

## The Interveners

# Schools Segregated, Yes

## Say What You Mean, Or Mean What You Say

A Jackson State College graduating Senior congratulated Governor George Wallace of Alabama as a champion of race Morality.

Acting on demands of several persons who heard a radio comment attributed to a local college student, Free Press interviewed the student at Jackson State College.

The following is the statement released by the student to the press and which was carried by radio locally: "My name is Tommy Williams, I am the former Public Relations Directors of the James Meredith Educational Fund. I am a graduating senior at Jackson State College, Jackson Mississippi.

To Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama, I want to congratulate you on your fight against the gross act of race immorality. Your campaign has shown the world a number of people are unhappy with the present situation.

I feel there is a breakdown in the leadership of the Negro social structure that caused the grave problem.

If the Negro leadership is not changed. I would like to join you in the fight against immorality that is taking the Negro leadership and its people to destruction."

That is the release, period for period. The student told Free Press that he used the "carefully" prepared statement because it was the only way he could be heard.

Why did he want to be heard? The student from Gary, Indiana says he is disturbed because students are taught one thing in school, but when it becomes necessary to get a job, the applicant must disavow any interest in democracy and civil rights.

Williams said that although he doesn't endorse what Wallace is doing, he made the statement acceptable to segregationist in order to get it published. He said that had he said anything adverse about Wallace it would not have been published.

## Institutes For Teachers

Five institutes for teachers from predominantly Negro colleges will be conducted during the summer of 1964 with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Rockefeller Foundation.

These institutes are designed to aid college teachers in re-organizing and improving their courses. Reacting to the many new curricular developments at the secondary school level, teachers in American colleges must modify their teacher education programs as well as their programs for other students in order to capture this dynamism and heightened concern.

Six members of the Tougaloo College faculty have been invited to participate in these summer institutes. They are as follows: Biology—Benjamin A. Shepherd and Dennis B. Strete, University of North Carolina,

Greensboro, North Carolina; History—Mrs. Clarice T. Campbell, The Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Physics — John B. Garner, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; English—Miss Mary E. Thompson, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana; Mathematics — Miss Esther A. Schwartz, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Most of these institutes will last for eight weeks beginning about the middle of June.

### Stop Undereducation

"We are going to campaign over the state during the summer and advise parents to keep their children out of any college or school which treats our youth as inhumanly as Alcorn A & M College students were treated," Charles Evers, state secretary of NAACP, told FREE PRESS.

## Tax Funds Wasted

A very simple question of whether or not Leake County, Biloxi and Jackson Separate district schools are segregated took racists over four days of taxpayer's dollars to answer, in spite of open admission that the schools in question are segregated.

In very short order, witnesses interrogated by Derrick Bell, counsel for the plaintiff, admitted that all schools in the districts concerned are segregated without reservation.

Judge Sidney Mize opened hearings on Monday, May 18 in the U. S. District Court in Jackson to determine whether the order to integrate public schools in Biloxi, Jackson and Leake County should be made permanent.

In view of the Supreme Court's Browne decision and orders of the Fifth Circuit Court, the only question before the Mize court, it would appear, was whether the schools in question are segregated.

The line of interrogation by the Leonard group (interveners) was consistent with about half dozen similar arguments presented by the same group in



Derrick Bell

several other states.

Derrick Bell advised the court at every opportunity of his willingness to allow all pro-segregation claims to be entered into the record. He constantly objected to use of the courts' time with irrelevant matter and refused to cross examine intervenor witnesses on the grounds that such testimony had no

bearing on the case before the court.

Attorney Bell said he could see only one reason for the interveners long and costly presentation of irrelevant testimony. "They simply want to give local news media time to whip up a climate for closing the schools."

The line of interrogation and discussion which dealt almost exclusively with "innate inferiority" of the Negro, was restricted to "one side" of anthropological studies.

The nature of the subject matter was far above the general comprehension, even by the interrogating attorneys.

One of the intervenor attorneys asked a witness what would happen if a large group of Eskimos were settled in middle Africa. When the witness sought to explain how the cold region inhabitants would make adjustments to the hot climate, he was stopped and asked where the Eskimos would get the Polar Bears. This question, almost causing an outburst of laughter, showed more than anything else, the childish nature of the intervenor.

## Volunteer Lawyers Corps

NEW YORK, May 20—Seven major civil rights groups have joined in organizing a corps of volunteer lawyers who will serve in the Deep South this summer to protect the legal rights of anti-segregation demonstrators and Negroes seeking the right to vote.

Thus far, more than 60 attorneys have agreed to spend two weeks or more in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Florida, it was announced today at a press conference in Stephen Wise Congress House, 15 East 84th St.

The "Lawyers Corps," modeled after the Peace Corps, will be known as the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee. Founding members of the Committee, acting in behalf of their organizations, include:

Jack Greenberg, director-counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund;

Edwin J. Lucas, national affairs director, American Jewish Committee;

Howard Moore, counsel, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee;

Leo Pfeffer, general counsel, American Jewish Congress;

John Pratt, Counsel to the Commission on Race and Religion, National Council of Churches;

Carl Rachlin, general counsel, Congress of Racial Equality;

Melvin L. Wulf, legal director, American Civil Liberties Union.

The Rev. Robert F. Drinan, S.J., dean of the Boston College Law School and a leading Catholic authority on constitutional law, is also a founding member of the Committee.

Offices will be opened in all of the states in which the Committee will operate, it was disclosed. Each of the founding members of the Committee will spend at least one month as director of a state office, planning legal strategy and working with local and out-of-state volunteer attorneys. Volunteers will spend

at least two weeks providing free legal counsel to persons seeking to combat discrimination or establish the right to vote. The "Law Corps" will operate from June 15 to September 30. None of the participants will be paid.

### Training Institute At Columbia Set

A training institute for volunteer lawyers will be held at the Columbia University Law School on June 6 and June 7 to brief the participants in the law applicable to civil rights activities and the legal procedures in the states where they will be working.

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## Hi Yawl-

by PROF. GEO. KAYE

The one area immune to criticism of any sort is our church. The church, unfortunately includes its program or lack of same. It also includes the ministers, the well prepared, the dedicated, the unprepared, the "jacklegs" and the frauds, who use the Almighty's name to suit any purpose.

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ol' George pretty quick if you want him to keep quiet. Otherwise you are gonna' read the cotton pickin' worst gyp (by important preachers) you have ever heard.

The "healers" and peddlers of all sorts of garbage in the name of Christ are taking our people for sizable hard earned loot—speak up yawl.

# Editorial Page

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- SOCIAL JUSTICE . . . IN MISSISSIPPI

## The "Big Lie"

(May 1964 Crisis Magazine)

In their frantic fight against the civil rights bill, now before the United States Senate, adherents of Hitler's racist philosophy have unabashedly adopted their master's technique of the "big lie" as an effective propaganda weapon. Hitler rose to power on the basis of this technique. Followers here of the German madman have embraced his doctrine in a desperate effort to keep black Americans in bondage of second-class citizenship.

Officially, through its Sovereignty Commission, the State of Mississippi is propagating the big lie that the civil rights bill endangers the rights of white people. Governor George Wallace of Alabama repeats this lie in the hope of convincing white workers, business men and employers, that enactment of the bill would deprive them of some precious democratic right. In fact, the only "right" denied anyone under this bill is the practice of racial bigotry against fellow Americans.

According to the "big lie," the bill would "abolish the rule of law," make the Attorney General a "dictator," eliminate union seniority rights, cut off social security payments, displace employed white workers, supersede state control of elections, and establish "total Federal control." The truth is, the bill does none of this. The "big lie" is simply a scare tactic totally unrelated to the facts at issue.

An organization calling itself the "Coordinating Committee for Fundamental American Freedom," and financed primarily by funds sent from Mississippi, including the tax monies of Negro and white Mississippians (needlessly to say, without the consent of Negro taxpayers) has placed full page advertisements in northern and western newspapers under the headline: \$100 BILLION BLACKJACK. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), a leader of the bi-partisan coalition supporting the bill in the Senate, called the "ad" an "outrageous lie" in an address on the Senate floor.

Only a Hitlerian mind could conceive the misstatements, distortions and outright lies contained in this malicious advertisement. Its plain purpose is to frighten all segments of the white population into opposition against the civil rights bill. If the "ad" were promoting a food or drug, instead of fear and race hate, it would be promptly banned by the Federal Government under the Pure Food and Drug Act.

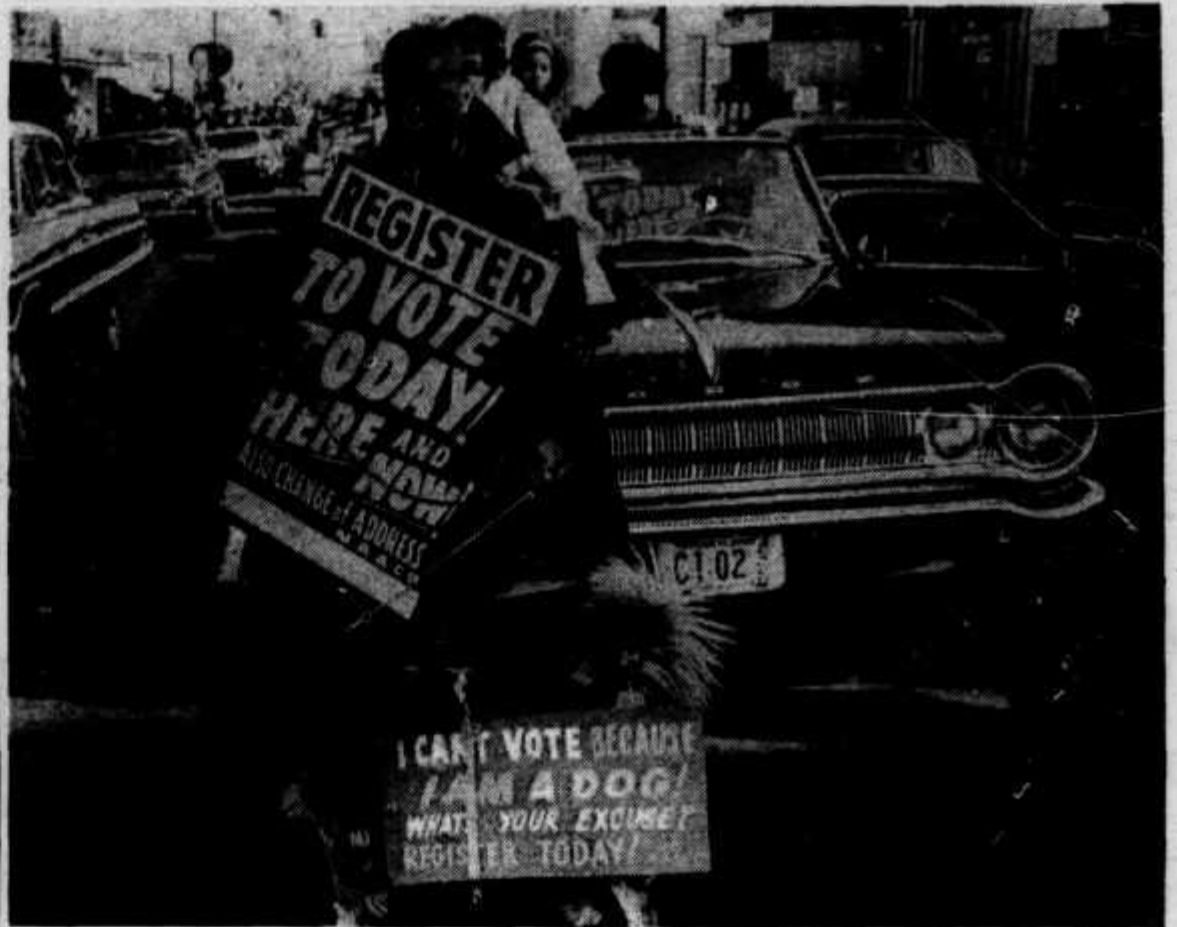
Fortunately, many Americans are revolted by this kind of vicious misrepresentation. Religious people of all faiths have rallied to support the bill, rejecting the hate message of the "ad" and of such other racist propagandists as Governor Wallace. Protestant, Catholics and Jews alike have joined the NAACP and other civil rights organizations and liberal elements of the labor movement in all-out support of the bill as must legislation.

This bill will not cure all the ailments afflicting the Negro minority in this country, but it represents a giant step forward. The most comprehensive civil rights bill ever seriously considered by Congress, it provides corrective action against certain aspects of discrimination in the right to vote, public accommodations, education, publicly-financed facilities and employment. Its eleven titles are summarized elsewhere in the issue of The Crisis.

The bill was passed by the House of Representatives with a better than two to one vote, 290 to 130, with the strong support of the leaders and members of both parties in the House. In the Senate 15 days were wasted in idle talk on a motion to take up the bill. Officially, debate on the bill did not begin in the Senate until March 30. The southern contingent, led by Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, has declared its intention to filibuster in an attempt to kill or cripple the bill beyond usefulness.

Our task is to defeat this sabotage of an urgently needed measure. Already there is fervent talk of huge demonstrations and possible widespread disorders in the event the bill is not enacted or is watered down. The mood of the Negro today is not receptive to any excuse or explanation in lieu of enactment of the bill. Accordingly, every resource at our command must be mobilized to insure passage of this bill which can open the door to fuller enjoyment of the rights and privileges of American citizenship by all Americans, irrespective of race, color, religion or national origin.

The consequences of failure to enact the civil rights bill are incalculable. The "big lie" must not be permitted to triumph.



A PLACE FOR ALL—This unidentified Baltimore, Md., youngster and his pet cannot vote, but they can do a good job of reminding those who are eligible that they must first register.

## Industries Show

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The grand opening of this year's AFL-CIO Union-Industries Show — the largest event of its kind in the world — is all set for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22nd, at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, Kentucky. The great Show will run through May 27th, and will be open to the general public, admission free. Daily hours for the exposition are from 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Close to \$100,000 worth of free prizes, gifts, and souvenirs will be awarded the massive crowds expected to attend the event.

The culmination of all the planning, work and decision-making which go into staging organized labor's greatest annual public event will be achieved at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Center at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, the 22nd. Officiating at these ceremonies will be leaders from labor, management and government from across the nation. Following the ribbon-cutting, labor's massive showcase of union crafts, skills and services and fair management's products and services will open to all for six days and nights of excitement, entertainment and unusual education. The theme of the 1964 Union-Industries Show is "Americans at Work," appropriately highlighting the good relations which exist between AFL-CIO unions and their employers.

The Union-Industries Show is sponsored and produced each year in a different major city by the AFL-CIO's national Union Label and Service Trades Department. Joseph Lewis, the Director of the Union-Industries Show, is the Department's Secretary-Treasurer.

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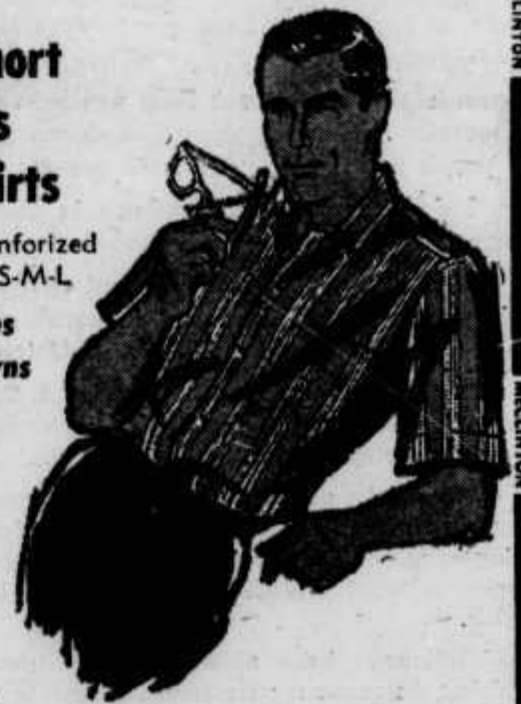
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 The statement charged that "all too often, persons arrested because of their actions in support of civil rights have been detained in jail for unconscionable periods or have been denied certain legal protections to which they were entitled because they lacked the advice of counsel."

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