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## No Horn For 4000 — Too White

Ben, Lil Joe Follow Hoss

Al Hirt, "America's greatest trumpet showman, joined the 'Bonanza' stars in refusing to appear before a segregated audience.

The New Orleans trumpeter and his jazz group cancelled their engagement at the Mississippi Coliseum last Saturday night just a few minutes before show time.

Since Hirt was the featured attraction of the evening, his cancellation left an audience of over 4,000 with little reason for sitting in the Coliseum. Gradually people picked up their

belongings and filed out, and by nine o'clock on Saturday night the Coliseum was empty and dark.

Hirt's refusal marks the third protest against Mississippi's "way of life" by out-of-state entertainers in less than a month. Just one week ago, Dan Blocker, star of "Bonanza," cancelled his engagement at the Mississippi Industrial Exposition. He was later joined by the two other top stars of the television show.

Together with Blocker, who plays "Hoss"; Mike Landon, known as "Little Joe"; and Lorne Green, who plays the father "Ben Cartwright"; the stars submitted a joint statement to radio

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# Poll Tax Outlawed

## The 24th Amendment

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice-President, for electors for President or Vice-President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

Section 2. The congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## Only Effects Fed. Votes Don't Lose That Receipt

The 24th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution banishing the collection of poll tax in federal elections has been ratified.

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Amending the Constitution requires the approval of three-fourths of our 50 state legislatures. Last Week South Dakota completed the long process of state approval when it became the 38th state to pass the

resolution.

Last weeks action insured that the Presidential election this year would be the first in the United States without a poll tax in any state.

Although the present amendment is a step forward in ending voting restrictions in the South, the amendment cannot prevent states from continuing to require voters to pay poll taxes in state election.

Mississippians will still have to fight for fair voting laws when electing state officials.



March Despite  
Rain, Threats—  
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# Forrest Co. Folks Want To Vote

## Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR . . .

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SOCIAL JUSTICE . . . IN MISSISSIPPI

### Johnson Inaugural Address: History Or Hoax?

Last week, as we listened to the Johnson inaugural address, it gradually became clear to us that Mississippians were witnessing either political history in the making or an old political hoax. Either/or . . . but even these alternatives were unexpected.

Governor Paul B. Johnson was speaking for the first time in his own right as the state's Chief Executive. What he said did not follow the lines of the Barnett regime: Johnson did not recall any of his predecessors' propaganda. The white supremacist overtones that sounded throughout the Johnson campaign were not only forgotten, they were replaced with an oath of dedication for all citizens; "I would point out to you that the Mississippi economy is not divisible by political party or faction, or even by race, color or creed. As of this hour, Paul Johnson is working for everybody with every resource at his command."

As a political stand, this seemed to us too good to be true, and we will still have to be shown equality in the state's economic program before we will believe such a statement. The national news services, however, decided this was history. They called the Johnson address "moderate." Several other liberal voices here agreed. One sentence was widely quoted: "Hate, or prejudice, or ignorance will not lead Mississippi while I sit in the governor's chair."

In many ways, Johnson's inaugural address reflects an earlier politician—a "moderate" Johnson who lost in his three previous attempts for the governor's chair. For as a political investment, speculators did not really bank with Johnson until after he physically blocked the federal marshals who had been charged to enroll James Meredith at the University of Mississippi. Johnson "stood firm," and his political stock soared.

On inauguration day, of course, a winning politician is as free from the men who supported his future as he is ever going to get. And it may well be that this freedom—the right to finally act as the Chief Executive of Mississippi—gave Johnson the opportunity to return to his earlier politics of moderation.

Whatever the case, the address sounded new, and it brought to the arena of Mississippi politics an outlook that has long been missing: "I will say to you that you and I are part of this world, whether we like it or not."

"We are Americans as well as Mississippians," Johnson continued. "We are at this moment in the mainstream of national life." National policies have direct bearing on our economy, on our political freedom, on our daily living, whether we like it or not."

As for us, we are waiting for state action to supplement these words before we decide whether they are history or hoax.

But there is one final note: Paul B. Johnson is the only man ever to take a governor's oath with a federal court charge of criminal contempt hanging over his head. Under those conditions, who wouldn't be moderate?

### Now It's Beginning To Hurt Both Ways

It appears as though a precedent has been established that anybody that is anybody in the entertainment field does not perform in Jackson to segregated audiences. The 'Hootenanny USA' group earlier this year, the Bonanza stars, and now Al Hirt have all refused to have anything to do with the system of segregation.

So now, some of the white folks know what it is like to have the right to enjoy something kept from them.

Under the circumstances, we bet that they do not like the system any better than we do. Let's get together and do something about it.

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### Without Arrests

## 300 In Hattiesburg Demand Ballot Rights

Taking a giant step toward freedom, over 300 citizens staged a successful protest at the Forrest County Courthouse to demand the right to vote in Hattiesburg, last week.

Unified by COFO (Council of Federated Organizations), 51 ministers from out of state joined the citizens of Hattiesburg in picketing the courthouse with signs and freedom songs.

#### No Arrests

The demonstrations mark the first time that protest picketing was unhampered by police arrests and intimidation in the history of the civil rights movement in Mississippi.

Lasting for three days, the number of Negro citizens lining up on the steps of the Courthouse waiting to register and pay poll taxes snowballed.

#### Will Continue

"We will continue to demonstrate until we can get the majority of Negroes in Forrest County registered," declared voter registration worker Donna Moses.

The demonstration began in an attempt to force Forrest County registrar, Theron Lynd, to register Negroes.

#### Allowed To Register

Due to the participation of the ministers and national newspaper and television coverage, the demonstrators were allowed to picket peacefully, and Hattiesburg citizens were allowed to register.

"We feel that city officials didn't want any publicity about violence and injustice. They took the strategy of not arresting anyone. But as soon as the min-



isters leave, we think that arrests will take place. The ministers from out of state have

acted as a pressure which has prevented the police from stopping us," Moses stated.

#### Four At A Time

Negroes were admitted into the courthouse four at a time. "By the end of the week, approximately 150 Negroes had filled out the registration forms," Moses said.

Richards explained that the number of Negroes who passed the test is unknown. The applicants were permitted to fill out anyone. But as soon as the min-

they would know if they passed the test after 30 days.

Out of the 7,400 Negroes of voting age in Forrest County, only 12 are registered voters according to the 1961 Civil Rights Commission Report. "It has been as difficult for voter registration workers to operate in Hattiesburg as it has been for Negroes to register there," Moses stated. Workers have faced continuous arrests, she explained.

"The fact that there were no arrests in Hattiesburg represents a significant breakthrough in the Civil Rights movement."

### Court System

## Circuit Courts Play Crucial Role In Dixie

The federal appeal courts were established in 1925 when it became apparent that the Supreme Court of the United States was carrying a burden that it could not uphold. At that time the Supreme Court, the highest court of appeal in our land, was three years behind in its work.

Obviously, intermediate courts of some kind had to be established. To solve this problem the United States was divided into 10 judicial circuits and an additional one for the District of Columbia. Each district has a court of appeals with a bench that seats from three to nine judges, 78 in all.

#### Supreme Court's Helpers

In our own district, circuit 5, the appeal court is located in New Orleans, Louisiana. Like the Supreme Court itself, the federal circuit courts are appeal courts. In other words, cases are not heard for the first time in these courts, instead, these courts review decisions disputed in the lower courts. A court of this kind which hears appeals only is called an appellate court.

Like all other courts exercising the judicial power of the United States, the appeal courts are designed to handle many types of cases. Their proper function is merely to reduce the amount of work that the Supreme Court must perform,



not to provide a more local or regional kind of justice.

However, it appears that the opposite is sometimes the case. For although appeal court judges are appointed by the president of the United States, these appointments must be approved in the Senate. Thus, the president is often forced to accommodate local and regional sentiment in order to gain the Senate's consent.

Federal courts exist to handle cases that could not be properly treated in the state courts. For example, when there are disputes between two states, legal settlement can only

be reached in a federal court. In the same way, whenever state law exists in opposition to federal laws, there must be federal courts available to determine the law of the land. Cases of this nature are presently being appealed to fight school segregation laws in Mississippi.

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## Vocational Guidance

# Local Dentist Outlines Job Skills

Most of us probably remember a time when the thought of a dentist and the thought of pain were not easy to separate. The community dentist was a man children disliked, and most adults stayed away from his office until absolutely driven there by the misery of a toothache.

Modern dentistry, however, has worked steadily to overcome these attitudes with new methods and changing techniques. Today's dentist must demonstrate to patients that regular checkups and regular visits to his office will result not only in less pain, but in a far better state of general health.

Here in Jackson, one of the young dentists working to effect this change is Charles E. Leonard. Last week, in order to find out about the skills and training necessary for today's dentistry, the FREE PRESS interviewed Dr. Leonard, 1961 graduate of McHarry Medical College in Nashville.

"A pre-dental student must be able to work well with his hands," Dr. Leonard stated. "Without dexterity, even the most intelligent will fail."

### Makes Patients At Ease

In addition, a good dentist must know how to work with people. He must have the ability to win the confidence of his patients. "We must recognize a patient's anxieties, but at the same time we must work to

break these anxieties down. It is not always easy," he smiled.

The dental profession recognizes that a wide range of human knowledge works to good advantage in private practice. In recent years, dental schools have considered degrees in science and the humanities with equal favor. A college degree, however, is not required for admission to dental school. "Certainly, anyone's chances for admission improve with a B.S. or B.A. degree," Dr. Leonard said, "but completion of a junior college program or two years in a liberal arts school are sufficient for entrance."

### Aptitude For Dentistry

Regardless of the number of college years that are completed, however, a general aptitude test must be taken before admission to dental school. The test is administered at various centers throughout the country. For students in Mississippi, the nearest such center is the University of Tennessee.

One section of this test, Dr. Leonard recalled, required carving a chalk-like material into different forms. Abilities in reading and retention, mathematics and basic sciences, are also tested.

Graduation from dental school requires a four-year training program. Additional training as an intern for a period of one year is generally considered a



**Dr. Charles E. Leonard, D.D.S.,** is one of Jackson's younger dentists facing the challenges of today's dentistry. Pointing to the need for newcomers in the profession, Leonard stated, "There are many areas in Mississippi where there are virtually no dentists. Many communities here could support a person full-time."



Dr. Leonard, explains some of the uses of modern equipment in dentistry. Although training requirements sometimes change Leonard said, "basic personal requirements for a dentist remain the same; that is, a pair of good hands and an ability to work well with people."

necessity. For many graduates, internship will lead to a career in residency rather than private practice. Such a dentist might specialize in dentistry for children, or he might work exclusively in oral surgery.

### Private Practice

The majority of dental school graduates, however, begin private practices throughout the country. The step is not an easy one. New equipment for a one chair, one unit office will cost from seven to ten thousand dollars.

Establishing a working practice is a task that can vary enormously. "You can settle in a small community," Dr. Leonard said, "and in one day everyone will know you are there. On the other hand, you could begin in a city and it would take five years.

### No Training In State

"There are still many areas in Mississippi where there are hardly any dentists," Dr. Leonard stated. "The real problem here is the state's complete lack of training facilities. So long as our professional young men and young women must train out of state, they will find opportunities out of state. There are not enough new dentists in Mississippi to replace the men who have given years of service and retire from practice."

Dr. Leonard is a native Mississippian. He attended high school in Greenwood and won a football scholarship to Florida A&M. At the time, Dr. Leonard had not yet decided to enter the dental profession. At Florida A&M he earned a degree in

physical education, then Dr. Leonard returned to his home town of Greenwood to coach high school basketball and football.

Three years later, however, Dr. Leonard made his decision to return to Florida A&M for pre-dental work. In 1961, he

received his D.D.S. degree from McHarry Medical College and began a one-year training and internship program at Hubbard Hospital. The year as intern gave Dr. Leonard enough experience for private practice and marked an end to his formal training.

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# SPORTS

## Tigers Send Texas Packing In Defeat

by Emmett Morris

A determined Jackson State squad downed the Tigers of Texas Southern University 119 to 107 last Saturday night.

Throughout the first half neither team could hold a winning margin. Despite strong scoring efforts by Jerry Yarbrough (13 points) and Austin Dumas (10 points) the lead shifted back and forth between the teams without a real break for either. The score at half-time was Jackson 46, Texas 44.

The beginning of the second half marked the turning point in the ball game. Within the first four minutes of play, the Jackson State Tigers jumped to a 10 point lead. The Jackson rally was spurred by Yarbrough, Dumas, and Bob Frith. Texas Southern was never able to close the gap, and the steady effort of the Jackson State offense could not be matched.

With only six minutes left in the game Frith drove down the court and laid up point number



101. Seconds later he stole the ball and was right back for 103. Texas had 84, and the fans went wild.

In the closing minutes of the game Texas Southern made a final thrust against the Tigers, but the attempt came too late. The Texas team ended up a full 12 points behind.

High point man for Jackson was Jerry Yarbrough whose hard-working effort resulted in a 31 point total. High point man for Texas Southern was Batise, who scored a total of 35 points.

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## Jim Hill Tigers

# Outrunning Opponent Is Tiger's Secret Of Success

What makes the Jim Hill five click? Is making baskets as easy as they make it seem?

What could be the problems of a team that operates like clockwork? To find out, the FREE PRESS interviewed four of the starting five Tiger varsity players.

"One of our greatest difficulties is rebounding strength," stated the 6' 5½" giant of the Tigers, Alfonso Denson. "Mostly we depend upon running our opponent down," he said.

Denson, the captain of the Tigers, averages about 16 points a game despite his problem of fouling. "Usually, I have about 3 or 4 fouls a night. This is the cause of not scoring as much as I could," he said.

In the recent Greenville game Denson seemed to have overcome his problems by fouling only once and by pulling down 15 rebounds.

### My Problem Is Your Problem

The FREE PRESS soon began to realize that each player emphasized his own problems when asked about the general problems of the team.

Marshall Ray Evans, for example, seemed to think that the team's biggest block was "getting ready." The 6' 4" Evans has the reputation of being the Tiger sparkplug. "Like when we go to a big game," Evans continued, "we seem to have trouble getting started."

For a player who averages 24 points a game, getting started really seems to be no problem. Evans was high scorer at the Greenville game where he totaled 31 points.

When asked about his toughest team and opponent, Evans stated, "The toughest team I think we've faced is Lanier High School." Evans explained that he had difficulty getting around Lanier's big forward Willie Watts.

**Shorter Shots—More Points**  
Earl Smith, Tiger forward,

signalled out that the team's weakest point was shot accuracy. "Last year we ended the season with a 84% accuracy in shooting. This year we are shooting around 80%.

"We have a good offensive team, but we could score more if we took shorter shots," Smith said.

"My problem is defense," he continued, "I believe I could do better. I'm doing drills and everything to improve." Smith averages 14 points a game.

The two starting guards of the Tigers were described by one of their teammates as "the smallest and about the best scoring guards in the state."

### Small But Mighty

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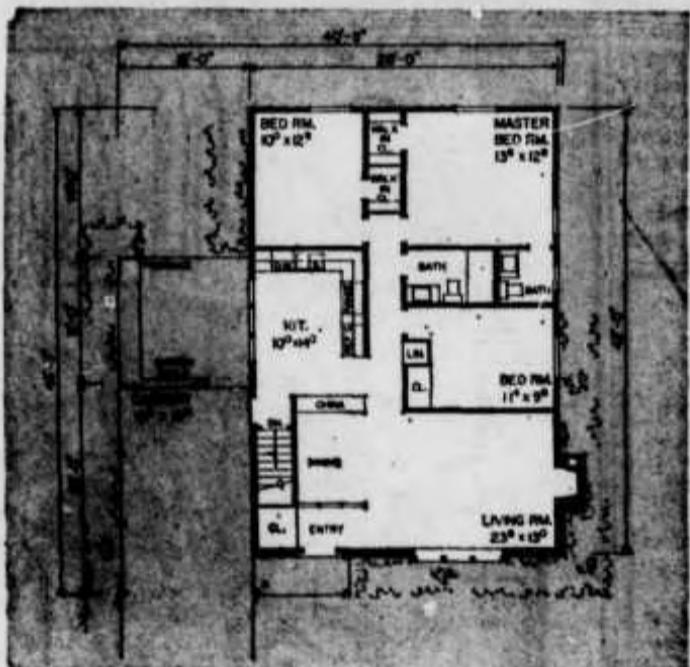
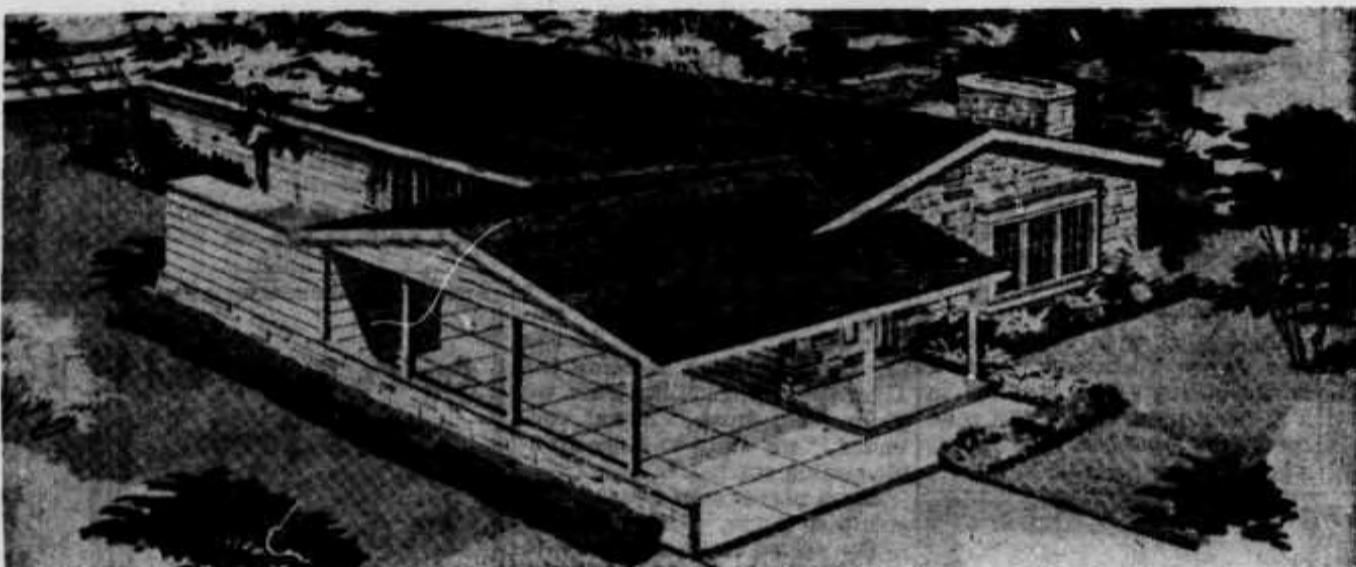
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# There Must Be No Race, Jones Says

"If a church discriminates, then that church denies the essential fellowship of God," stated Dean Charles Jones of Campbell College at the second Workshop on Race last Sunday.

Speaking on "The Bible, The Church, and Race," Jones attacked the biblical interpretations of various Southern leaders and ministers who use "the bible as a tool for dividing man."

Dean Jones used excerpts from the bible to prove that opinions and statements about Negro inferiority were baseless according to the bible.

"If you read the bible well, you will find that unity and equality are foremost throughout the bible," Jones stated.

Jones explained that the bible and the church were being used to foster man's opinion rather than the word of God. He emphasized that, "If at any point the bible is used for other than to bring man into unity with God, then the bible is being misused."

Commenting that the church has been silent in regard to

race, Jones stated, "The church in the area of race has not taken clear, strong positions. They have made long and wordy statements," he continued, "but they have not acted.

"The church has not said to its communities that the church cannot foster or allow among them those who believe in the racial differences of man."

Jones took his stand on the belief that "segregation is a sin because it divides that which is created in the image of God."

"Each member must assume the responsibility of overcoming this problem," he went on to say.

"If we must make a statement on race, we must finally say that there can be no race whatsoever."

The Workshop on Race is sponsored by Womanpower Unlimited. "A Closed Society Within America, Land of Opportunity" will be the topic of the next session, led by a panel of community leaders, Sunday, February 2, at Pearl Street AME Church, 4:00 p.m.

## Services Held For Lorenzo Moman



Funeral services were held for Mr. Lorenzo Moman, long-time Jackson resident and member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Moman died on Monday, January 20th at St. Dominic's Hospital here in Jackson.

Mr. Moman is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah C. Moman, a step-mother, five brothers and three sisters.

"If every minister in the pulpit would preach the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and that out of one blood, God make all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth . . .

If all preachers would preach that there is no separation in Heaven, and that there will be neither marrying nor giving away in Marriage in Heaven, but that we will all be as angels . . .

If every preacher would preach the true gospel, even though many of them would be forced to leave town, not to return to their pulpits . . . This would be a better city and state to live in." Rev. S. V. Thomas.

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**FREEDOM WRITER**

## System Hurting Mayor?

Andy Mitchell

You know, the Mayor of Jackson gets excited pretty quickly. As soon as someone begins to discriminate against him he blows his top.

Take a look at this scene, that might have happened last month.

A Negro Leader: I think its time that we sat down together and ironed our problems out.

Mayor: I won't have no sit ins in my office.

Negro Leader: No, don't get excited, we just want to present you with our point of view.

Mayor: (Shouting to his assistants) Call the F.B.I. These Nigras are trying to take over. Give em an inch and they take a mile. Call my tank driver!

Negro leader: It wouldn't pay

to become so excited. There's a boycott going on.

Mayor: Are you trying to intimidate me?

And he goes on and on.

Well, I wonder what the mayor will do now since Al Hirt cancelled his performance at the coliseum last week.

He already hit the ceiling when he found out that the Bonanza stars weren't showing up. Calling for a "selective viewing" campaign which is supposed to put NBC television out of business.

But that's not all. He's going to find out the names and addresses of everyone who owns an automobile in Mississippi. This is supposed to put General Motors out of business.

There's only one way that this scene can end. "Conservative" Mississippians will have no television shows to watch, no cars to ride, and no place to go. Exactly like us.

Two Negro girls from Tougaloo tried to attend the reception tea for Governor Johnson. They

tried to ignore the stares of the people standing in line with them before entering by casually reading a newspaper.

But they weren't ignored for long. About 8 policemen held a conference and then decided that the girls had to leave.

What ever gave them the idea that Negro Mississippians could attend the reception of a Mississippi Governor? Especially, when the reception was open to the public?

So they let us register in Hattiesburg . . . But what about in Canton, and in Jackson, and in Yazoo, and in Meridian, and in . . .

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  15. White Auto Store, 172 Liberty St.
  16. Frank Johnson Grocery, Farmhaven, Mississippi.
  17. Camden Supermarket, Camden, Miss.
  18. Henry Starling's Cafe, Cameron St.
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  21. Liberty Supermarket, N. Liberty St.
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### MADISON COUNTY MOVEMENT

## Nobody's Coming

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station WJQS, sponsor of the show, telling of their withdrawal.

"Notwithstanding your representation to the contrary," the trio stated, "we have been advised that the state coliseum will be in fact segregated. Unless you can demonstrate to us without equivocation that our information is incorrect, this will constitute our notice of withdrawal."

### Mississippi Freeze-Out

Al Hirt, latest performer to protest racial policies here, was severely criticized for his "last minute" cancellation. Hirt pointed out, however, that information concerning seating arrangements at the coliseum did not reach him until a few minutes before he was scheduled to appear.

The jazz musician added that if he had known earlier about Jackson's racial policies at the

coliseum, he would have cancelled earlier.

As it was, the information reached Hirt through the determined and almost single-handed effort of Austin Moore, Chairman of Cultural and Artistic Committee of Tougaloo College.

In a telegram sent to Hirt late Saturday afternoon of the day of the performance, Moore stated, "Your performance this evening at the Mississippi Coliseum will serve the purpose of perpetuating the vicious system of segregation in Jackson."

"We speak in behalf of many Negro citizens who would like to attend your performance in dignity but are prevented from doing so by the city's racial policies."

"Other groups, including Hootenanny USA and Bonanza, have cancelled their scheduled performances for this reason. We urgently request that you cancel also."

## 91 Jurors Elude Evers Murder Trial

The trial of Byron De La Beckwith opened last Monday morning with a jury selection process that bogged down immediately. Of the 200 persons picked as prospective jurors, 91 were not located or were excused because of illness. Selection of the jury is expected to run at least for the duration of this week.

In an interview with CBS Television, Mr. Charles Evers answered sharply to rumors of "open warfare" between White and Negro extremists in the

event of failure to bring a conviction against Beckwith. "I did not predict there would be 'open warfare,'" Mr. Evers said.

"It is true that my brother was well-loved and respected by the Negro community here. It is also true that a trial that did not result in justice would be most disturbing to them, but there is no cause to believe that Negro citizens would do anything which would bring discredit upon themselves, their organizations, or the memory of their hero."

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In response to the arrest of 15 voter registration workers, and local citizens, a damage suit will be filed against the city officials and the arresting policemen.

The suit is to be filed this week in a federal district court seeking damages for the denial of the right of freedom of speech. The court will also be asked to prevent the local officials from making such arrests in the future.

The 15 were arrested for violating Canton's new "anti-circular" ordinance, passed in an attempt to break the boycott.

The law requires permission from the Mayor or Police Chief be obtained for the distribution of any leaflets or handbills.

### Try To Break Boycott

The arrests came in the third week of a strong selective buying campaign against 21 stores and three products in downtown Canton. The boycott is aimed at winning respectful treatment of Negro customers and fair employment practices.

In a statement to the Chamber of Commerce, Negro leaders stated that the boycott expressed the "deep-seated resentment of your Negro customers at being insulted, ignored, and slapped around. We especially resent," they said, "the way our Negro women have been treated in your stores."

### Added Police

In addition to attempting to

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stop the boycott with the new law and arrests, local officials have increased the police forces of Canton and Madison County. Also two local men who had been making improvements on the community center, the base of civil rights activity, were arrested for allegedly violating the building code.

Boycott leaders state that the white community's increase of intimidation and harassment reflects the strength and success of the boycott.

Dave Dennis, Assistant Program director for COFO, said "We must show the Mayor, the Sheriff, the Chief of Police,

along with the Chamber of Commerce, that they cannot ignore the laws of the United States, and that we will not support a system that denies us rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, particularly, in this instance, those of the 1st, 14th and 15th Amendments."

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