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Freedom Day-In Blood

Police Have New Tactics

Madison County residents held another "Freedom Day" massive voter registration attempt in Canton, the county seat. Like the first attempt several months ago, this was a great deal more carefully planned, but practically no ex农牧民 free for registration.

"The law forces" unveiled its new method of registration prevention. The new "lawful" tactics entails turning back supplicant voters before they reach the courthouse. "Law forces" now station themselves around staging points to turn back, arrest, intimidate or 'otherwise' dissuade would-be voters," a CORE worker said.

A twenty-four-year-old Canton resident, McKinley Haulbin, was severely beaten by about eight Canton policemen, who said the youth "ousted them." Haulbin was arrested, taken to jail, then to the hospital for treatment and returned to jail.

As the first would be voters left the church in a large group, they were turned back by Canton police and Madison County Deputy sheriffs and other whites either deputized or allowed to "hang around."

The aspirant voters were told that they would have to go in groups of ten and by name. Subsequently small groups were turned back or dispersed individually. Finally, another large group was formed, but its attempt to reach the courthouse was repelled.

About 50 persons were arrested on "assaulted charges" during the day's registration effort.

About 50 persons who went directly from their homes or who otherwise chiseled the "law barrier" managed to reach the court house. It is not known how many were examined for registration but the number is said to have been negligible.

On the first such "Freedom Day" mass registration attempt, several hundred hopefuls stood in less than four hours in freezing weather while the registrar scanned only four or five applicants.

Hi Yaw! by PROF. GEO. KAYE

Editor's Note
George's rather lengthy article on malpractices in religion will be held over until next week.

Commencing with the second week of June, FREE PRESS will undergo a format change and will contain 8 or more pages regularly.

Hoodlums Beat Tougaloo Professor Chased Out Of County

Hamid KGB's of Pakistan, tutor in Social Science at Tougaloo College, suffered a vicious beating at the hands of several white men near the city limits of Canton Friday night.

It was difficult to tell whether the attackers were "ordinary" or deputized hoodlums; but they were armed with "Billy Clubs" most commonly used by police," Free Press was told.

Hamid KGB and four persons from Tougaloo College were returning to the campus after attending a mass meeting held in Canton Friday night following the "Freedom Day" mass voter registration attempt. Mr. KGB was driving when two cars and a truck, bearing about a dozen white men, suddenly drove ahead and blocked the entry to the highway.

The men pulled out of the vehicles and surrounded the Tougaloo bound car. KGB was grabbed and beaten over the head with a police type club by one of the men while others attempted to drag him from the car.

Another car bearing Tougaloo students attempted to get the other door open.

On the front seat with KGB was Juan Trampeau, white who graduated Sunday with the highest honors in his class, Magna Cum Laude. Seated in the back with his wife was Rev. Ed King, the college Chaplain and another white student at Tougaloo, Bill Hackett.

Shortly after the attackers started to attack Mr. KGB, the other occupants called out to the hoodlums, "he's Indian, he's a foreigner." The meaning of "foreigner" saved the victim from further beating as the attackers were pulled off.

The Tougaloo group was told to get out of Canton and to stay out if they knew what was good for them.

The Tougaloo group proceeded east towards BIO south in the direction of Jackson and Jacksonville at a high rate of speed followed closely by at least one of the attackers' cars.

The Tougaloo group drove past the Tougaloo turn-off into Jackson and onto the Mississippi College campus in an effort to get around behind the attackers and get their license numbers.

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Ask Federal Protection

At least twenty-five victims of Mississippi violence will urge a "select jury panel" in Washington to ask President Johnson for federal protection of civil rights workers in hard-core segregation areas this summer.

The hearings, scheduled for June 7, at the National Theater, were arranged by the Council of Federated Organizations, which staff and supervise a massive voter registration, education, cultural, legal and community service program throughout Mississippi starting in mid-June.

Among the witnesses will be Aaron Henry, president of CORE, which has its headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi; Robert Moses, program director; and David Dennis, assistant program director of the umbrella civil rights organization. The Council of Federated Organization is composed of COC (Congress of Racial Equality); the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People); the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference); and SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee).

Under their direction, more than a thousand workers, from colleges, religious organizations, (Continued on Page 4)
We Need A Senator

"Mississippi's greatest un tapped resource is her people—black and white." And loy ally endowed with a two-party platform. Mrs. Grey, a member of this Senator. Mrs. Grey was scheduled to speak at the Friendship Baptist Church last night but last minute planning scratch resulted in an audience of about ten people.

In an interview Mrs. Grey, the mother of three children, expressed her feelings on the subject of the state. "First," she said, "the state of Mississippi is so far behind the nation in everything; and this should be the goal of all in the state. And I am interested in this state and its people."

"I feel that both of these soci eties must come together to change with a change of public perception. The politicians could possibly play an important role here."

When asked why she decided to run, she said, "I thought the fact that Senator Stevens was running unopposed was important—major factor in my decision."

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"We are too complacent. We are not really aware of what is going on in the state and the people representing us are not aware of all the people."

"Now, of this attitude," Mrs. Grey said, "Mississippi has many un tapped resources, but its greatest untapped resource is its people—both black and white."

"The attitude of Mississippi's politicians gives the state's average people a pretty poor deal," she said. "Senator Stevens has supported bills in the Senate that could have meant so much progress for the average person and the state. This is not only true of Senator Steven s but also of the people (Mississippi politicians)."

"If we want to change things, we must speak up. People who are truly representative of the people are going to be needed and needed everywhere in the state."

Turning to the senator's stand in opposition to the Civil Rights Bill, Mrs. Grey said, "the senator's stand is way outdated. He is not in tune with what's going on in this state and this nation."

"A person with his awareness would not take the stand he has taken if they were genuinely interested in the people. A person really concerned about his constitu ents can no longer use this as a reason for the use of race for political advantage."

When asked if she felt she would represent all the people equally, she said, "I think I would come closer than Senator Stevens. I am aware of the needs of the average person—both black and white."

"And I think I represent the thinking of the average person. I think the people who keep that deep down—at least I hope—"
Don't Slap White Offenders—Take It And Grin

This is one of the century old truths by which the "old school" Negroes have learned to live.

Miss Norma Stamps, employed by Jackson State College as a departmental secretary, received official notification Friday of her terminal suspension on Saturday, April 19. Miss Stamps had volunteered at face shuffling administered to her by an elderly man on April 14 while waiting in line to enter the court room for the Buckwil trial. She was arrested and charged with assault and later released on bail. Miss Stamps immediately submitted a resignation letter the following Thursday that the president of the college had asked her to resign with a warning that she could be fired otherwise. Miss Stamps said she was later told by the president that she was being fined for unmanicured absence in spite of authorized sick leaves signed by her physician. Miss Stamps is still awaiting trial on the assault charge of April 14.

Medgar Evers... (continued from Page 1)

The Medgar Evers NAACP membership and contributions solicited. The branch has enroled nearly 8,000 new members toward its goal of 25,000.

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Hard work, ambition, perspective, perseverance, a workable philosophy of life, and character were offered as a formula for success by Dr. Wil- liam B. Dennis, the Jackson State College"Commencement Speaker Monday. Dr. Dennis, President of Alabama State Col- lege, Albany, Georgia, told the 197 graduates that "Success, my dear friends, is just a good idea bought with hard work. Our problems are just opportunities for work. The trouble is that these opportunities often come disguised as hard work. About ambition, the noted Georgia stated, "The man who suc-

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Minority Groups Get Wage-Hour Attention

BERMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Henry vonAvrey, U. S. Labor Department Wage and Hour Adviser for Minority Groups, is visiting regional and field offices of the U. S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Announcement of vonAvrey's visit was made today by Sterling H. Williams, director of the Wage-Hour regional office here. Williams said that vonAvrey's efforts will be devoted to developing a better understanding of the programs of the Wage-Hour Division among minority and other groups.

vonAvrey is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has a Masters degree from St. Louis University in Political Science and Economics. Prior to his appointment with the Department of Labor, vonAvrey was Chief of Recreation at the University of Minnesota.

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for the St. Louis Housing and Land Clearance Authority. Before that he was the Director of the St. Louis Urban League's Community Organization Department for 10 years. He also served with the Office of Price Administration and the United States and Missouri State Employment Service.

vonAvrey may be contacted at the Regional Office of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions at 1601 South 9th Street, Birmingham, or by calling 222-4609.

Mr. vonAvrey was in Jackson, Mississippi on May 25 and 28, during which time, he visited the Free Press and called on several civic organizations and employees.

Ask Protection...
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the arts, trade and industry, will work with Mississippi Negroes in a Peace Corps-type operation.

Though violence has normally greeted civil rights activity in Mississippi, enforces for the safety of volunteers for the COFO Summer Project has mounted in the wake of feverish legislative activity by the State Legislature. Bills have already been passed aimed at strengthening police forces, prohibiting picketing, curtailing distribution of boycott literature, restricting group movement, setting curfews, and increasing penalties for violating city ordinances.

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