## Against Extremists We'll Protect Ourselves Evers Says 'Didn't Call For Violence'

Responding to a request by Charles Evers, Jackson police have begun to regularly patrol the area around the home of Mrs. Medgar Evers following attempts at intimidations by carloads of whites.

The intimidations began after the Fifth Circuit Court handed down a ruling which probably will mean that some students, including the Evers children will attend previously all white schools here in Jackson,

In a letter to the Jackson police, Evers requested that protection be provided or else Negroes would have to take the matter of protection into their own hands.

Earlier, it had been reported that Charles Evers had made a statement in a speech in Nashville, to the effect that non-violence will not work in Mississippi. Evers told the FREE PRESS that he had been mis-interpreted and that he had not meant that he advocated violence, but that extremists on both sides were nearing the point where violence was going to break out.

"I never have advocated violence," he stated.

Responding to what he thought would happen if Negroes had to resort to protecting themselves, he said, "Whatever needs to happen." He continued, "We are not going to continue to have our people beaten and kicked around anymore."

He said that he hoped that the concerned white leadership would begin to speak out against the extremists "on their side." He said he was bothered that so many "concerned white people" called him when they learned of the statement that they thought he had made in Nashville. "They don't like it when we sound like we are going to an extreme, but why don't they call up the white extremists." He said he was glad that "so many white people did think enough of him to call, however."

"It's in the rural areas where we especially will have to begin to protect ourselves," he said.

"In case anybody is interested, when we say that we are going to protect ourselves, we are legally operating under Article III, Section 12 of the Mississippi Constitution."

Several reports of extreme intimidations have been increasingly reported in Leake County where the public school integration suit will also take effect.

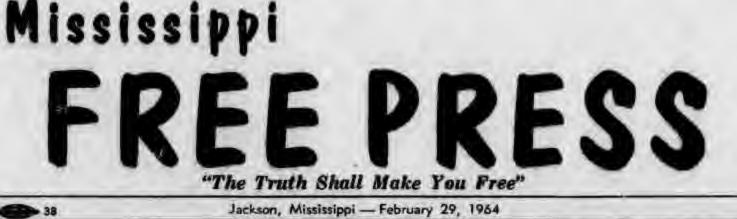
In Natchez an elderly Negro man who was stripped and beaten by hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan late Saturday night, February 15, has received further threats on his life.

Archie Curtis, 60, a Natchez undertaker, said he was lured to a deserted section of the city by an unidentified caller who told him a woman was dying of a heart attack.

Curtis was given directions to a deserted road and was told a man "with a lantern" would guide him to the stricken woman's home.

When he arrived at the road, he and his companion were ordered at piatol point to leave their car.

Both Negroes were forced to strip and were beaten with a strup.



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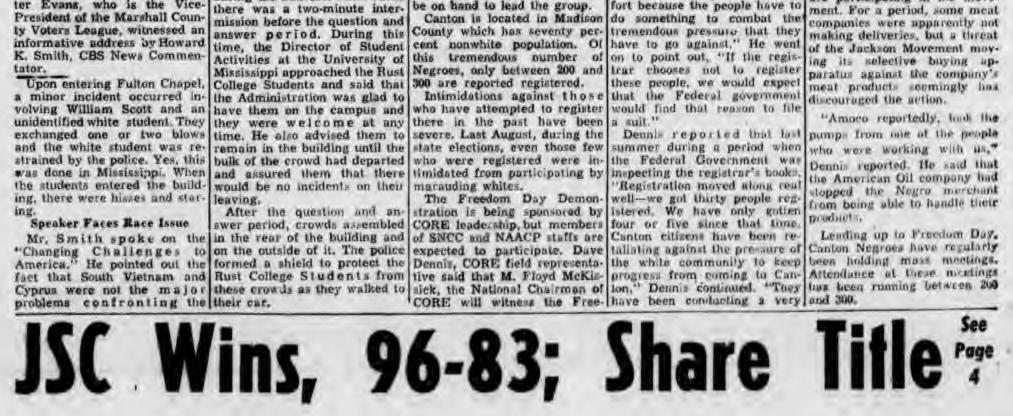
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### Nixon Warns **Against Negroes**

The past month has seen Richard Nixon widen his lead The past month has seen Richard Nixon widen his lead over other presidential hopefuls in the Republican party. The gallop poll reports that Nixon is presently the first choice of Republicans with 31 per cent of their vote. 29 per cent of the Independent voters also said they would vote for Nix on if he were a presidential candidate.

At the same time that Nixon has strengthened his support, however, political observers have noted a shift in Nixon's attacks on the Democratic party. Nixon's move has been roundly toward the right, and directly concerns the support that President Johnson has given to the civil rights struggle,

The factic was first introduced in a speech in Cincinnati, when Nixon tried to associate President Johnson with something called civil rights "extremism."

The political maneuver, according to reports, was carefully timed. In one midwestern city Nixon centered his attack upon those he called "extremist Negro leaders" using "irresponsible tactics"-the speech was given only 24 hours daily tasks we have been acafter a one-day boycott of city schools by civil rights groups in the area,

It is not known precisely what Mr. Nixon meant by "extremist" or "irresponsible" civil rights action. At one point in his speech, it appeared he meant that peaceful

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the optometrist must be under-stood in turn," Dr. White said, The optometrist, however, student, Dr. White stated that "so I strongly recommend good has a much more important a good basic knowledge of basic English for anyone considering optometry us their

field." Dr. White's own background, it should be added, includes well as in the science of optics. Born in Hattiesburg, Dr. White attended high school in Topcka, Kansas, and graduated from Telladega College in Alabama with a major in English.



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