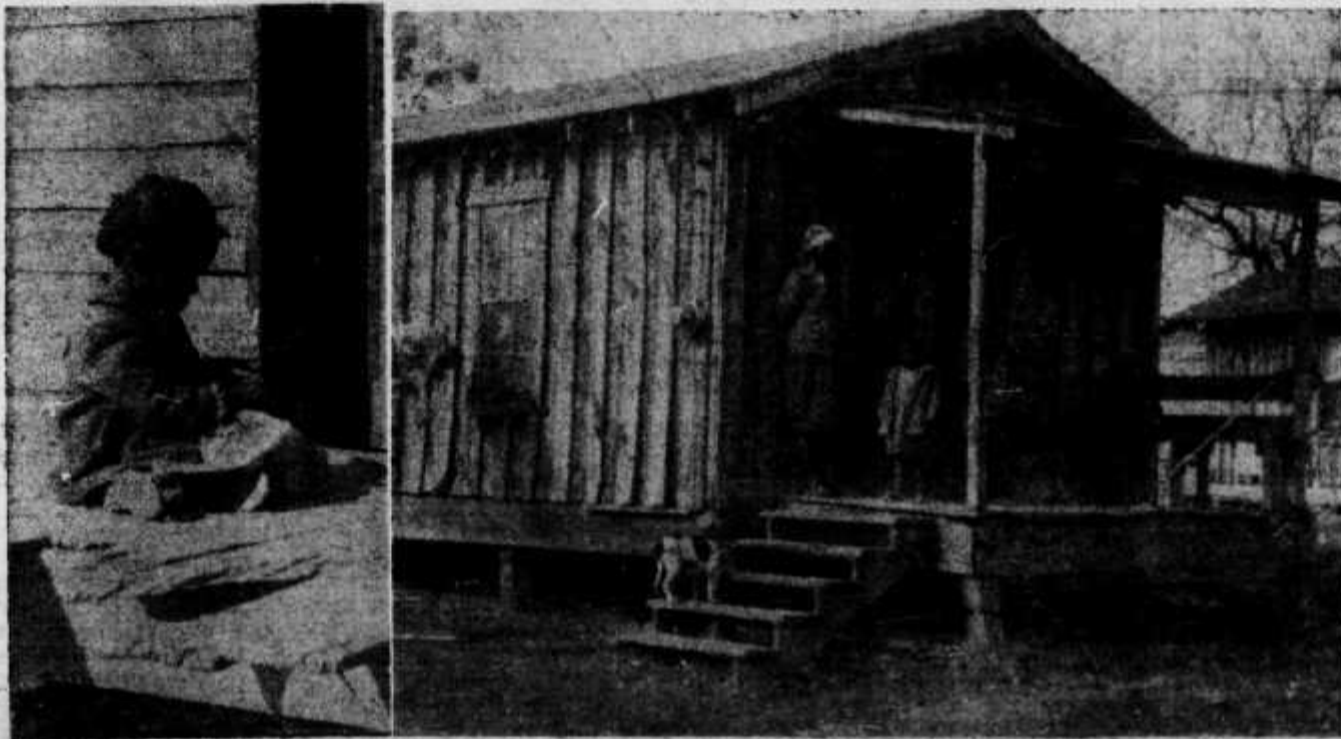


By Rich Landowners

Farm Workers Robbed



A broken-down shack is the usual home for the Negro farm worker and his family. He can afford no better; machines are taking his job and landowners who are smart with the pencil are robbing him of what little earnings he does make. His children as a result live in poverty and hunger.

Owner Pockets Sharecropper's Cotton Profits

Negro sharecroppers and farm workers are being robbed of thousands of dollars a year by white landowners who are "smart with the pencil." Many Negro farmers never see the profits of their labor because they are stuck in the landowners' pockets.

Since "The Man" keeps the accounts involved in growing a crop, it is easy for him to leave out a few hundred dollars profit that should go to the sharecropper. And because the cropper never sees the honest records of his expenses and earnings, he usually can not argue with what "The Man" tells him.

Bailey Worked — For Nothing

The Free Press talked with Cleveland Bailey, a Leflore County sharecropper, who found himself, at the end of this season, with a good cotton crop, but little money.

"The boss told me I was going to make good money, but I made almost nothing, according to the way he figures," he declared.

Bailey said the owner gave him \$212.42 for this year's crop of 34 bales. Yet the money Bailey received is only a small part of the money he earned for his months of labor in the fields. The rest of his earnings were swallowed up somewhere between the gin and "The Man's" wallet.

With cotton lint averaging about 33 cents a pound, Bailey's crop brought about \$5,600 after ginning. Since Bailey sharecrops he owed the owner half his profits, and in addition was in debt because of crop loans and food—about \$1100 by the owner's own figuring. That should leave Bailey \$1,700 profit, not the \$212.42 he received.

Where is the extra \$1,500?

And where is the money Bailey should have gotten in his six years as a sharecropper? His total profit in that time was \$623.42. For three of those years, Bailey said he cleared nothing.

He said he has asked the owner several times to show him where his earnings have gone, "but he won't give me an ac-

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Sheriff Claims

Ignorance Of Law In "Tax" Hearing

"Who gave you the idea you could pay poll taxes?"

These words were reportedly spoken by Andrew P. Smith, Sheriff of Holmes County, when Julian Lefare attempted to pay his poll taxes in 1956, Lefare testified in the Federal Court last week.

Called from Los Angeles, California, where he is now living, Lefare testified at the hearing on a Justice Department request for a federal order against intimidation of Negro voter applicants by county officials.

Refused Poll Fee

When Lefare tried to pay poll taxes, he said a clerk in the sheriff's office told him, "When Mr. Smith gets ready for you to pay your poll taxes, he will tell you," Lefare explained.

Allowed to pay his property taxes without any trouble, Lefare claims the sheriff told him, "... as long as he was sheriff, I (Lefare) would not pay poll taxes."

Ignorant Of Law

Smith testified the second day of the two day hearing that he did not know he was violating a state law by refusing to accept poll taxes from Negroes. According to Holmes, no Negroes were registered to vote in the county, so therefore none should pay a poll tax.

Of course, Smith told the court he would see to it that no discrimination was practiced in the future.

As evidence of intimidation of Negroes by county officials, Justice Department lawyers cited the arrest of five Negro voter registration workers who were charged with suspicion of arson. Charged were Hartman Turnbow, voter registration worker, whose home was fire-bombed; Robert Moses, Field Secretary of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, and three other SNCC workers: John Ball, Hollis Watkins, and Lawrence Hampton.

Charges Dropped

Turnbow's wife testified that she had seen two white men fleeing after the fire. When the sheriff asked how she knew the men were white, Mrs. Turnbow replied, "They may not have been white, but they were at white as you are."

The charges against the five civil rights workers, brought to the attention of Attorney General Robert Kennedy, were dropped because of "insufficient evidence."

Vote Worker Claims

Pistol Whipping

Intimidation and brutality stalk voter registration workers at any time of day or night. George Raymond, head of the Canton registration project, said he was pistol-whipped by a local policeman at about 2 a.m. Saturday morning. Raymond was then charged with intimidating an officer and resisting arrest and spent the rest of the night at the jailhouse.

After he was bailed out Saturday night Raymond said the incident arose when a wrecker came to his house to tow his car away. Police arrived at the scene, and when Raymond protested the removal of his car he said he was slapped and struck on the face with a pistol.

Raymond said there was no reason for the wrecker to tow his car away. COFO sent a telegram to the Justice Department demanding an immediate investigation.

COFO Welfare Group Attempts To Aid Poor

Poverty-stricken Mississippians have few sources of aid. Public welfare programs administered by local officials are both inadequate and in several cases discriminate against Negroes.

To help meet the needs of the poor, COFO (the Council of Federated Organizations) distributes food and clothing to families who do not have enough income to buy the necessities of life.

7 Counties In State

The aid program is conducted by the Emergency Welfare and Relief Committee in seven counties in the state. The Committee was established over a year ago to provide

for citizens who suffered economic reprisals for attempting to register and vote.

Although the program was set up on a temporary basis, "We are trying now to establish a system where we can give out food and clothing on a large scale in a permanent arrangement," stated Dave Dennis, who along with Mrs. Vera Pigeo, is co-chairman of the Committee.

1 Meal A Day

Dennis explained the critical need for such an aid program: "In many areas people eat only one meal a day—and that may be a dinner of bread and syrup. In the winter kids

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Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR . . .

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- BETTER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- SOCIAL JUSTICE . . . IN MISSISSIPPI

1963: A Year Of Tragedy And Inspiration

Many polls have registered the top ten stories of the year. On the national level, the civil rights struggle shaking the moral stagnation of the nation was second only to the death of President Kennedy. In Mississippi, editors cast their ballots for the slaying of Medgar Evers as the story which attracted the most attention.

Discussing the most noteworthy stories enables us to follow the thread of events running through the news of 1963. Take a long look at the stories that we have listed below, for rather than present them as a page of history in a closed book, we present them as a series of events which tell a story of their own.

—THE GREENWOOD VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE, SPRING:

Despite shootings, arrests, dogs, and police harassment, four national civil rights organizations continued the crash program to register every qualified Negro in Leflore County.

—JACKSON DEMONSTRATIONS, LATE SPRING:

The smoldering heat of Greenwood touched off the fervor and unrest in Jackson. 27 people began the non-violent protest backed by 12 demands ranging from the hiring of Negro policemen to the desegregation of all public facilities and public schools. Sit-ins and picketing followed and the outrage that Negro citizens had built up inside them reached the breaking point.

—THE MURDER OF MEDGAR W. EVERS, JUNE 11:

The tragic loss of a magnificent leader still burns deeply in the minds of Mississippi Negroes. His death jolted the nation with the ingrained violence of the South.

—MEDGAR EVERS FUNERAL MARCH, JUNE 15th:

Prominent figures from all over the nation and thousands from Mississippi dramatized their pain and indignation over Evers death when they marched from the Masonic Temple in support of his ideals and life.

—THE SHOOTING OF ERNEST JELLS OF CLARKSDALE, SEPTEMBER 28:

Although many witnesses said that Jells carried no weapons and was fleeing for his life when he was brutally shot to death by Delta policeman, the jury ruled the murder "justifiable homicide."

—THE VOTE FOR FREEDOM, NOVEMBER 2, 3, and 4th:

Clearly showing that Negro citizens have been denied the right to vote, more than 80,000 potential voters chose Aaron Henry and Rev. Edwin King for Governor and Lt. Governor of Mississippi.

—POVERTY IN MISSISSIPPI—1963:

Reality pierced the glossy images that politicians conjured about Mississippi. Due to automation and the immoral negligence of State officials, the Negro is forced to live in intolerable economic conditions with little hope for immediate improvement.

—THE BIRMINGHAM BOMBING, SEPTEMBER 13:

The death of four children in a Birmingham church . . . and Americans began to realize the terrible cost of violence.

—THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22:

But America didn't realize soon enough. The world lamented the profound loss of leadership which forced the country to turn its face toward grief and its mind to shame of responsibility for the deed.

—JACKSON BOYCOTT—1963:

The selective buying campaign which achieved a decisive effect upon the attitudes and the pocketbooks of downtown businessmen during the Christmas holidays.

Several downtown firms put up "going out of business" signs, while others tried to stay alive despite losing up to 50% of their trade.

—NO DECORATIONS—CHRISTMAS:

The Jackson Negro community united 100% in observing this Christmas in a mood of mourning for John Kennedy, Medgar Evers and the children killed in the Birmingham Bombing. Although city officials tried "bribes" and played "games," the boycott could not be broken.

Take a long look at this year's history. It is a legacy that we are not able to push to the back of our minds. Moving through a time of violence, we have, none the less gained a new spirit of freedom.

In this mirror of violence and Negro protest is reflected the awakening of a sleeping nation, and the dying of the Mississippi "way of life."

Take a good look at this long year of tragedy and inspiration.

Will Congress Act In New Session

Let's Get Started

Civil rights and the tax cut heads the list of legislation President Johnson will try to maneuver through Congress in the coming session. However, his program will face the same obstacles in 1964 that stalled action on President Kennedy's proposals.

The chief obstacle in the path of Congressional action has been slow-moving committees, often headed by conservative Southern Congressmen. For example, Senator James Eastland, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has not even opened discussion on the Civil Rights Bill, which was submitted to his committee last June.

The system of seniority is blamed for keeping men such as Eastland in power in the Congress. Since Southerners are often elected in one-party states with little or no opposition, they are able to build up their seniority and command important committee posts.



In National Magazine

Aaron Henry Called 'Freest Man In State'

Finally, it's out. Aaron Henry, candidate for governor in the recent VOTE for FREEDOM election, has been called "The Freest Man in Mississippi."

The December issue of The Progressive, a liberal nationally circulated monthly, reveals a slightly different side of the dynamic man who has spearheaded voter registration campaigns for the last two years in Mississippi. Describing Henry as "an engaging politician of high-minded promise," the article predicts Henry's importance for "Negroes and for furtive white liberals," in the future of Mississippi politics.

Freest Man

Pointing out the peculiarity of Henry's freedom, Margaret Long, editor of New South, who wrote the article states, ". . . after we had talked for an hour, I figured he (Henry) is the freest man in Mississippi, not withstanding his rigid segregation, house and store bombings and shootings, threats, law suits, jail sentences, and other white persecutions."

And is there freedom for the white community? Henry explains, "We haven't got one white friend in Clarksdale. . . . That is, no white man who can come out publicly."

Whites Silent

The recent shooting of Ernest Gells by Clarksdale policemen over an argument about a banana was cited as a tragic example of the silent white community. "We filed fifteen

or twenty affidavits from witnesses on what happened and sent copies to 200 local business men. We didn't hear a word from a one of 'em," Henry stated.

Danger has been the constant companion of the Henry family during the last two years. Since the most recent bomb attack on his home last Spring, "Armed friends now take turns guarding the Henry's house at night," the article reports. Henry has become accustomed to his bodyguards and states, "I try to pretend they're not there."

COFO Important

The article emphasized that the struggle for the right to vote in Mississippi could be shortly won with the building up of COFO, (Council of Federated Organizations). Three weeks of campaigning also "gave us an organization, so we got our hands on every registered voter and nearly every Negro who wants to vote," Henry stated.

"We can turn this state upside down, and really have us a place to live in and be proud of," he continued. "I think we'll be through this thing soon—I give it four or five years."

How? The "Freest Man in Mississippi" outlines the attitude that Mississippi Negroes must have in order to change the "Mississippi way of Life." "I find if you keep on standing up to 'em, they aren't as rough on you. I feel like things have eased up a little for me. But if you take a stand and then let 'em cow you down, they got you."

In Time Magazine

Martin King Hailed 'The Man Of The Year'

"After 1963, with the help of Martin Luther King, Jr., the Negro will never again be where or what he was." This was Time Magazine's deep praise for their choice for "Man of the Year."

Dr. King first became famous for his role in the successful Montgomery bus boycott several years ago and for his action in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which has involved him directly in many demonstrations most notably in Birmingham last spring.

Stirred Hope

Of its "Man of the Year," Time (one of the nations largest circulating magazines) said, "By deed and by preaching, he has stirred in his people Christian forbearance that nourishes hope and smother's injustice."

For an evaluation of the past year, Time quotes King, who

said, "In 1963, there arose a great Negro disappointment and disillusionment and discontentment. It was the year of Birmingham, when the civil rights issue was impressed on the nation in a way that nothing else before had been able to do. It was the most decisive year in the Negro's fight for equality. Never before had there been such a coalition of conscience on this issue."

In addition to the front cover, Time devotes several pictures of King. One of the first in the article shows him talking with President Lyndon Johnson, who he met while at the White House on several occasions.

The article quotes King's comments after talking with the new President.

Praises New President

"I have had a good deal of contact with him (Pres. John-

son) in the past several years. He means business. I think we can expect even more from him than we have had up to now. I have implicit confidence in the man, and unless he betrays his past actions, we have in the White House a man who is deeply committed to help us."

In the coming year, King is expected to continue to play a key role in the civil rights struggle. Danville, Virginia — which is notorious for its police brutality—is expected to be one of the beginning points for King in 1964.

Mississippi along with Alabama are particularly singled out as areas in which King intends to be active. He picks out these two states "because there is where the problem is greatest."

In 1964 Mississippi may well be seeing a good deal of 1963's "Man of the Year."

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FREEDOM WRITER
No...No.. Reason At All

Andy Mitchell

I just happened to be looking out of my window here at the office the other week, when the big black airport limousine drove up to the Dotty Cab stand. And who should get out but Doc Britton and his son.

I recently talked to the good doctor and asked him what the driver thought of chauffeuring him around. "Said he was glad to haul anybody, anytime," said Britton.

He related the experience of getting his ticket from the airline office after he had parked on Pearl St. and began walking through the hotel. He said the doorman came over and asked him his business.

After the Doctor told him that he thought his business

was his own affair, "Doc" asked "What reason have you got for stopping me?" The doorman stammered around and finally called the manager. Britton again asked the reason for not permitting him to go through the hotel.

When the manager learned that he was going to the airline ticket office he gave a sigh of relief, but asked, "Why didn't you park on Capitol Street so that you wouldn't have to go through the hotel." Of course, Britton asked him if there was any reason why he—anybody couldn't go through the lobby. The manager said, "Oh no, no."

That's standing in there Doc. You might have noticed that tire outfit that has the big 555 sign spinning around outside the store, no longer is a dealer for Firestone. And you might have also noticed that just down the street, there is a new Firestone place with a new name. And if you really look closely, you might even notice that some of the same folks are working at the new place.

Somebody isn't trying to fool us are they? . . .

The folks down at the new place (with the new name) say that they moved because they haven't had a decent customer in a month.

Wonder why that is? Couldn't have anything to do with selective buying could it? And

certainly nobody is getting fooled are they? ? ?

Pointing can get you into a lot of trouble, these days. Rather than simply being ignored, a local editor, because of some of his recent activities, is being pointed at. And he is not taking it lightly. Matter of fact, some say that he threatened to kick those people, kids, and giggling girls who seem to get a "big kick" out of pointing him out. One thing is certain: we have more fingers than he has feet, so he can't get us all.

Recipe for poverty, or "the surest way to be poor." (From a report by the National Policy Committee on Pockets of Poverty.)

"... be non-white; live in a rural area; be a female head of a household over 65 years of age."

This description could fit about 40% of Mississippi's population. And our pockets have holes in them.

"Ugh - Uncle Tom News Papers"



**Over 65?
 Don't Overlook
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Are you over 65 and are not receiving your social security benefits?

More than one million people over 65 lose social security money each month, said John F. Pate, district manager of the Jackson Social Security Office.

"Many workers over 65 feel there is no use to ask about payments. They believe they can't get social security payments if they earn over \$1200," Pate went on to say.

Benefits Lost

Pate explained that in some cases, an employed or self-employed person may earn as much as \$4400 and still receive some social security payments. He mentioned as an example the case of a worker earning \$2400 who lost \$600 because he didn't apply for old-age benefits.

Another case involving a 68 year old worker, his wife and two minor children, showed that the family had lost \$2000 in case payments due to the worker's failure to apply for benefits when he reached 65 years of age.

Advising all workers, regardless of age, to find out what social security means to them, Pate said, "Knowing the full story about social security may affect your planning for retirement as well as the payments you will get."

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Meredith Picks Africa To Continue Education

James H. Meredith, the determined graduate of the University of Mississippi has decided to go to Nigeria to continue his studies.

Invited to study at Ibadan University in Ibadan, Nigeria, Meredith hesitated to make a decision after applying to the

University of Mississippi Law School.

Explaining one of the reasons why he chose to study in Africa, Meredith said, "Of course, I have an application in for the University of Mississippi Law School. But at the present time I don't think that I or any other

Negro will be accepted there."

"I do not agree with some of the policies of leading Negro groups," Meredith continued. "So this is a good time to pursue my educational ambitions."

Enrolling in the university next fall, Meredith plans to leave the country around April, for a tour of the Middle East and Africa. Planning to study in Nigeria for about three years, Meredith expressed interest in law, politics, and the humanities.

"Thousands of Africans have come here to study," he stated. "I think it is sound to study there and get to learn all that I can about the Africans."

Meredith's courage at the time of registration at Ole Miss was praised and commented upon by many African newspapers. One poem which appeared in the Ghanaian Times of Ghana is an example of the

Civil Service Offers Jobs

Jobs are open for employment with the office of the Federal Housing Administration, (F.H.A.), U. S. Civil Service Examiners announced last week.

All individuals desiring to apply for jobs associated with designing and construction in future employment should address their applications to: Executive Secretary, Bd. of U. S. Civil Service Examiners/

Federal Housing Administration Federal Office Building, 167 N. Main St., Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

Employment with the Federal Government usually presents the opportunity to get a job on the basis of personal merit, and is generally free of discrimination. To find out what jobs are being offered, call the Federal Housing Administration in Jackson, Mississippi.

mutual feeling between Meredith and Africa of wanting to know each other.

A Song For James Meredith

I've got troubles;
That I can't lose;
Single and doubles—
So I sing the blues.

But why sing blues
In times like this,
When Meredith's walking
Into Ole Miss?

Chorus:

The world can't be
All lousy and wrong
When men like Meredith

Stride along.

The men on top
Act smooth and clean;
The men below,
Dirty and mean;

But one man stands
Firm and straight,
And all the guards
Shrink from the gate.

Chorus:

The world's a-moving
Let's move too!
As Meredith did,
May millions do.

—The Ghanaian Times,
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Retraining--The Only Ultimate Solution

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who have no shoes wrap their feet in old sheets and often stay home from school because they have no shoes to walk to the schoolhouse."

The impoverished condition of Negro families in the state is reflected in the infant mortality rate for Negro babies. In 1961 50 out of every 1,000 Negro babies died before they were one year old. This is twice the mortality rate of white babies in the state.

Dennis observed that poverty reproduces itself from generation to generation. "With little money for food and clothes parents keep their kids out of school to earn what they can in order for the family to survive," Dennis stated. Deprived of an education, they face the same prospect of low-paying employment that is the lot of their parents.

Automation—No Relief

For farm workers "This season was even worse than last year," Dennis remarked. "We had a dry cotton picking season, which meant that machines did more of the work

and the day-haul workers took home less pay."

Dennis emphasized that job training is the only ultimate hope for the children of poverty. "Yet the state refuses to conduct any retraining program for Negro citizens. It won't even take federal money because it fears that programs would be integrated," he said.

Dennis foresaw the possibility of COFO job training classes to be held at planned community centers in Negro communities throughout the state. "If we can't get help, we will have to cope with the problem ourselves," he declared.

What Can You Do?

But to meet the immediate problems of cold and hunger the Emergency Welfare and Relief Committee needs the help of all concerned persons. "We appeal to everyone to send us warm clothing, canned goods, vegetables, meat, and staples so that we can continue our free distribution relief program." Packages should be sent to 1017 Lynch St., Jackson, Miss.

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Former Peace Corps Member Says

Prison Conditions Reflect Society

(Editor's Note: This article is the personal account of 30 days in the city jail in Natchez, Mississippi, written by a former 2nd Lt. in the U. S. Army, and member of the Peace Corps.

Arrested on criminal charges when he attempted to use a "white" restroom at a service station, Ware claims a policeman "blasted" him across the mouth with a night stick and "shattered" his front teeth.

Ware is making an appeal for sufficient funds to hire a lawyer of his choosing for his defense.)

A day in a white man's jail, such as in Natchez—where the Old South still lives—a phrase found frequently in Natchez tourist pamphlets—is the "d----- place I'd ever want to be." On September 20, 1963, I spent the first of my 29 days.

A sense of unrelieved depression overcomes you as you are led by big burly policemen into a dungeon-like basement. Once you've recovered from the rudeness of the "nigger" calling policemen and the nerve shattering sound they make by slamming tight the steel bars which cut you off from the rest of society, you are clearly in no mood to believe what is unmis-

takably before your eyes: two very real steel bunks intended as beds.

City Too Poor

Apparently the city is too poor to provide mattresses, pillows, sheets, and showers. Anyway you brace yourself for the most miserable experience of your life as you prepare to spend your first night sleeping on steel.

During the first week several prisoners were, at different times, put in the cell with me. I talked to them about freedom. I explained to those who were charged with drunkenness that it would be impossible to get drunk in a bar if police were honestly enforcing the state's anti-liquor law.

Isolated

To be expected, after about two weeks, I was isolated from the rest of the prisoners and put in a cell normally used for white women.

None of the Negro trusties were supposed to talk to me, I was told. One trusty who acted as a police informer pretended to befriend me. I gave him a written message which he said he had delivered. Later, I

learned that the message was never delivered.

No Rights

The policeman's attitude towards Negroes in jail can be summarized briefly: "You ain't got no rights. Become a nigger and live." they constantly threatened to beat and kick someone, and two Negroes were hit by police while I was there. Negroes are not normally allowed to make a telephone call

or brush my teeth. When the chief finally asked whether I wanted to take a bath, I refused because I expected to get out the following day. The Chief then invited a Negro trusty into my cell who placed me upon his shoulders, and carried me across the street to the county jail where I was given a shower against my will. I did not co-operate—not even by removing my clothes. They were taken off by

customed to my silence. The police chief, after promising the Negro trusty a dollar for giving me a shower, said to the trusty, "You see him. He's an educated nigger. He ain't going to talk to you because you are colored. He ain't going to talk to me because I am white."

Separate—and Unequal

I would guess that about 10 Negroes were jailed for every white. Facilities were segregated. One could expect, keeping in mind the South's paternalism, that whites were never made trusties. I understand that some of the "white" cells had fountains of running water. The "black" cells had none.

Society's Mirror

After you are in jail for a while, you begin to wonder, to re-evaluate the people who control your community. What kind of a community is it that tolerates a jail such as the one in Natchez? How much do conditions inside the jail reflect the attitudes of the ruling white class. For jails which are operated lawlessly, and which treat black criminals as "niggers" can only breed lawlessness. They can never hope to imprison the ignorance and violence of this white society.

Trusties Not To Be Trusted

When I got to jail, my lips were bleeding because the policeman had hit me with a stick in my mouth. I asked for and was refused permission to call a lawyer. I refused to tell police anything about myself. I was locked up. A trusty approached me and I asked him to make a long distance phone call collect. Since neither he nor I had a pencil, I used my finger as a pen, and blood from my lips as ink in order to write down the name and number of the person to be called. The trusty said he had called the number. I learned later from a friend that he had not.

when jailed. They are required to beg or no telephone call.

Forced in Shower

For 27 days I was not allowed to take a bath, wash my hands

the trusty. Police have a habit of looking into the cell and asking everyone, "What's your name, horse?" They soon became ac-

Letter To The Editor

Reader Complains To President About Army Base Segregation

(Ed. Note: The Free Press is read regularly by many individuals outside Mississippi who show a deep concern for our struggle for freedom. The following letter to the editor indicates this concern and demonstrates that people in the rest of the country are willing to join our struggle.

Their voices can be of great importance in persuading local and national politicians to put forth more effort in combatting the denial of civil rights.)

Dear Friends: When I read articles like the one ARMY STILL SEGREGATED in the December 28, 1963, issue, I realize that the Free Press really does provide me

with a news source that is not elsewhere available.

I thought that you would be interested in the enclosed three letters that I sent to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the U. S. Civil Rights Commission, with a copy of your article.

I have not gotten replies as yet, but of they are interesting or important, I will send copies of the replies to you.

Sincerely, Charles P. Forbes Dayton, Ohio

(Ed. Note: The following is the letter Mr. Forbes sent to President Johnson. Letters to the Secretary

of Defense and the Civil Rights Commission were of similar nature.)

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a photocopy . . . of an article from the MISSISSIPPI FREE PRESS, headlined "Army Still Segregated."

In it there is a report of alleged segregated eating facilities, maintained by the U. S. Army for persons undergoing induction and pre-induction physicals from the Army.

If the facts stated are true, there is cause for concern by Americans. For it means that clear and just orders from the President and high military officers are being ignored. And the area of concern is one that is vital today. Such action by the Federal Government, or any single person acting in its name, damages all Federal efforts for Civil Rights.

It is clearly possible that incidents like this will happen. But upon attention being brought to responsible authorities, they should be stopped and persons responsible removed from a command where they can be in a position to further damage the cause of justice or the good record of the Federal Government in Civil Rights.

I would very much appreciate hearing as to whether there has been an appropriate investigation (the article indicates that a complaint has already been registered to the Adjutant General), whether the charges were substantiated, and action taken to correct this situation and others like it (for it is unlikely that this is a totally isolated case).

I will look forward to hearing from you, or your staff.

Sincerely, Charles P. Forbes

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January 12 marks the first Sabin Oral Sunday, a program designed to "wipe out polio completely from this area," sponsored by the Central Medical Society.

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S.O.S. clinics in Jackson are: Hill Jr. & Sr. High, Isabel, Lanier, Smith Elementary, Robertson, Brown, Marrison, and Young Elementary in Tougaloo. Clinics in Hinds County are: Mixon Junior High, Edwards, Rueben, Carver, Sumner, Clinton, West Side Elementary & Jr. High, and Perryman Jr. High.

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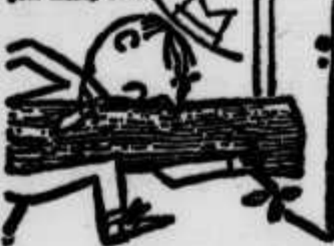
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SNCC Protests Army Jim Crow

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has asked Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to "act immediately to halt discrimination in the processing of (army) inductees in Jackson, Mississippi."

The protest telegram was issued after McArthur Cotton, a SNCC worker, was refused service at the Air Base Grill here in Jackson, while he was tak-

ing a physical examination.

When Cotton protested the segregation of government facilities to officers there, he was told, the induction center cafeteria "is a city establishment and not controlled by the government."

The telegram asked, "Will the Army act to halt Jim Crow aimed at those who are fighting to bring democracy to this country?"

No Money, No Food; No School, No Job

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count. He keeps saying 'I'll get to it' but he never does."

And The Noose Tightens

Bailey is further kept in the dark by the owner's refusal to show him how he determines what he owes. "At the end of each season when its time to settle up, he reads off the expenses for plowing, fertilizer, and so forth, and then he says, 'I'll give you . . .'"

"That's why he's got the rope around my neck. He won't tell me how he figures the bill," Bailey stated.

For Bailey and his family of seven children, the upshot of this is an impoverished way of life. "We wouldn't get by if I didn't raise some vegetables and chickens on my farm," he declared. But what little food he can raise is never enough.

Cold and Poor

Bailey's home also shows the marks of poverty. "It leaks when it rains, and its

cold in the winter. I worried the owner for a long time about fixing it. I offered to do the work myself for free if he would supply the materials, but he wouldn't do it," Bailey said.

To supplement his income Bailey worked at carpentry when he wasn't forced to work in the fields. "But the work is irregular and I only make about \$150-\$160 between December and March," Bailey said.

Poor But Determined

Yet despite Bailey's economic squeeze he is not afraid to participate in civil rights activities. He was among the hundreds of Leflore County citizens who attempted to register to vote during the drive last spring.

He presented his situation to the Advisory Committee of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission. Citing his low income despite good crops, he requested an investigation to find out where his earnings of the past six years have gone.

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