Still Trying-



FLOOR MANAGER for the civil rights bill, Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), left, confers with Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) on strategy to win passage of the measure over strong southern opposition.

Senate Keeps Talking How Can This Be?

Last Monday, the United of debating the Civil Rights more importance. Bill. Even though only a small minority of the Senators (17 or as long as he wishes. He is ted two speeches on each mo-18 of 100) are definitely against limited only by his own physition, which means more the bill, the bill still is not cal endurance. passed and will undoubtedly not be passed for many weeks avoid bringing a certain bill to How can this be? Just what is he is going to lose - he just Southerners out. This may hapthis filibuster?

members. Two from each of to get other Senators to change Rights Bill, too. Anytime, while the fifty states. In the House of their minds so tha other Senate a Senator is speaking, one of Representatives on the other business can be taken up. hand there are 435 members. Because of the great number in arch-segregationist Senators of the Senators are present. If the House, debate is limited to hope to drag the session out so there are not more than 50 Senjust five minutes per member. long that they will be able to ators readily available to an-This means that if everyone get other Senators to lose in-swer to their name when it is time, that debate would be soon other things. completed in a reasonable length of time and the matter Senators can talk as long as rest. To prevent this from hap-would be voted upon. The Civil they want, they are allowed to pening, the supporters of the Rights bill was passed in nine make only two speeches (in bill must continually have at

States Senate began its 41st day each of the members take on the Senate is still in session.)

When a Senator wants to filibustering Senators.

which they conclude even long

Because the Senate is smaller, enough to leave the floor while Anytime a new motion is made, Any Senator may speak for however, they are each permit-

It may appear as though it yet. Possibly several months, a vote because he knows that would be possible to wear the keeps talking. By continuing to pen. But there is a hardship for In the Senate there are 100 talk-by filibustering-he hopes the supporters of the Civil his fellow Senators can question In this way, the seventeen whether a quorum (a majority) wanted to talk their full limit of terest and get impatient to do called by the clerk then the Senate is automaticially adjourned Although each one of these -giving the speaker a nights (Continued on Page 4)

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American Revolution

Negro Patriot Given First Congressional Medal Of Honor

Colored Patriots of the Ameri- British arms. can Revolution), "we are to reflect upon them as far more magnanimous, because rendered to a nation which did not Massachusetts Regiment hasacknowledge them as citizens and equals. It was not for their ing Patriots. With this regiment own land they fought, not even was Peter Salem (born in Fram-for a land which had adopted ingham, Mass., about 1750) who them, but for a land which had was freed as a slave to enlist enslaved them, and whose laws, even in freedom, oftener op- Battle of Concord as a Minutepressed than protected. Brav-ery, under such circumstances, nas a peculiar beauty merit."

The encounters at Lexington and Concord in April, 1775, roused the New England colonies and, in the days that followed, some 16,000 Americans marched on Boston to protest against and resist any further British military expeditions. The Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia, acting for the 13 colonies, appointed George Washington "to command all the Continental forces." But before the General reached the camp forming around Boston, another collision between the Redcoats and the Patriots occurred on June 17.

Invincible Redcoats?

The opposing armies raced to who occupy two elevations which era. commanded the city. The colo-nists were first to reach and fortake the hill and, more impor-tant, welcomed the opportunity this first group. There is no fee to break the rebellion once and for registering for this activ-to break the rebellion once and for registering for this activ-

the Colored Patriots of the Rev- sault. This contempt for the on Bunker Hill. In one attack olution," Harriet Beecher Stowe fighting qualities of Americans Peter Salem reportedly killed said in the introduction to a was coupled with a pride in the the commander of marines, Ma-1855 book (William C. Nell, The heretofore invulnerability of jor John Pitcairn.

A heavy cannonading from both land and sea preceded the attack. About this time the First tened to reinforce the defendwas Peter Salem (born in Framand who had seen action at the

Several times the Redcoats

City-Wide Hunt On For Bugs

The YMCA is beginning an intensive search for "shutterbugs" in the age range 9-14 years old, who are lovers of cameras and shooting pictures. An interested, expert, adult has been found who has expressed a willingness to work with a limited number of persons on several phases of photography. He has expressed the desire to work with a small group.

Thus, the Association is anxious to learn of boys who have a genuine interest in the art and who own or can borrow a cam-

Call or come by the YMCA and give your name, address tify Bunker Hill—as it came to and phone number. The Club be called. The British com- will not get started immediatemanders realized they must but registrants will be notifigures. In 1882, the Town of

"In considering the services of not stand up to a full scale as- were repulsed in their assault Tuition Returned

Medal Of Honor

Negro Patriot Peter Salem received a special commenda- sis) from Goodman, made the tion for his heroism at Bunker Hill. The citation was signed by 14 of his white fellow officers and men, including Colonel William Prescott ("Don't fire until ages. In keeping with estabyou see the whites of their lished policy at Jackson State the next academic year. These eyes!"), the field commander of the battle: "Under our own ob- tation and will be refunded any servation, we declare that a Ne- tuition fees paid for the current gro man called Salem Poor . . . quarter, Misses Butler and Mc-glish, composition, mathemat-behaved like an experienced of-ficer as well as an experienced officer, as well as an excellent Hunt High School and Durant soldier. . . In the person of Attendance Center, respectivethis said Negro centers a brave and gallant soldier. The reward due to so great and distinguished a character, we submit to the Congress." In effect, Salem Leading with 2.94 is Letitia sary requirements for admis-Poor was nominated for this Morris, freshman foreign lang-sion no later than May 12, 1964. Nation's first "Congressional uage major from Sadie V. Tuition, room and board, books Medal of Honor."

After Bunker Hill, Peter Salem continued his military serv- music major from Okolona Junice for seven years, seeing action again at the crucial Battle othy Jones, junior chemistry of Saratoga, 1777. Back to civil-major from W. A. Higgins High ian life, he settled in Leichester, Mass., plied his trade of basket Laird Jackson, senior language

Featured At Capitol

Hill, in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, D. C., Peter Salem is one of the conspicuous

Tougaloo To Hold **Pre-College Session**

2 Make All A's

Shirley Butler, freshman lumbus, and Mattie McGee, senior music major (voice empha- beginning September 1964. President's List for the 1963-64 Winter Quarter. Both students earned straight "A" (3.00) aver-College, each will receive a ci-

One hundred and thirty-one students are on the Dean's List. Thompson High School, Natchez; David Raspberry, senior be provided. For additional inior College, Okolona, and Tim-School, Clarksdale, 2.91; Verna making, and in 1783 married arts major from Campbell Jr. Katy Benson, Subsequently re- College, and Lois Wilkerson, turning to Framingham, he died Holy Ghost High School, Jack-on August 16, 1816. Holy Ghost High School, Jack-son, 2.83; and Charlene Townsend, sophomore elementary ed-In Trumbull's great historic ucation major, Brinkley High painting of the Battle of Bunker School, Jackson, 2.82.

> H's tough when a President can order any American into a foxhole in Saigon but can't get an American Negro into a hamburger stand,

Lyndon B. Johnson

TOUGALOO, Miss.-Dr. A. D. Beittel, president of Tougaloo College, has announced a gift of \$45,500.00 from the Field Foundation to underwrite three educational programs at Tougamathematics major from Co- loo College during the summer of 1964 and the academic year

> A sum of \$25,000 will make it possible to bring to the campus for a ten weeks pre-college program fifty-five members of the entering freshman class for students will be given an intensive program of reading, Enskills for academically talented students whose achievement in these areas is too limited for high-level college work. Students must complete all necesand instructional materials will formation please write: Director of Pre-Freshman Training Program, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi.

In addition a sum of \$15,000 has been provided to underwrite the Social Science Tutorial Project during the next academic year. The project was established this year and will now be continued during the next academic year to stimulate and encourage students to improve their academic work.

A sum of \$5,500 has been allocated to the Social Science Department to underwrite forums, seminars, and student exchanges during the academic year 1964-65.

Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR . . .

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

The Way It Works

The city of Jackson recently decided to spend a million dollars to construct a new and larger jail for the city. Now we do not doubt that the city fathers have very definite reasons for building such a building at such cost. But, if you please, we happen to disagree with those reasons. We feel has some important things to to avoid having the Negro that there might be a more reasonable, more useful way of say to the white people. Then youngsters pass them. Typical spending that million bucks rather than building a prison for people who might happen to be arrested while trying to gain their rights as citizens.

Just for instance. Do you have a sidewalk on your street? When your children go to school, how much of the time do they have to spend in the street? It is pretty awful when you

think of it.

But let's think of it. Children walk to school every day in streets with fast moving traffic spells dangerous acci-

dents. How long are you going to be lucky?

Children walking to school every day in streets with fast moving traffic when it is raining spells wet, unhappy children. But most importantly, children walking to school in the street in Jackson spells Negro and being second-class. Because only Negroes do not have sidewalks. Every day your children are reminded that they are second-class because

they are Negro . . .

How many feet of sidewalk do you suppose that million bucks would build? A good many, we would guess.

But Jackson is going to build a prison. Not sidewalks. The people voted it that way. And the representatives that

the people elected like the idea.

And no amount of griping is going to make any difference. Because frankly, that is not how Jackson government works, nor any other government in these United States, as a matter of fact.

The right of the people to decide on how money is to Summer Camp be spent, on who the representatives are supposed to be, is a right that many Americans have fought hard for on foreign Dates Announced soil, including, perhaps, you and members of your family.

The point is that many of us are not in a position to make the proper use of that right. Many of us are not voting. For many Negroes living in rural Mississippi, voter registration is difficult, sometimes dangerous business. But here in Jackson, that is not really so true. It is possible to register.

It is possible to get into a position where you can have an influence on how your tax money is spent. And when you do, you can help begin to change things so there will not be

so much reason for griping.

In other words, put your vote where your gripe is. Now perhaps there are some of you who say, "But I'm not griping." Then I guess you have not noticed your children walking to school every day in the street with fast-moving

There certainly are gripes. But you have got to back

them up with votes.

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THE FREEDOM WRITER -By Andy Mitchell

One Little Vote

Citizens Council? I think they thing like that. Anyhow, you lag behind their white class- Yankee state like Arkansas. dial 948-5511 and this man starts mates scholastically at the great American talk to you. fore and the year after integra-Guess who? No, your wrong, it's tion in Louisville, Ky., show He says he doesn't like the Civil Rights Bill and some other

Uh oh, I just felt like dialin' for a little trouble and they changed the speech on me, In order to keep up with the trouble you really got to keep dial-

You have always heard over and again about how the white ress over there. folks don't want to "mix" their Just recently t children in the school with Negro children because it will mess up the learning.

However, an article in the Wall Street Journal reveals that Dixie pupils learn well in in-

The Branch Y.W.C.A. has an-

nounced the schedule for sum-

mer camps. Regular camp will

be June 21-27 at Edwards, Mississippi. Three day camp periods will be June 8-19, July 6-17,

Other activities are planned

for girls from six to sixteen

years of age. For further in-formation call the Y.W.C.A.

Public Affairs Program Held The Branch Y.W.C.A. cele-

brated National Y.W.C.A. Week

on Wednesday, April 15, with the Public Affairs Committee

Presiding over the impressive program was Mrs. M. M. Hu-

bert, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee. Others shar-

ing in the Program were: Mrs.

Nellie White, Mrs. O. M. Fun-chess, The Y.W.C.A. Staff, Gloria Ann Williams, Mrs. Robert Bailey, Phyllis Bailey, Audrea

Elders and Mrs. E. E. Sampson

who presented the parade of

The main discussion leader was Mrs. G. W. Williams, chairman of the Committee on

Administration, who led a very timely discussion on Parents

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Remember, when Gov. Orvil SINGLE BALLOTS. Faubus was making all the big fuss about those colored children going to Central High the big difference. School in Little Rock, Arkansas Bowie, Md., in several years ago? Well, they tionally-famous race track, but are really making some prog-

agreed to integrate all 12 ever held in the community. grades. The decision did follow by Negroes. But the board

Say, have you heard about tegrated schools. A survey of agreed to the demands for fastthe new service of the White Southern teachers indicates that er integration without being while Negro children entering forced by the courts. But what call it dial for trouble or some- formerly all-white schools often do you expect with a Damn

Remember what they used to talking to you about how lucky start, they usually study hard say about the Old South? Well you are to be able to listen to to close the gap. The white chil-him and then he says that he dren often study equally hard it seems to be getting smaller.

With so many people beginhe says he is going to let a result: Tests made the year be- ning to talk about registering and voting, I guess that there are a lot of people who are wonnot Ole Ross, it's another Great substantial gains in scholastic dering how much effect that one American. George C. Wallace. achievement for both Negro and little vote can have. Of course, little vote can have. Of course, white second, sixth and eighth it's true that usually it isn't just graders, with the Negroes making proportionately the larger ence, BUT ANY VICTORY IS gains.

> Until it is all over, you can't tell which vote is going to make

Bowie, Md., includes a nathe hottest race there in years came recently with a photo-fin-Just recently the school board ish in the first mayoral election

The winner nosed out his the threat of a school boycott closest competitor by just one by Negroes. But the board (Continued on Page 8)

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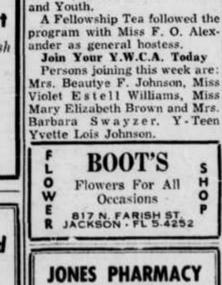
They Are

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One Little Vote . . .

(Continued from Page 2)
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Filibuster . . .

(Continued from Page 1) least 50 of the Senators friendly to the bill on hand at all times that the Senate is in session. For men as busy as Senators, this is indeed a hardship.

There is one sure way in which the filibuster can be stopped. It is by invoking what is called the Cloture Rule. Cloture cuts off all debate and causes the bill before the Senate to be voted upon immediately. But in order to invoke Cloture, it is necessary to have two-thirds of the Senators present vote for it.

Although better than twothirds of the Senators have stated that they support and will vote for the bill, some do not believe in cutting off debate of any kind, even a filibuster.

Even though they are only a few, the enemies of the Civil Rights Bill are equipped for a long and tough fight with their FILIBUSTER.

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Editor Reports Club Presents 38th Dr. A. D. Beittel, **USSR** Prejudice Annual Festival

A Negro magazine editor, rehim about racial prejudice in the Soviet Union.

Writing in the current issue of Look Magazine, editor Ernest Dunbar reported that African students recently have begun carrying knives to protect themselves from attacks by Russian hooligans.

Russian hostility against African students, Dunbar said, has resulted in gang beatings, mys- ical selections by Mrs. Doris terious deaths and general harassment.

Much of the friction, he wrote, increasing numbers began dating the Africans.

"Taking their cue from the government's line, Russian police frequently looked away while hooligans attacked a black."

"As racial antagonism has sharpened in the Soviet Union," with most of the church he noted in Look, "growing of Jackson participating. numbers of African students have left in disgust to return home or to take scholarships in Western Europe.

-"Still, many Africans whom I

The Harmonia Music Club is cently returned from a visit to presenting its 38th Annual Mu-Russia, said today that African sic Festival in observance of students complained bitterly to National Music Week which begins annually the first Sunday in May. An Extravaganza Musical Tea will be held at the YMCA at 806 North Farish Street from four to six P.M. Sunday, May 3.

> A beautiful program has been arranged for the afternoon. Special features include a fashion show, selections from city talent, civic groups and the mus-Greene, a member of Harmonia Music Club.

The program for the week instarted when Russian girls in cludes a local piano contest on Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at Christ the King School Auditorium, Vocal competitions at Jackson State College Auditorium Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 P.M., and the United Choir Program at Pratt Memorial Church on Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 P.M. with most of the church choirs

> interviewed indicated they had decided to make the best of the situation in order to get the experience.

Tougaloo Pres., Retires Sept. 1

The president of Tougaloo College, Dr. A. D. Beittel, has announced that he will retire September 1. The board of the college says that it has elected him as "president emeritus."

Dr. Beittel has been active in groups that have been concerned with promoting communication and understanding in the South. He is a member of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, secretary and member of the Mississippi Advisory Committee of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and a director of the Southern Regional Council.

Dr. Beittel says that he and his wife will go on a six month rest tour following retirement.

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