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Alcorn's 1,000 Still Out



L. to R. Miss Wilson (back to camera) Misses Camille Wilburn and Delores Leanard of Greenville, Mrs. C. Harvey, Misses B. Holloway of Okolona, Ruth Lynch, teacher at Walton School and Mrs. Jessie L. Horne, member of Woman Power Unlimited,

Peace Mission

Miss Dora Wilson, Tougaloo College sophomore boarded a New York bound jetliner at the Jackson Municipal Airport at 9:30 a.m. Saturday on the first leg of a trans-Atlantic flight to The Hague in the Netherlands, site of the Women Strike for Peace rally and demonstration, May 12-14.

Women Strike for Peace is composed of women from the 14 NATO nations. As its name suggests, the organization is dedicated to the realization and maintenance of world peace. Its immediate objective is "prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons which would tend to increase the threat and possibility of war." Women Strike for Peace welcomes U. S. disarmament initiative at Geneva, but is acting to block its pro-posal for a NATO multilateral fleet armed with nuclear weapons which, they say, will unavoidably prolifirate nuclear arms through NATO.

after careful observation of several young women being con-sidered for the peace mission. The talented 18 year old music major won on the basis of poise. mature bearing, scholarship and concern for freedom. Miss Wilson was a recent exchange student at the U. of Denver. Selection and sponsorship of the gave is a project of Woman Women Strike for Peace, head Power Unlimited.

of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson Commission on Civil Rights,



MISS DORA WILSON, Tougaloo sophomore boards Delta Jetliner for Europe.

of Leland, Miss. Mr. Wilson was Selection of Miss Wilson came principal of Breisch High School of Leland before its consolidation as the Lincoln Attendance Center.

In Miss Wilson's "bon voyage" group at the airport were Miss Ernestine Holloway, assistant dean of women at Tougaloo College and Mrs. Clarice Collins Harvey, director of Collins Funeral Home, a leader of of Women Power Unlimited and a recent appointee to the state Miss Wilson is the daughter advisory committee of the U. S.

State News Cover-Up Still On; NAACP Calls Mass Meeting

"The National Guard and the governor's Highway Patrol would be needed to protect the college administration, if one of the state's White colleges had treated White students as we were treated at Alcorn then packed like cattle with many women students clad only in pajamas, and sent home without even notifying our parents," lamented one of the thousand Alcorn A & M College students still out of school after three weeks following a student demonstration Tuesday night, April 21, directed against the college administration for what students termed, "deplorable conditions." "Ole Miss students, without any justifiable reason whatever, destroyed about half a million dollars worth of property, injured hundreds of people, caused the death of two others and the expenditure of untold millions to maintain order, but none were sent home," another student said. "What's more," she added, "the newspapers, radio, TV and politicians raged for six months because disciplinary action was mentioned.

This is a sampling of attitudes of Alcorn College students after three weeks out of class following a student demonstration on the campus for which purportedly, over the 1400 student body involved in the peaceful demonstration were packed on busses and sent home by a force of State Highway Patrol called by the college administration. Although many of the conditions about which students complained have been changed and which, in effect, is an administrative admission that the student action was justified, only a few have been enabled to return. Many students, locked in their dormitories

and others who refrained from participation in the demonstration, left the college of their own initiative after expulsion of those who demonstrated.

Many of the young women involved in the expulsion are irate over persistant rumors that parents are being told or that it is being "hinted" that acts of immorality were committed by students during the over-night stay, on the college football field from which place they were deported. "That," one young lady said, "is a deliberate lie, the flood lights were on all night and large numbers of students were constantly milling about." "Besides," she added, "if our morals are that loose, such should have been easy to detect and for which all such students should have been sent home a long time before the demonstration.

Charles Evers, state secretary of the NAACP, said today (May 11) that a telegram would be sent to the college president, J. D. Boyd, inviting him to attend a mass meeting called by the association for open discussion of the unfortunate situation. He said the president would be given every opportunity to present the administration's side. Alcorn students involved are being invited to the mass meeting from all over the state to present their side. Evers also stated that he would attempt to contact several stars scheduled to appear on the close circuit "NACCP Freedom Spectacular" telecast, which will be seen in Jackson and other cities over the country Thursday night, and bring the matter to the attention of the nation since there has, apparently, been an effective news cover-up by forces in the state.

More Changes At Alcorn

the recent student demonstra-tion at Alcorn A&M College was a baseless student action, many a baseless student action, many Market on Valley Street in our Market on Valley Street in our Of course, there is no Missis-Despite persistent claims that long period of time and finally portant question: "Why hasn't sippi basis for trying to estitook action (demonstration), something been done?" The mate the educational achievehave been changed.

Coin operated phonographs all over the country are operated for 5 cents, but the instrument at Alcorn cost the students 10 cents per record. The price has times the armorment of a norbeen lowered to 5 cents. Tele-vision sets are being installed Jackson. Looks mighty like the that's about as far as one can in dormitories (only one before the demonstration). Washers and driers are also being installed in the dormitories (students had complained about the poor quality of laundry operation at the college). Use of the recreation facility (which students termed "grossly inade-quate") has been extended from quate") has been extended from actly why Jackson police can't ple are eliminated because of the original 7:30 p.m. closing to find the "criminals" who keep higher education achievement 9 p.m. closing time for the breaking the Smith Store win-building. The former director of dows. What's worse, it is not building. The former director of dows. What's worse, it is not Student Union, whose manage- unusual to hear the question ment was said to be too "dicta- raised as to how effective the

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by PROF. GEO. KAYE

Mayor has repeatedly bragged Civil Rights people are right way for a Negro in Jackson and Mississippi to get any protection is to provide his own."

police could "suddenly" become

ment level of the Mayor's pure Mayor has repeatedly bragged Anglo-Saxon police force by that about the Jackson police force of the small Negro contingent as the "best in the world," with the mayor hired after Medgar twice the strength and many Evers was murdered. In the mal force for a city the size of the real sense of the word . . . when they say, "bout the only TUNITY for education. And finally, the fact that the scores of Negro college graduates who sought consideration for the po-Funny thing, in a tragic sort lice jobs were turned back is of way, how every Negro in insufficient evidence, as Mis-Jackson (and a lot of Whites sissippi evidence goes, to as-too) feel so sure they know ex- sume that the "separate" peo-

> Now, bout breaking out white folk's windows, JUST DON'T.

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Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR .

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

Hazel Brannon Smith

The Pulitzer prizes for 1964 were announced Tuesday, May 5, a day after Free Press deadline. This sequence of events belates this inadequate recognition which MUST be

given to a great American.

By now, it is general knowledge that Hazel Brannon Smith, editor of the Lexington Advertiser, Durant News and Northside (Jackson) Reporter, has received the most coveted prize for an American journalist, the Pulitzer award for editorial writing. When leaders in Jackson decided that Mississippi Negroes should have a voice for truth, they consulted Hazel Brannon Smith. The Free Press slogan, "The Truth Shall Make You Free" describes the very soul of the great

woman who suggested it.

Much has been said about threats, suits and intimidations heaped upon the Pulitzer prize winner during a career that dates back to 1936 in little Durant, Miss. Most of her disturbances. I am contemplattrouble in this connection stemmed from her firm stand on Civil Rights. The great editor who now takes her rightful place in the annals of American Journalism, has been labeled a "Negro lover" by racist. The accusation is true, but only to "Jackson is the closest thing the extent that Negroes are people, because Hazel Brannon to Heaven for the Negroes." I Smith loves people. She has given of herself unselfishly for her community, Mississippi, the nation and people everywhere. The great honor bestowed upon Hazel Brannon Smith cannot have been more richly deserved by any of her illustrious predecessors.

A Look At Separate Provisions

Recent events and revelations pertaining to education of Negro youth under the illegal "seperate provision system" maintained by the state raises the question of how the un-

equal system works.

Most informed people are well aware of many of the methods used by the state and local authorities who shamelessly divert most of the state's education revenue to white schools and colleges, and with even more gaul, use the word "qual" to describe the end product. Still many aspects of the equal farce go almost completely unnoticed.

At the college level, for example, all of the state supported senior colleges for whites are headed by doctorate degree holders, but not one of the three Negro counterparts have a president with such a degree. Two have masters while the other holds a bachelors degree.

There are those who will, of course, say that college presidents are administrators, not teachers, so the higher degree doesn't really matter. By Mississippi political reasoning, this may be true, except that it is never applied to the white colleges. Nevertheless, the most important function of the head of any institution of education is evaluation of the end

It would seem to follow for Negroes as well as for whites that the administrator with the higher degree would have the better perspective, and by virture of his apparant con-cern for his own preparation, he would likewise have the

greater concern for his students.

Why have Negro doctorate degree holders been systematically skipped over? One of the three present Negro state senior college heads was hired from a high school faculty while another came from a non-accredited junior college. This is not to say that the two have not proved themselves capable educators, but it is to say that others with better preperation and experience should have thereby been able to do a better job.

The selection of replacements for the present heads of Negro senior colleges, two of whom are already at or beyond retirement age, should be a great concern of every Mississippian, particularly Negro parents and teachers. Negroes wise to Mississippi ways will be looking to see which criteria the college boards will use, white citizen council or education.

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To the Editors:

I am a native of Mississippi and had lived there for twentyone of my twenty-four years. I attended Jackson State College, site of the recent demonstrations, and only wished I was there to lend my support to protest. I am graduate of the class of "59.

I have an opportunity to see your paper and thought I would put off no longer to commend you on the stand you are taking. I think Jackson is very fortunate to have people like you, only needs more.

I see in the current issue of Newsweek that Allen Thompson is arming himself with additional policemen, police cars, guns, wagons, etc., for the oncoming summer. He says this summer is sure to bring more ing moving back to my home town, Jackson. Allen Thompson was cited recently as saying: "Jackson is the closest thing wonder if he really thought anyone would believe him. I am pledging my whole-hearted support to you in these trying times.

Please keep up the good work; if enough of us continue to push forward, we surely will overcome. You keep fighting for the cause on that end, I will keep fighting on this end. As much, if not more, needs to be done here as in Jackson, Mississippi. I am proud of my home state and wish I was there. So, until I can be there, keep on keeping on.

(Miss) Nancy Thomas

Hi Yawl . . .

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By and large, those businessmen are hard working dedicated American citizens. They are just as deeply-trapped as 'yawl' and perhaps more so, because you can at least get behind the house or attend a Mass Meeting and give vent to your feelings. The poor "separate" businessmen can't even look displeased.

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torial," has been relieved. second pool table has been added to the SUB equipment and Saturday night dancing time which, students said, was supposed to remain open until 9 p.m., now remains open until that hour. Before the demonstration, the library lights were blinked promptly at 8:15 and the building locked at 8:30.

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Negro high schools in Missis-sipps are getting Southern Asso-ciation of Colleges and Second-ary Schools accreditation by the Clarksdale, a retired teacher and principal, has been, for education in the state.

Mrs. Johnson's warning was stall impending desegregation given during the press session "The Southern Association of of the Human Relations Com- Colleges and Secondary Schools mittee meeting April 30. "There should make a thorough inveshas not been a substantial tigation of the ways and means change in the wide gap that by which its criteria are twistexists between provisions for ed, stretched, or disregarded in Negro-White education in Mis- the Negro school accreditation sissippi," Mrs. Johnson said. rush in Mississippi," Mrs. John-The much publicized school son said.

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but equal" system. The new truck loads. The sudden up-buildings are inadequate and surge in accrediting Negro lack facility. Provision for lischools in the state needs a long braries, laboratories and teachlook, the Human Relations ing aids is precisely the same as Committee was told by a noted it was before the Supreme Court Negro educator in the state. decision against which the edu-Mrs. Lillian Rogers Johnson of cation "smoke-screen" is directed. Negro schools are being Southern Association Accredited many years, a leading pro-ponent of good teacher prepara-perior in facility and quality of perior in facility and quality of tion and school administration instructions. The speed and inas prerequisites for up-grading terest in accreditation of Negro schools is designed ONLY to

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U.S. Incomes Rise **But One In Five** Live In Poverty WASHINGTON-The average

American city-dweller is living more comfortably on an income of almost \$6,700 a year but the U.S. still has a "substantial proportion" of low-income families able to "eke out only the barest existence," the U. S. Dept. of Labor has reported.

An estimated 54 per cent of city and suburban families had incomes between \$3,000 and \$7,-500 but 21 per cent earned less than \$3,000, according to a report on consumer incomes for 1960-1961 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In the low-income group, 2.4 per cent were under \$1,000, 8.7 per cent between \$1,000 and \$2,-000, 9.9 per cent from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

The study, based on data provided by 9,500 families out of 14,000 contacted by BLS interviewers, was made public by BLS Assistant Commissioner Arnold Chase, who called it "a story of affluence vs. poverty, homeowners vs. renters, working wives vs. stay-at-homes, central city vs. surburban-in other words, of average Ameri-

It showed that, since 1950:

Average income before taxes rose by 58 per cent, after taxes by 51 per cent. On the basis of real income, crease was 22 per cent.

Families increased their spending for consumer goods

and services by 42 per cent. They put more money into personal insurance, social security and retirement funds, gave more gifts and contributions and, mainly those with incomes over \$5,000 a year, saved a lit-

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\$4,000. Low-income families spent more for medical care group. The average head of a low-

families with incomes above

an average of 8 years of schoolwas there a member of these study showed.

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than for clothing, yet they spent on-the-job injuries rose to 2.02 only a third as much for medimillion in 1963, the highest in cal care as the above-\$4,000 10 years, the Labor Dept. reported. These included 14,200 fatalities and 84,800 injuries reincome family was 63, and had sulting in some permanent impairment.

The lost-time through ining. The study noted: "Rarely juries added up to 42 million man-days the Labor Dept. said. families who was employed full However when future losses of time." Only one in six owned an potential worktime are taken auto, and most spent more than into account, the ultimate total they earned by using small sav- will be 171 million man-days. ings or going into debt by an This is equivalent to a year's average of \$200 to \$300, the full-time employment for about 551,000 workers.

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HRC Asks Keep Dr. Biettel

The Human Relations Committee passed a resolution commending Dr. Biettel for his outstanding administration at Tougaloo College. The resolution was directed to the college Board of Trustees requesting that the Board urge Dr. Biettel's reconsideration of his announced decision to resign as president of the college. The action was taken at the April 30 meeting of the Human Relations Committee which followed very closely Dr. Biettel's announcement of his resignation to be effective September 1, 1964.

Aside from the nationally recognized high quality of education enabled at Tougaloo under Dr. Biettel's administration, spec.al concern was expressed about continuity of Tougaloo's value to the state and the South in providing a climate for racial understanding. The resolution further urged that consideration be given to "other" capacities in which Dr. Biettel's wide experience and great influence may be used to bridge a possible inter-racial communication gap during the orientation phase of a new administration.

Mrs. C. C. Harvey Named To CR Advisory Comm.

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The chairman of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, Dr. John A Hannah, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Claire Collins Harvey of Jackson as a member of the Mississippi State Commission.

Mrs. Harvey, manager of the Collins Funeral Home in Jackson, received her BA from Spelman College in Atlanta and did graduate work at Columbia University and New York University. She is national secretary of the Genera Board of Christian Social Concerns for

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the Methodist Church, a member of the Southern Regional Council, and secretary of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association. Mrs. Harvey is also active in other civic and religious organizations within the community.

The Mississippi State Advisory Committee is one of 51 such Advisory Committees estab lished in each of the States and the District of Columbia, com-Advisory Committee to the posed of citizens of standing who serve without compensation. The Committee provides the U. S. Commission with information concerning civil rights issues in the state.

Y-News

The North Farish Stree Branch YMCA recently announced the opening of a shortterm art activity for boys and about twenty youngsters from Isable, Morrison and Walton schools, Jim Hill High School and C. M. & I. College showed up for the opening session.

Mr. Arthur Britton, leader of the activity, states that the primary objective is to provide op-portunity for boys interested in art to develop their talent through instruction and practice. Classes will be held on Mondays at 5 p.m.

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