

Hospital Segregation Challenged

Officials Attempt Stall

2 Negroes To Run For U.S. Congress

"At least 2,000" full time civil rights workers will conduct voter registration and political education programs in Mississippi this summer, according to civil rights worker Robert Moses.

The announcement of the "Mississippi Summer Project" came from a day-long conference of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) here last Sunday. COFO is a coalition of national and local civil rights groups working here in Mississippi.

COFO leaders said the "Freedom Summer" plans included recruiting 1,000 white and Negro college students to man "Freedom Schools," Community Centers and to work on a voter registration drive. The group will also run two Negroes for Congress in the state's 2nd and 5th Congressional Districts.

COFO Chairman Dr. Aaron Henry of Clarksdale, state NAACP head, said Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer of Ruleville would oppose Representative Jamie Whitten of Charleston in the 2nd District and Reverend John Cameron of Hattiesburg would oppose Representative William Colmer of Pascagoula in the 5th District. The two Negro candidates will also run in a "Freedom Primary" corresponding with the state's Democratic primary, COFO workers said.

If both lose, they plan to chal-

lenge the seating of the winning candidates. "We intend to challenge whether the country will permit people to be elected from districts where Negroes are not allowed to vote," COFO Program Director Moses said.

Moses, who has headed the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) vote drive here since 1961, and Dave Dennis of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) will head up the summer drive.

Moses and Dennis said the summer campaign would include:

FREEDOM SCHOOLS that will give youth and adults political education as well as courses common to a high school curriculum;

COMMUNITY CENTERS that will provide recreational facilities, instruction in pre-natal care, nutrition, job retraining, arts and craft classes, organized sports and libraries;

FREEDOM REGISTRATION that will register 400,000 Negroes on mock polling lists to "prove Negroes in Mississippi will register to vote if they are allowed to."

FREEDOM ELECTION held during the state's Democratic primary on June 2 to indicate Mississippi Negroes are not satisfied with present candidates;

Challenging the seating of Mississippi Congressmen on the floor of the House of Representatives on the basis that many Negroes are denied the right to vote in the state;

VOTER REGISTRATION drives that will attempt to register an added 25,000 Negroes;

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND WELFARE AID for Negroes who face job losses or evictions because of their participations in the vote drive.

Moses said the Freedom Schools, in addition to giving students a chance to learn subjects poorly taught in Mississippi's Negro schools, would teach the "politics of Mississippi" and would begin to build a core of educated leadership in the state.

Dennis and Moses said the Freedom Registration drive would try to register "more Negroes than could possibly register" under present discriminatory standards.

Dr. Henry said students were being recruited for the summer at 7 Freedom Centers located at Northern college campuses and in large cities.

COFO plans call for Freedom Summer operation in 29 locations scattered throughout the state's five congressional districts.

But New Ruling Assures No Bias

"They (the officials of University Hospital) admitted that they were powerless to abandon segregation policies," Reverend R. L. T. Smith told the FREE PRESS following an attempt to negotiate an end to Jim Crow at the hospital last week.

Rev. Smith, along with NAACP Field Secretary Charles Evers, and another Jackson minister Rev. James, had gone to the hospital officials to see if the hospital expected to comply with the recent Supreme Court decision which outlawed segregation in Federally financed hospitals.

In view of the circumstances, Rev. Smith said, "We see no other recourse than to refer the matter to the Federal Government to see that they conform with the ruling."

A telegram has been sent to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare demanding an immediate investigation of hospitals in Mississippi seeking and/or using federal funds while practicing discrimination. It is requested that all unused funds for discriminating hospitals be withheld until desegregation order are complied with. Funds already granted University for construction amount

to \$4,437,189. 3 million dollars for the main plant construction has already been used, but the remainder is still under construction. Federal funds for all other hospitals in Hinds county amount to \$1,254,801.

The Federal Government has approved \$305,600 for the Madison General Hospital in Canton which will cost \$413,400.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The U. S. Supreme Court swept away legal foundations for Jim Crow practices in 2,000 hospitals and medical facilities in eleven southern states, in a historic ruling.

The victory, won by attorneys of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, is one of the most crucial and far reaching since the 1964 school integration ruling.

These eleven southern states have received over a half billion federal dollars, to underwrite their segregationist practices, since passage of the Hill-Burton act in 1946.

Jack Greenberg, Legal Defense Fund director-counsel, who led the platoon of lawyers, said the high court's action "will put an end to keeping Negroes out of white hospitals."

Moreover, it will put an end to "segregating Negroes within hospitals and requiring them to give up their Negro doctors and hire white doctors if they want treatment," he went on.

Mr. Greenberg said the victory "will be an entering wedge for Negro physicians into the main stream of medical practice in the south."

"We wait to see whether the medical profession will voluntarily follow the law or whether a long hard process of litigation, such as we have had with schools, will be necessary," he said.

The struggle was joined when Dr. G. C. Simkins, Jr., one of the plaintiffs, wrote to officials of both the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital and the Wesley Long Hospital in March of 1960. Both are in Greensboro, North Carolina.

He pointed out that neither would admit Negro physicians and dentists. As a result, Negro patients desiring admission would have to discharge their Negro doctors or dentists.

Negro physicians, dentists and patients applied for posi-

tions and admission to the two hospital staffs and wards but were not accepted.

Racially segregated hospital facilities built with Hill-Burton money are located in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The Supreme Court expressed its opinion by refusing to review an appeal by the two Greensboro hospitals charged with discrimination after Legal Defense attorneys won the case in the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals last November.

The hospitals involved in this case, and many others in the south, have defended their racial policies on the ground that they were "private" and not subject to the Fourteenth Amendment. The Fourth Circuit decision rejected that argument.

The two Greensboro hospitals received money under the Hill-Burton Act, which forbids discrimination in general, but maintains a key clause:

"An exception shall be made in cases where separate hospital facilities are provided for separate population groups, if the plan makes equitable provision on the basis of need for facilities and services of like quality for each group."

This is the provision held invalid by the Fourth Circuit Court, whose action was left standing by the Supreme Court.

Canton Citizens Keep On Trying

CANTON, Miss.—Negro citizens of this community and Madison County, by their persistence, have demonstrated that they will not let a recalcitrant voter registration clerk or police intimidation keep them from attempting to register to vote.

Every day since "Freedom Day," Feb. 28, when 260 people lined up in front of the court house, groups of Negro citizens have appeared at the registrar's office to wait patiently for their turn. In spite of the fact that only four people have been placed on the ballot rolls, they continue to come.

The Negro baby born in America today . . . has a life expectancy seven years shorter (than) a white baby . . . born in the same place, on the same day.

John F. Kennedy, June 11, 1963

New Mt. Helm To Be Dedicated

Mt. Helm Baptist Church, one of the oldest churches in the city of Jackson and possibly in the state of Mississippi will have a dedication ceremony for their new church building which is located at East Church and Dreyfus. The public is invited to share this special service to be held from 3 until 4 p.m. Sunday March 29, 1964.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will hold its annual Regional Meeting at Mt. Helm March 26 and 27. On Friday, March 26 the Zetas will present the Mississippi Vocational College Concert Choir at 8 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy an evening of choral music.

Need For Negro Foster Homes

The Hinds County Welfare Department is greatly in need of Negro foster homes. Children are placed in foster care until a more permanent arrangement can be made. Due to the shortage of homes for infants, we are especially issuing an appeal to families interested in preschoolers.

Since infants require extra attention, we are seeking homes with less than three children already in the home, where a bedroom is available, where the mother is not working and is physically able to meet the demands of a baby, and couples under the age of 55 who are sincerely interested in the welfare of an infant.

Miss Nathalie Dunn, Hinds County Welfare Agent, requests that any couple who can meet the above requirements and are interested in having their home considered for an infant please call FL 3-4651 for further information.

Editorial Page

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Should Negro History Be Taught In Schools?

Two students from Lanier High School brought to us a problem that we thought the whole community would be interested in hearing about. In order to bring this problem to you in their own words, we have let them present their thoughts as a guest editorial. The Free Press welcomes such contributions.

The two students are Autry Jean Kenney and Alice Faye Lee.

Negro history is composed of achievements, endeavors, and deeds that they have contributed to society and history. It would be beneficial to the younger and older generations, as well, to know that our Negro ancestry has been equally as important as the other races in contributing to the society of man.

Many Negroes have gained recognition in politics, music, science, art, and literature; but most of their achievements have been put into shadows to be hidden from the world. This is evident in that we see nothing of these accomplishments in our history books.

Our race has done more than what we have read about in Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Looking around Lanier High School's campus we have heard several comments about the lack of Negro history at our school. One by Miss Bettye McFee is a good example. She says,

"I think that Negro history should be taught to let the world know what our ancestors have done. I feel that the Negro has come from a long way. Just look at their history in Mississippi. The Negro was once Governor of this state and holding other high offices at that time."

We have to say that we fully agree with Miss McFee's comments. Just wondering about some of these things made our parents begin to think along with us. One parent we asked had this to say:

"I read more about the Negro a couple of weeks ago because it was Negro History Week. I found a lot of interesting information that would be of great help to the younger generation to know."

Before I read the book, I wondered if any Negroes had participated in the Olympic Games. After reading the book, I found out that the Negro had won in practically every sport. There were more men participating than women in the early years, but when women did decide to take an interest in sports, they won awards also."

Pretty clearly, there is a great deal a lot of us do not know about the history of our own race. We think that that history should be taught in school. What do you think?

Choir Bus Trip Planned To N. O.

Come with us to New Orleans, Louisiana, Sunday, March 29, 1964, and spend the day with the Youth Choir of Pearl Street A.M.E. Church. This trip is for the purpose of a Concert.

The Youth Choir No. 1 of Pearl Street A.M.E. Church of Jackson, Mississippi, the Christian Four and the Youth Choir of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, (Concert and Radio Artist) will be presented in Concert, Sunday, March 29, 1964, 3:00 p.m. in the main auditorium of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2415 South Claiborne Avenue, Reverend L. Landrum, Jr., Pastor.

Busses will leave from Pearl Street A.M.E. Church March 29, 1964, 7:30 a.m., and on the return trip to Jackson, the busses will leave New Orleans at 7:00 p.m. For further information call FL 2-3273 or FL 2-6087.

Millions Miss \$'s Are You Too?

"Over 1,000,000 insured workers in the United States are over 65 and have not yet claimed their retirement payments," according to John F. Pate, district manager of the Jackson social security office. Thousands of them could get some checks each year if they would only apply for them.

Lack of understanding is the main reason so many people lose social security money, explained Pate. Some people think they cannot get payments if they have earnings after they are 65. This is not true, says Pate. He pointed out that even with earnings of more than \$1200 a year, many people can still get some payments.

As an example, he told of a man, over 65, who could get \$1200 a month in social security payments. Because he still made \$200 a month, he didn't think he could get any payments and didn't put in his claim. He lost \$480 a year.

"It's important to remember that no payments can be made until a claim is filed," said Mr. Pate. He urged workers over 65 to visit the social security office at 502 North Street, Jackson, Mississippi.



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THE FREEDOM WRITER—

By Andy Mitchell

It's How Long They Listen

You know who said this?

"In the name of the greatest people that have ever trod this earth, I draw the line in the dust and toss the gauntlet before the feet of tyranny and I say segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever."

That's right, it was Governor George C. Wallace, in January of 1963. I guess that he has had time to get a little of that dust in his mouth.

Alabama does not have complete segregation now, and it looks like they will not have segregation forever. But he's

still speaking, and he'll probably be speaking tomorrow, and at the rate he is going, probably about forever.

But for a politician, it isn't how long you keep talking that counts, it's how long people keep listening.

The Coahoma "Cryer"—the

newsletter of the Coahoma County Branch NAACP had a thoughtful quote:

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Five Jackson State College seniors and one junior have been nominated to receive summer study grants under the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in cooperation with the Southern Education Foundation Summer Scholarships Program. They are: John Bayne, senior from Kosciusko; Gladys January, junior of Jackson; Fred Lawrence McDowell, senior from Greenwood—all three are liberal arts English majors; Annie Pearl Moffett of Jackson, and Charles Ralph Morris from New Hebron. These students will have the opportunity to study at such universities as the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina, and the Universities of Texas, Tennessee, and Oklahoma.

Out of 70 grants made to colleges and universities throughout the United States under this program, Jackson State College was awarded five of them.

Fred Lawrence McDowell has also been awarded a fellowship grant for professional graduate study in religion by the Union Theological Seminary, New York City. This carries with it the privilege to elect courses in comparative literature at Columbia University. Mr. McDowell will begin study in September, 1964.

Henry Johnson, a member of the Class of 1962, will study under a fellowship grant at the School of Religion, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

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liams, James Benton, Arthur Sutton, Marion Moore, and Carl Wallace. Left to right, back row—Jerry Yarbrough, George Stribling, Leon Thomas, Howard Richardson, James Williams, Frank Hester, Jesse Williams, Lyvonne Leflore, Austin Dumas, and Robert Frith.

Ministers Give Holy Week Talks

Holy Week Services will be broadcast daily on local Radio Station WOKJ at 9:45 a.m. sponsored by members of the Methodist Ministers Alliance.

On Monday March 23, Rev. A. L. Johnson of Pratt Memorial will be the speaker; Tuesday, March 24, Rev. R. M. Richmond of Blair Street A.M.E.; Wednesday March 24, Rev. John Brandon of Campbell College; Thursday, March 25, Rev. R. M. Stevens of Campbell College. On Friday seven ministers will be featured in the "Seven Last Words of The Cross."

Joan Baez Sings At Tougaloo Apr. 5

Joan Baez, famed folk singer will perform at Tougaloo College April 5. Tickets for performance are \$1.50 for students and \$2.00 for adults. Tickets bought in advance are fifty cents cheaper. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

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