people have had no special training in law.

The greatest weakness, therefore, of our lower courts comes from the state's failure to establish more rigid training requirements for these judicial officers, for it is obvious that a person in charge of a court cannot be ignorant of the law.

Another weakness of these courts is the looseness of the office itself. Often a Justice of the Peace will have another job, and holding court will only be a part-time duty. Usually these justices are not paid a salary, but receive a fee for each case they hear.

Under these conditions, a justice may sometime try to earn more fees by getting extra business, and he will hold court at irregular hours, often at the expense of justice.

To some extent, these conditions have been improved by the establishment of municipal, or city courts. In these courts cases are argued before a Judge rather than a Justice of the Peace. The Judges in these courts are lawyers whose training should enable them to reach just decisions.

Like a Justice of the Peace, a Judge is elected by the people for a term of four years. But unlike a Justice, the Judge re-

ceives a fixed salary, and is expected to work full-time for a just settlement of the cases that come under his jurisdiction.

Whenever unjust decisions are reached, or are alleged to have been reached, however, the case need not end in the lower courts. Cases may be appealed, which means that a new trial will be granted in a higher court. Next week's article will discuss these trial courts, the second step in the pyramid of the state's legal system.

Collins Cancels Holiday Party

Collins Funeral Home wishes to announce that the Management, Staff, and agents have cancelled their annual Christmas Banquet, and will conduct a 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 Birmingham bombing.

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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 informal 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.

Self-Help

The community centers, part of a "self-help" 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 vitamin pills to lessons on the guitar.

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 appeals for mimeograph machines, tape recorders, typewriters, movie projectors, and record players in order that these centers may take larger strides to overcome the problems of education in Mississippi.

The Committee requests funds to carry on the shipment of additional books, as well as the necessary equipment. Donations and books should be sent to Mr. Benjamin A. Brown, CORE Books for Mississippi Committee, 38 Park Row, New York, 38, New York.

FREEDOM WRITER

Andy Mitchell

The Meaning Of Christmas

Do you know about the Association of Artists for Freedom? Well, so far it's a group made up of only Negro artists living in New York who feel that they can no longer separate what they write about, or talk about, from what they do. They feel that they cannot think and act as if they were in a free America, when they themselves serve as examples of Negro achievement in this society rather than examples of individual determination, without regard to race.

They have written a letter about the meaning of Christmas, and since our community here is concerned with the same meaning, I thought I would print the letter.

"Christmas is for children. But there will be no Christmas this year for the six who died at Birmingham. And so in memory and in mourning for them let us give to our children this Christmas not the tinsel tree, the toy trains, the talking dolls, but the great moral gift of understanding: an understanding of

the grave racial and spiritual crisis in America today.

"We will therefore tell them that the bombing of the church and those six deaths have made a mockery of Christmas and we choose 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 permit such crimes.

"And we will tell them that the struggle of the Negro for equality cannot be won without sacrifice on the part of us all, both black and white in this country.

"We must remind them that the children in Birmingham made the supreme sacrifice while they are only giving up a toy. . . .

"This gift of understanding which is also the gift of truth and love is the same one after all offered the world by the man

whose birth we celebrate each Christmas, the gentle carpenter-king of Bethlehem who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me. . ."—and he meant the children of Birmingham; who said "Love thy neighbor as thyself"—and he meant both black and white in America.

"Remember the Children of Birmingham then this Christmas, we ask you, and give your Christmas dollars to those Civil rights organizations working toward racial justice and equality in our country."



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Vocational Guidance

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 become 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 members 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 60,000 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 medical profession began at an early age; when he felt the need "to do something." "This something, I 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."

Shortage

"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 Negroes.

"There was a time when the average Negro boy or girl felt that there were too many odds against becoming a doctor. But



DR. ROBERT SMITH REFLECTS during his explanation of the educational and personal requirements necessary to enter the medical profession.

discrimination in medicine is breaking down, and I would like every student in Mississippi to know that the picture is changing."

Doors Open

"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 driver's seat to begin working in the hospital or clinical training center of your choice."

"At this time, American Medical Schools can only graduate three-fourths 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 3-5 years to establish. In a smaller community, however, some of this time 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 profession has considered both degrees with equal favor." Behind this changing policy is a growing acceptance, 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 Test

A standard Medical Appitude 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-half 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 Tougaloo College where he received his B. S. degree in 1957. From Mississippi he went to Washington, D. C. where he attended Howard University College of Medicine which is affiliated with D. C. General Hospital and Mount Alto, & Freedman's Hospitals. Dr. Smith completed his term of internship at Cook County in the West Side Medical Center in Chicago—the largest general hospital and medical center in the world.



DR. SMITH REPRESENTS the changing position of the Negro in professional occupations. Whereas discrimination has traditionally been the main factor in keeping Negroes out of medicine, medical schools are now looking for qualified Negro students. At the same time, the need for Negro doctors is growing. Mississippi lost 12 Negro doctors this year, and the state's doctor-patient ratio was already drastically low.

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Jackson Singers



These members of the Jackson State College Choir possess 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 Dansby Hall Auditorium with the glowing tones of a far-reaching selection of Christmas music.

The program was divided into two parts. The first half featured one of Johann Sebastian Bach's most difficult 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

"Love never gets tired, never exhausted; but like an eternal flow of water — source in the wellsprings of the heart of God — the more you use it the more its ceaseless flow is energized. We love not from necessity, nor from any obedience to any law, legal or otherwise, but rather, we love because we are compelled to love. We love not only the members of our race, not only the members of our church, but we love all men because they are members of the family of God. We love those who are unlovely, for we love a man not for what he is, but for what he is capable of becoming." Elder W. O. Gill.

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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 Galaway and Capitol Street Methodist. Stopped by 6 ushers before they could step on Capitol Street property, the ministers knelt as the ushers signaled the policemen waiting across the street from 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 Capitol Street were charged with disturbing divine worship, while the ministers arrested at Galaway 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. Mirtes Gregory, President of the Sophisticated Laborettes Social and Civics Club last Sunday. A tea and Baby contest were held to raise funds for the Civic Club's long time project, the First Baby of Year.

Winners of the Baby contest were "Baby" Baker, of Mrs. Sam Baker, "Baby" Powell, of Mrs. Irene Evens, and "Baby" Jeffry, of Mrs. Mirtes Gregory. The Club also discussed the Candle Light Ball to be held

Dec. 27. 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 members present at the meeting were Madam President Mirtes Gregory, Mrs. Eloise Ray, Mrs. Hilda Masey, Mrs. Jean Bailey, Mrs. Rosetta Simmons, Mrs. Alyne French, Mrs. Hattie Buckhalter, Mrs. Irene Evens, Mrs. Lillian McGhee, and Mrs. L. Partis.

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'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 betrayals of a segregated society.

They were promptly arrested and jailed on charges commonly used to discourage protests for equal rights and justice—blocking the sidewalk and parading without a permit. Jailed for 24 hours, the demonstrators were released on \$600 bond apiece.

Who were these women?

What pressures caused them to break the restless "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 benefits denied to the Negro community.

"The city officials promised 12 policemen, and only 6 were hired. We still don't have enough school crossing-guards: our children are still crossing 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 still hasn't 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 "Nigras" who shop downtown from Negroes who support the boycott, then he ought to be able to protect Negroes from white people."

The three of the six women interviewed by the FREE PRESS emphasized the poor conditions that their children must face each day in school. "I'm dissatisfied with segregated schools. They say that schools are supposed to be separate, but equal. But that isn't so," said one demonstrator, the mother of 3 children.

"The schools are understaffed," she continued, teach-

ers are unqualified to teach, the principals are unqualified, and there are not enough school facilities."

Overcrowded schools is 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 1,700. My son hasn't had a biology textbook for over a year, and the principal doesn't seem able to get him one."

She pointed out that Brinkley has "portable" classrooms—houses mounted on wheels—in which the overflow of students are instructed.

Commenting on the failure of teachers to involve themselves in the civil rights movement, another demonstrator, the mother of two children said, "Every teacher should be behind the NAACP and all other civil rights groups 100 percent. All those unqualified teachers will be the first to go when we get our freedom, so they might as well step in line now."

In reply to the question of the best manner to show dissatisfaction concerning the present Mississippi 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."

Leader Blasts Local Editor

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of the heads of 'No Decorations' campaign and President of the Jackson NAACP, released a letter to the FREE PRESS which she has sent to Congressman Kastenmeier.

In the letter she states that no one can GIVE a copy of the Jackson Advocate to most Negroes. Mrs. Allison closes her letter by stating: "When a person gets low enough to sell out his race for less than a bowl of porridge for his own personal gain, nothing further can be said."

She was reported to have said that something further would be done, however.

The text of the letter follows.

Hon. Robert W. Kastenmeier
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This letter is in answer to a local Negro paper, the Jackson Advocate, which portrays the Negroes in Mississippi as being satisfied with conditions as they are. First of all, the author of such a statement failed to make it clear just what Negroes in Mississippi he represents. But one thing is very clear, one can't even GIVE a copy of the Jackson Advocate to the majority of Negroes.

The Negroes in Mississippi can also understand a statement such as this coming from a person whose past deeds are only intended for the moment to lend some means of personal escape. Where? I cannot say. The poor soul has not learned from the past that statements such as this, at a time like the present, can only add to his present misery.

And since the author failed to make it clear what Negroes he speaks for, I would like to ask, was it likely he was speaking for the 36,000 Negroes who daily brave all manner of intimidations just because they wanted to register to vote? Or the Negroes who are humiliated day after day by dirt, fear, shame, and segregated signs? Or those Negroes who carry with them each day their inner fears and outer resentments?

Could he represent the approximately 4,000 Negroes who on the 15th of June in 103 degree heat, walked 2 1/2 miles to pay tribute to their fallen leader, Medgar Evers? Or the Negroes who are the last hired and the first fired? Or could it be any of the Mississippi Negroes who for too long has stood at the tail end of the longest line in the world? Or could it be the Negroes who day after day endure police brutality just because they are Negroes? I am sure the author's answers on the above statement, if truthful, can only be no. When a person gets low enough to sell out his race for less than a bowl of porridge for his own personal gain, nothing further can be said.

Very sincerely yours,
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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 Brown Shoe Plant.

According to the AFL-CIO, the organizing effort 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 S. H. Dees, President of the Corinth Central Labor Council. "And they were a real happy bunch the day of the election," he added.

Dees 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 unions in an unfavorable light," he said.

Black List

Blacklisting, apparently, is another weapon used to keep unions out. "I am told that in Tupelo there is an office with a file of all the workers in the area. Before hiring an individual, a company can call in and find out whether he has a union past," Dees noted.

To counter these tactics, Dees proposed a campaign of labor education. "Our biggest task 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, Dees 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 insures that no worker will be fired without undue cause.

Dees observed that the labor movement in the state is just beginning to realize its potential power, but that the working



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people must learn to stick together before they will gain influence in a 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 has had polio shots.

Many schools will serve as S.O.S. clinics (Sabin Oral Sundays) throughout Hinds, Leake, Madison, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Rankin and Yazoo Counties. Clinics will be open from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Detailed in-

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Bulldogs Future Bright, Buckets Coach Says

Describing his team as a "car motor with some of the best parts in town," coach Harrison Barnes of Lanier High School comments that his "ball team should have a fairly good season."

With a team comprised of two seniors, two sophomores, 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 102-47.

Clanton

Taking a quick look at the players also indicates that the Bulldogs are in an enviable position. With Eddie Clanton, a junior forward, standing at 6'2½", and averaging 23 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

abilities, and he is a good leader on the floor."

The number two man on the team, Willie Watts, a senior center, has contributed his share to the team. A veteran of 3 years, this is his first year on the starting five. "He is a boy who has worked hard, and as a result has developed good playing abilities," added coach Barnes.

Oliver

Playing the other forward position with Clanton, rebounds should be well taken care of, with junior Clifton Oliver on the team. Averaging twelve points a game, he should be a crucial

part of Lanier's scoring attack. The short man of the big five is Author 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 five man team is 6'1" guard James Hudson. "Growing in experience he has the marks of a promising player," comments Barnes.

When asked what were their chances of winning against Jim Hill, Brinkley, or Summer Hill, coach Barnes replied, "Every time we go to the floor our chances of winning are good. We don't have time to think about whom we're going to beat, we spend our time sharpening ourselves up."

Lanier Bulldogs Basketball Schedule

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December 20, 1963	Coleman
January 7, 1964	Open
January 10, 1964	Oakpark
January 14, 1964	Jim Hill
January 17, 1964	Yazoo City Training School
January 21, 1964	Sadie Thompson
January 24, 1964	Summer Hill
January 28, 1964	Murphy High
January 31, 1964	Hawkins High
February 3, 1964	Oakpark High
February 5, 1964	Summer Hill
February 7, 1964	Brinkley
February 11, 1964	Hawkins
February 14, 1964	Yazoo City Training School
February 18, 1964	Jim Hill
February 21, 1964	Brinkley
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"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 seat 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 to 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 can not afford it.

In further action, Aaron Henry, President of COFO, suggested that an attempt 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 seeking 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 do his part for change and progress in the state.

For additional information about COFO, write to 1017 Lynch St., Jackson, Miss.

JFK's Death Alters Republican Battlelines

Despite the shocked and solemn reaction that silenced political battles throughout the nation, there still can be little doubt 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 "saw 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 during 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.

Enter Eisenhower

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 shy away from party alliances.

With this change in personal strategy, Eisenhower's endorsement reveals the lack of Republican unity. Throughout the sixties, the Republican party has been torn by extreme liberal and conservative elements. The conservative faction, led by Barry 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 embittered 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 Gallop 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 rank and file and is the second choice of independent voters as well.

Goldwater Down

The reasons behind this conservative fall-out are difficult to fix. In part, Goldwater's waning strength can be attributed to extensive press treatment of the "atmosphere of violence" in the United States, and particularly in areas where

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