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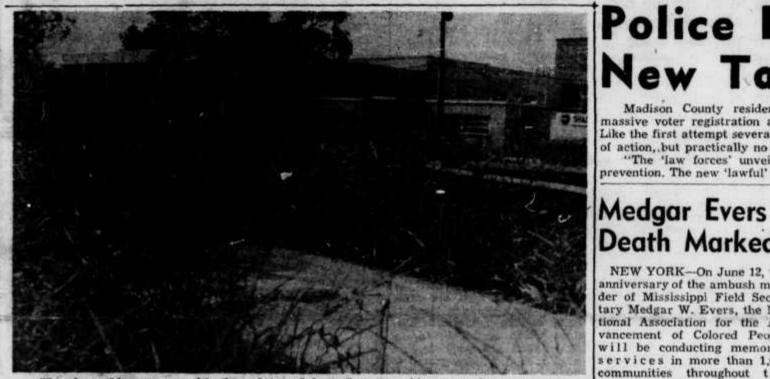
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Mississippi Story

Freedom Day-In Blood



There's nothing wrong with those interred here, but something must be wrong somewhere. This weed jungle is Mt. Olive Cemetery on Lynch Street, one of several Jackson cemeteries allowed to grow up in weeds. This is the heart of Jackson's Civic and Educational activities for Negroes, Visible across the street is the Jackson Separate Schools head-quarters (Negro division). The tall building on the left is the Masonic Temple and further up the street (left) Jackson State College, Campbell College and the Mississippi Teachers Association. Something is being done. Mr. Walter Williams, President of Security Life is presently studying ways and means of providing perpetual care for Jackson's unsightly cemeteries.

Hoodlums Beat Tougaloo Professor

Chased Out Of County

aloo College, suffered a vicious ed in the back with his wife was head beating at the hands of Rev. Ed King the college Chap-

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

Hamid Kizilbash 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 atempt. Mr. Kizilbash was driving when two cars and a truck, bearing about a dozen white men, suddenly drove ahead and blocked the entry to the high- the attacker's cars. way.

hicles and surrounded the was grabbed and beaten over the head with a police type club and get their license number. by one of the men while others attempted to drag him from the

car. Other nobsters attempted to get the other doors open.

On the front seat with Kizil-Hamid Kizilbash of Pakistan, white, who graduated Sunday with the highest honors in her tutor in Social Science at Tougseveral white men near the city lain and another white student timits of Canton Friday night. at Tougaloo, Bill Hockstedler.

Shortly after the attackers started clubbing the Pakistanian, the other occupants called out to the hoodlums, "he's an Indian, he's a foreigner," The warning of "foreigner" saved the victim from further beating as the attackers were pulled off. The Tougaloo group was then told to get out of Canton and to stay out if they knew what was good for them.

The Tougaloo group proceeded onto Highway 51 south in the direction of Tougaloo and Jackson at a high rate of speed followed closely by at least one of

The Tougaloo group drove The men piled out of the ve- past the Tougaloo turn-off into Jackson and onto the Millsaps Tougaloo bound car, Kizilbash College campus in an effort to Committee). get around behind the attackers

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Ask Federal Protection

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

The hearings, scheduled for June 8, at the National Theater, were arranged by the Council result of efforts by the NAACP of Federated Organizations which will 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 COFO, 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 CORE (Council of Racial Equality); the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People); the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), and SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating

Under their direction, more than a thousand workers, from

Another car bearing Tougaloo colleges religious organizations, (Continued on Page 4)

Police Have

Death Marked

NEW YORK-On June 12, the

anniversary of the ambush mur-

der of Mississippi Field Secretary Medgar W. Evers, the Na-tional Association for the Ad-

vancement of Colored People

will be conducting memorial

services in more than 1,000

communities throughout the

In conjunction with the me-

morial for its martyred hero,

the NAACP has also launched a

tributions to the Medgar Evers

Executive Secretary Roy Wil-

kins, in a letter to NAACP

branch officers throughout the

the anniversary of Medgar Ev-

Mr. Wilkins noted the small

made in Mississippi since the

slaying of Medgar Evers as a

faced with strong police meas-

ures ordered by the State Legis-

lature to prevent them from ob-

rights.
The Detroit observance will

tions and segments of the com-

munity conducting a memorial

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United States.

Memorial Fund.

Madison County residents held another "Freedom Day" massive voter registration attempt in Canton, the county seat. Like the first attempt several months ago, here was a great deal of action, but practically no examinations for registration.

"The 'law forces' unveiled its new method of registration prevention. The new 'lawful' tactics entails turning back aspirant

voters before they reach the courthouse. 'Law forces' now station themselves around staging points to turn back, arrest, intimidate or 'otherwise' dis-suade would be voters," a CORE worker said.

A twenty-four year old Canton resident, McKinley Hamblin, was severely beaten by about eight Canton policemen, who said the youth "cursed them." Hamblin 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 short, intense drive to solicit 100,000 new Medgar Evers Meby Canton police and Madison morial Memberships, and con- 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 smaller groups and singularly. country urging them to observe Subsequently small groups were also turned back as were most ers death, said additional individuals. Finally, another "memberships and contribu- large group was formed, but its tions are needed to undergird attempt to reach the court the Association's program in house was repulsed.

Mississippi."

About 56 persons

About 56 persons were ar-rested on "assorted charges" but significant civil rights gains during the day's registration ef-

About 50 persons who went diand others, but said the fact rectly from their homes or who remains that Negroes are still otherwise eluded the "law barrier" managed to reach the court house. It is not known how many were examined for taining their constitutional registration but the number is said to have been negligible.

On the first such "Freedom run for 12 days, beginning on Day" mass registration at-May 28, with various organiza-tempt, several hundred hopefuls stood in line about six hours in freezing weather while affair every night and reporting the registrar evamined only four or five applicants.

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 several Format changes and will contain 8 or more pages regularly.

Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR . .

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

New Format For FREE PRESS

In the past, Free Press has devoted itself almost exclusively to civil rights matter. Considering the plight of Negroes in the state. space devoted to this work must continue.

Everyday living is not all a matter of civil rights. Community responsibilities must not be dropped during the struggle.

Our best prepared people, particularly our teachers, must be brought to the fore to give direction to our many phased daily life.

Free Press will strive to cover the most important civic, educational and economic news over the state. It will provide space for important youth activities.

Free Press will present its new format in its next issue. Free Press will be bigger especially designed to play a supporting role in In this forthright manner, as opcommunity and statewide development.

We Need A Senator

"Mississippi's greatest untapped resource is her people black and white." And a loyalty of politicians to those in has many untapped resources, power is the reason the re- but its greatest untapped resource is untapped according to Mrs. Victoria Gray, candidate and white." for U. S. Senator.

Mrs. Gray was scheduled to speak at the Friendship Bap-tist Church last night but lastminute planning locally resulted in an audience of about ten persons.

In an interview Mrs. Gray, the mother of three children, outlined a two-point platform. nis but of most of them (Mis-"First," she said, "the state of sissippi politicians)."
Mississippi is so far behind the "If we send people who are nation in everything; and this should be of concern to all its people. And I am interested in the race issue in the state."

"I feel that both of these situations can only begin to change with a change of public officials. The senatorial position could obviously play an important role here.

When asked why she decided to run, she said, "I thought the fac: that Senator Stennis was running unopposed was important-a major factor in my de-cision."

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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 aren't really concerned about the welfare of all the people."

"Because of this attitude," Mrs. Gray said, "Mississippi source is its people-both black

"The attitude of Mississippi's politicians gives the state's average people a pretty poor deal," she said. "Senator Stennis has opposed 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 Sten-

"If we send people who are truly representative of the people, it will bring about the de-sired and needed changes in the state.

Turning to the senator's stand in opposition to the Civil Rights Bill, Mrs. Gray said, "The senator's stand is way out-dated: He's in a position to know what's going on in this state and in the 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 constituents can no longer afford to use the race issue for political advantage."

When asked if she felt she would represent all the people if she were elected, Mrs. Gray said, "I think I would come closer than Senator Stennis. I am aware of the needs of the average person - black or

white. "And I think I represent the thinking of the average person on the race issue. I think that deep down-at least I hope-

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- Jackson's Finest -

Pauline Frederick Speaks

Miss Pauline Frederick, man has the courage to suggest NBC's UN correspondent made a personal appearance before an appreciative Tougaloo College and Greater Jackson Com-

munity Audience.
Miss Frederick's appearance at Tougaloo culminated a year of constant effort on the part of Dr. Ernst Borinski, Chairman of the Social Science Division, to have the world famous news analyst talk to the college and greater Jackson communities.

Determined one of the world's ten most admired women by Gallop Poll, Miss Frederick clearly demonstrated the reason for her selection as the applause of the audience reached thunderous and seemingly unending proportion.

The United Nations
"The UN," Miss Frederick said, "is not a world govern-ment, not intended to be and never will be." "It is not a club of friends," she said. Miss Frederick quoted the late John Foster Dulles as saying that if Chiang Kai-shek could not control China, that nation should be brought into the UN under whatever form of government it established to replace the old Chang regime.

Miss Frederick believes that every nation in the world should be brought into the UN. posed to the "head in the sand" failure of some nations to recognize others, understanding and accord may be reached,

she said.

Problems and Politicians The great problems in the world today are created by human beings. Men have not yet learned to live with one another. Problems arising between people and nations are

made difficult to resolve by leaders whose eyes are fixed on the past. Political leaders want all the modern innovations which contribute to enlightenment and progress, but want such conditions geared to their own outmoded political systems. They fear loss of status quo that is both pleasant and

profitable to them personally. Politicians unable to think of anything constructive to enhance their chance of survival are quick to use the magic words that have worked so well and slowed progress so effectively in the past-"communist," "communism," "com-munistic," "red" and "pink."

Our Shame Thousands of Cuban children, women and men are near starvation, but not one congress-

the average person realizes that a change is inevitable. They would go along with the change if they lived in conditions where they could freely express themselves. The attitude and poor leadership of Mississippi's present politicians does not give much courage to their constituents."

Mrs. Gray, 37, is a native of Hattiesburg and finished high school in Forrest County. She later attended what is now Central College in Ohio.

She has been active in civil rights for the last three to four years. "That's in addition to being a housewife, a mother of three and an extension worker with the general education board of the Methodist Church,'

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though millions of dollars worth of wheat is being sold to Rus-

We, as a nation, have no more right to say what form of government Cuba should have than we have to dictate a form of government for France, England, Russia or Red China.

Price of Peace

Ideological warfare being waged around the world has changed from threats of nuclear force to winning the hearts of people. Had America used this concept years ago in Cuba, the western hemisphere may have been spared the establishment of a communist beach-

Americans, geared to the past, are eternally grumbling about the cost of foreign aid and the Peace Corps, yet Americans spend 3 billion dollars annually for pets, the average American spends \$75 per year for cigarettes, and \$200 for liquor while crying about \$1 per person for peace.

Ninety per cent of the UN work is concerned with healing the sick and teaching the ignorant while only ten per cent is political involvement. Yet the ten per cent UN work gets ninety per cent of the publicity.

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Hoodlums Beat . . .

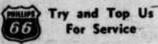
(Continued from Page 1) faculty members was on the the sale of food to Cuba al- highway when the victims and attackers sped by. The second Tougaloo car occupants followed onto the Milsaps campus, they quickly drove away.

The victims drove to the govenor's mansion in Jackson to demand audience with Governor Paul Johnson, but the Highway Patrolman on duty would not allow them to enter the mansion. He advised the occupants to return to Canton and make their complaint to the Madison County Sheriff. When told that they had been warned that they would be killed if seen in Canton again, the patrolman told the Tougaloo group; "If you have a clear concious, you can go back."

The FBI has been called, the group spokesman said.

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This is one of the century old April 14 while waiting in line to truths by which the "old enter the court room for the school" Negroes have learned to live.

Miss Norma Stamps, em-ployed by Jackson State College as a departmental secretary, received official notification Friday, April 29, of her termination on Saturday, April 30.

Miss Stamps had returned a face slapping administered to her by an elderly man on

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enter 'he court room for the Beckwith trial. She was arrested and charged with as-sault and later released on bail.

Miss Stamps immediate supervisor told her the following Thursday that the president of the college had asked for her resignation with a warning that she would be fired otherwise.

Miss Stamps said she was later told by the president that she was being fired for unauthorized absences 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 memberships and contributions solicited. The branch has enrolled nearly 8,000 new members toward its goal of 35,000.

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During the Baccalaureate Services Sunday, the Rev. T. B. Brown, Pastor of Mount Helm Baptist Church, had called for a return to law and order. "Lawlessness—contempt for au-thority—is upon us like a flood." The speaker, a Jackson State College graduate, said, "The honest citizen has no need to fear the keepers of law and order, but the dishonest man will always be nervous of them. If you want to avoid this anxiety,

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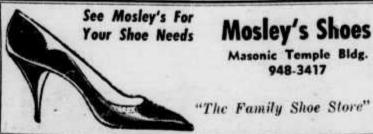
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is visiting regional and field of-fices of the U. S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Announcement of vonAvery's visit was made today by Sterl- calling 323-4646. ing B. Williams, director of the Wage-Hour regional office here. Williams said that vonAvery's 28, during which time, he visitefforts will be devoted to developing a better understanding on several civic organizations of the programs of the Wage-Hour Division among minority and other groups.

vonAvery is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has a Masters degree from St. Louis University in Political Science and Economics.

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partment for 10 years. He also
served with the Office of Price
Administration and the United States and Missouri State Employment Service.

vonAvery may be contacted Public Contracts Divisions in at the Regional Office of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions at 1401 South 20th Street, Birmingham, or by

Mr. vonAvery was in Jackson, Mississippi on May 25 and and employers.

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, concern 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 or"The total You SAVE is What Counts"

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