



YOUNG MOTHER, YOUNG CHILDREN

-- NO HUSBAND, NO FATHER

WHAT PRICE FREEDOM

The Medgar Evers Family

one year after the murder

l. to r. Darrel, Myrlie, James and Rena

Photo by Cecil Layne

Hi Yawl-

by PROF. GEO. KAYE

Pull some queer stuff in the medical profession, and you promptly find yourself fighting Scotch over rocks or in some back alley joint as a has been doctor.

Try some queer stuff in a classroom and sooner or later the news will get back to the head of instruction and you become an ex-teacher.

In religion, the picking is good and you'll never be challenged. When you put the white collar around your neck, exhibit a cross somewhere, announce that you have been "called" and you are in business.

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The "called" preaching and spiritual healing racketeers are everywhere, each with a special patented gimmick.

There's no point in trying to cover the water front in one swoop, so let's start with one local gimmick.

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Police, Klan, Hoodlums--

Long Bloody Summer

AFL-CIO asks curb of Local Radio-TV Stations

The AFL-CIO today asked the Federal Communications Commission to deny renewal of the broadcast license held by television station WLBT in Jackson, Mississippi. Charges that the station failed to meet its responsibilities in the public interest where filed by the Mississippi AFL-CIO and its president, Claude Ramsay. The station is owned by the Lamar Life Broadcasting Company.

The Mississippi AFL-CIO petition charged that

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Federal Troops Needed For Protection From The Law



MCKINLEY HAMBLIN

The "Long Hot Summer" is on in Jackson, but the heat is not coming from the predicted source.

On Sunday night, May 31, a car load of white men passed the headquarters of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) on Lynch, then there was loud tangling of heavy plate glass and the car sped away.

The following Tuesday, June 2, two cars loaded with young white men, calmly parked their cars in the middle of the street in front of the same building, got out of their cars and fired away at COFO office with no apparent fears of police interference.

Several COFO workers were injured and the plate glass front was a complete shamble. The youths returned to their cars and sped away. One student worker observed, "it's almost impossible to

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COFO Report Shows

Nowhere is the corruption and Hypocrisy of Mississippi's white community more apparent than in the composition and activity of the State Legislature. In the past few months, spurred on by the success of civil rights work in the state and by COFO's plans for the coming summer, the Legislature has worked feverishly to produce legislation restricting civil rights and liberties for those who would change the Mississippi 'way of life'.

Lawmakers in floor debate have constantly talked of the coming 'invasion' of the state, and their attitude has helped to create near hysteria in sections of the white community. The Ku Klux Klan and other white vigilante groups have revived, and citizens are being advised to arm to meet the pending crisis.

All this and more has been done in the name of meeting the 'crisis' to Mississippi presented by civil rights activities. The legislators seem genuinely frightened that civil rights successes are undermining the racist power structure of the state.

This year, in addition to regular budget allotments, the Legislature voted the Sovereignty Commission \$50,000 in tax money to fight the Civil Rights Bill.

The racism of the Mississippi Legislators also shows up through their involvement with the White Citizens Councils, the semi-official watchdogs of segregation in the state. Known Citizens Council members hold key positions in both houses of the Legislature. But even those who are not known as members usually have close ties to Council members and share the same views.

1. ANTI-ECONOMIC BOYCOTT BILL - Senate Bill No. 1607 (Still in Committee. This bill attempts to outlaw economic boycotts by Negroes against white businesses which discriminate.

*2. ANTI-LEAFLETING LAW - Senate Bill No. 1545 (Passed and Signed) - This bill prohibits the distributing of leaflets calling for economic boycotts.

*3. ANTI-PICKETING LAW - House Bill No. 546 (Passed and Signed) - A bill prohibiting picketing of public buildings.

4. 'SECOND' ANTI-PICKETING LAW - (Passed in House, sent to Senate) - An almost identical law to be used if the above law is declared unconstitutional.

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Charlie Butts Leaves Free Press

The HiCo Publishing Company, Publishers of FREE PRESS announced Monday that Charlie Butts former editor and general manager of FREE PRESS has been relieved of membership on the Board of Director of HiCo.

Butts relinquished duties as editor of FREE PRESS on May 1 and general managership on June 1.

Charlie left FREE PRESS to organize his own printing and publishing firm in Memphis, Tennessee.

Action by the HiCo Board was designed to eliminate conflict of interest. The announcement was made by R. L. T. Smith Jr., and Dr. Albert B. Britton, president and treasurer respectively of the Board of Directors.

ON HUMAN DECENCY

by Aaron Henry

Miss. reaction to Human Decency is purely a matter of Political leadership and the same goes for Clarksdale, Miss. In a recent report it was revealed that 65% of the population of Memphis, Tenn. are people from Mississippi. These same native Mississippians in Memphis, Tenn. have helped to fashion a city that has accepted School Desegregation without a hitch, they have accepted desegregation of the Hotels and most of the restaurants, golf courses

Hi Yawl . . .

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Some poor sucker with a family is out of a job and can't find one. He has rent and utilities to pay and food to buy - he's desperate.

He goes to a Jackson fleecer, in some cases, believe it or not, a well respected minister. God's man hears the pitiful problem and prays for the miserable creature. If there is a rich member of the family he performs his God given magic (When he gets sick he calls a physician or goes to a hospital).

Whet happens next would make a vulture vomit.

The so-called man of God gives his victim some holy powder or some other garbage to solve his economic problem! He pre-



HEALERS JUNK

pares and gives the sick victim another type of garbage - he even writes out instructions on how to take the worthless "medicine".

That's bad enough but it's not the full story. God's garbage peddler than asks the unfortunate victim for a fee!

OK say Ole George is a lie. Well, the sample picture below is not a hoax. The poor victim turned it over to me. The well established preacher asked \$15 for the little packs of talc powder and the jar of ordinary washing powder!

Hi, Yawl feel now? I'm just getting started, but the editor says finish it another time, George, so I will.

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Upper 100 Cosmeticians Feature Larry Day

To Weev Hair at Trade Show

Larry Day of Buffalo, New York, nationally famous weev artist and stylist will be featured at the Elks auditorium in Jackson June 29 by the Upper 100 Cosmeticians Club.

Larry is a native of Pass Christian, Mississippi and commenced his study and practice of cosmetology in Jackson while attending Jackson College. After earning his bachelors degree at Jackson College, Larry studied beauty culture at Gorine Beauty College in Memphis, Tennessee and completed study of hair weeving and styling in New York City.

The famed stylist has served as weev artist for many leading manufacturers of beauty products over the nation.

Since establishing residence in Buffalo, Larry has done advance studies at Buffalo State Teachers College, taught in the Buffalo Public Schools and is currently assistant direc-

tor of Lillian Dora Beauty School, one of the largest of its kind in the nation.

The Upper 100 Cosmeticians Club officials are elated at their good fortune in being able to feature Larry Day as one of several attractions to their second annual Beauty and Trades Show.

The first beauty and

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LARRY DAY



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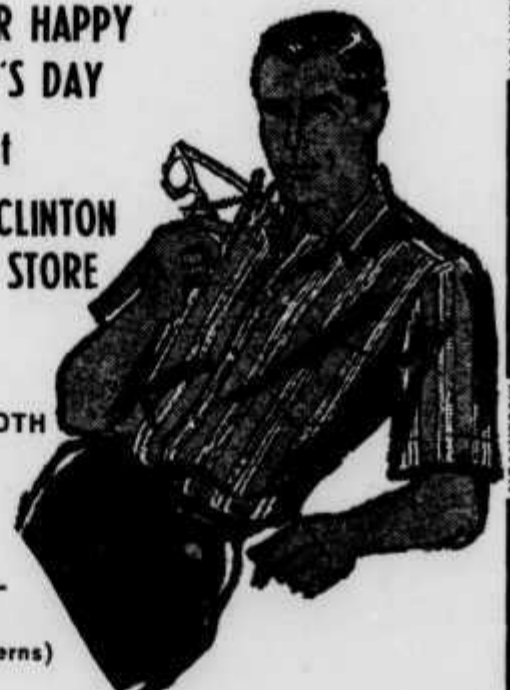
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Negro College Presidents Support Radio TV

J. D. Boyd and Jacob L. Reddix, presidents respectively of all-Negro Alcorn A. & M. and Jackson State Colleges, have submitted letters to the

Federal Communication Commission in behalf of a local TV station, Free Press learned last week.

Renewal of FCC licenses of both local TV stations and their radio officials are being challenged by Negroes and organized labor for alleged discriminatory programming omissions and news slanting.

The two college heads, whose institution have been the scene of student demonstration and violence directed against strict enforcement of provisions for "Negro education" under the state's racially separate education plan, support the station's claim of non-discrimination.

Letters by the college heads denied any racially offensive or discriminating practices by WLBT-TV and its affiliates radio station and further lauded the station for good public service in behalf of Negroes. Similar letters were submitted by Percy Greene, publisher

of a Jackson weekly newspaper, Lawrence Jones, Principal of Piney Woods School, and Rev. Nathan Wheeler, Voice of Goodwill Association of Mississippi. A "thank you" letter by the Negro branch YMCA was included.

Efforts to have FCC revoke the license of both Jackson TV stations and their radio affiliates has been under way for some time. The move initiated by pro Civil Rights forces in the state has been extended to state and national labor, religious and civic organizations.

Pres. Boyd referred specifically to the TV station's sending a full TV tape recording crew to the A. & M. campus on the very day the station received a petition to deny renewal of licenses.

The TV tape was made by the station prior to a massive student demonstration against conditions at the college and the station's recording showed conditions to be educationally ideal. The recording was shown to the public at a time when over half of the students were at home, either by choice or after having been forced off the campus by the State highway patrol.

President Reddix made specific reference to the fact that his senior college of 1750 full time students operates on a budget of \$1.5 million and supported entirely by the state of Mississippi. The Jackson State Col-

Larry Day . . .

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trades show held by the club in 1963 was a tremendous success and well attended by beauticians from over the state. In addition to Larry Day, the show will feature the latest trends, methods and products.



Mrs. Thelma Jefferson
President



Mrs. Edna Marie Singleton
Business Manager

The Upper 100 Cosmeticians Club, sponsors of the annual trades show, is composed of about fifty of the states leading beauticians.

lege president's letter in calling special attention to the source of support, leaves a question as to whether his college gets any of the millions spent by the federal government for higher education in the state.

By specifying the college budget, attention was invited to a comparison of the Jackson State College operating budget with that of Hinds Junior College and the State's College for white women at Columbus.

Unmarked Police Cars Danger A. Henry Warns

The State of Mississippi is flirting with a dangerous piece of nonsense when it passed a recent bill permitting non-uniformed officers and unmarked cars to be a part of its investigative and arresting force. With this foolishness, any white man in any kind of car can "ARREST" any Negro and instead of the Negro ending up in jail he most probably will end up in a river. WE ARE INSTRUCTING ALL NEGROES NOT TO SUBMIT TO ARREST TO ANYONE NOT IN OFFICERS UNIFORM AND WHO WILL NOT PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS. THOSE OF US WHO REFUSE AND BE LATER BOOKED WITH RESISTING ARREST WILL HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE NAACP.

Mayor Thompson—A Choice

The issues that brought on the demonstrations were police brutality, injustice in the courts, inadequate education, unemployment and the question of human dignity, the right to use public facilities with segregation and to be treated courteously.

I shall advise the Jackson NAACP and the Negroes in the Jackson movement to attempt to re-negotiate with Mayor Allen Thompson to the end that a bi-racial committee shall be formed to study and resolve these grievances.

In the absence of the Mayor's willingness to do this and if the grievances remain, I shall urge the Negro Citizens to take to the streets. Not only will I urge them, I will join them there.

The above statement is a direct quote from Aaron B. Henry, President of the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP when quired by a UPI Newsmen on his reaction to the permanent injunction levied against the Negro community of Jackson, Mississippi.

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Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR . . .

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SOCIAL JUSTICE . . . IN MISSISSIPPI

Dear Medgar:



MEDGAR EVERS

Since you went to Heaven, you would be pleased and amazed at the number of people that have joined the Freedom Struggle. Many people in Jackson, Canton, Greenwood, Biloxi, Gulfport, Moss Point, Pascogoula, Clarksdale, Greenville, Newton County, Starkville, and all over the state have really come alive in the cause of Freedom. Many of us are just learning what you tried so hard to teach us that "Freedom is Everybody's Business".

It would please you also to know that all the Civil Rights organizations in Mississippi are working together and putting over a program that you would be proud to participate in. Remember the organization that You and Bob Moses and I worked on and named the Council of Federated Organizations, the organization that brought together the Mississippi based workers of the NAACP, CORE, SCLC and SNCC? Well, we are all working hard to make sure that the unity movement is a success.

Medgar, we will never forget what you meant to all of us. Your dedication to Freedom was so well understood that everyone respected you. To the Freedom movement you were hope, success, and encouragement all in one dynamic package. Many of us complain of the hours we put in now but your schedule makes us all look like school boys.

I shall never forget your courage and determination the night you, Mrs. Hurley, Dr. Biethel and several more of us went to investigate the Emmitt Till Slaying. Remember the people we found that were willing to talk on the

witness stand if we would get them out of Mississippi immediately following the trial? Remember the allnight drive we took the day the trial was over to place these people on safe ground?

I remember well the first time I saw you cry. The night was at a Freedom Banquet for the State Conference of the NAACP in Jackson when you were trying to present an appreciation certificate to the mother of Clyde Kennard, a young student that was then being held in the State penitentiary. His only crime was trying to become a student at Mississippi Southern University. Any way as you tried to read the citation you began to shake and cry. I tried to take over for you and you said, now Prexy, I want to finish this and you did go on to finish it.

I was never so glad to see you as I was that morning in the Cleveland, Mississippi jail where I was booked on a crazy morals charge; on the morning you, Attorney R. Jesse Brown, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hackett, Dr. Burton, Mr. J. W. Wright and several more of our good friends came into the jail and told the jailor you came for me. The jailor was really funny. He did not know what charges there were against me, nor who had filed the charges. He promised to send Attorney Brown a copy of the charge in the mail the next day. I shall never forget your placing your arm around my shoulder and saying, Prexy, lets go home.

Man, I relive incidents with you all the time, the number of cases it was my privilege to investigate with you, the number of legal acts we filed and the number of meetings we made around the state and around the nation.

I will never forget, as you cannot, the night of June 11, 1963. After the meeting, we sat comparing notes for our testimony before the House Judiciary Committee that was to be given on the 14th of June. We were trying not to duplicate testimony as we both had witnessed

about the same things. I left for the airport and you left going home. I went on to Houston Texas to address the Texas Pharmaceutical Association and you went on home. That night as you were going home Mrs. Evers had permitted Darrel Kenyatta, Rena Denise and James Van Dyke to wait up for you since they did not have much time with you as you were so busy with the movement for Freedom. Just the day before, You, Mrs. Mercedes Wright and I had been driving down the streets in Jackson to see how many Negro shoppers were downtown. We came upon a group of white men dressed in bright colored uniforms that we were informed were shrine or Shriners uniform. One of these fellows borrowed a policeman's blackjack and began to beat the head of a Negro in a car parked in the street and the policeman just looked on and when the man in the bright colored uniform had finished he gave the stick back to the policeman and the Negro fellow finally got the car in gear and drove away in a hurry. We were critical of the Negro for permitting himself to be beaten and not strike back, but we were more critical of the policeman who loaned the white man his stick and stood there and watched it all.

On the morning of June 12th in a Hotel in Houston, Texas, I turned on the Today Show to hear what Lena Horne had to say, I had read that she was to be on the show that day. When she came on there was Roy Wilkins sitting beside her, and your picture on the top of the Screen. I said to myself, ole Medgar is in the news again. Then I heard the announcer say that Miss Horne was on the show and that Roy Wilkins had been invited due to the tragic death of Medgar Evers last night in Mississippi. He said a High Powered Rifle bullet had torn out your heart. I cannot tell

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you how shaken I was. But I remembered that you had always said, "No matter what happens to either of us, the other must carry on." I knew that the next day, I would have to present your testimony too before the House Judiciary Commission. Since you have gone, I have tried to do the things I felt I had to do in the way I felt you would have done. To me, Medgar, when you fell, you fell forward, covering the full six feet and two inches of your body. You carried us that far down the road to freedom. We will never have to retrace those steps.

I hope that if it is my privilege to fall in my tracks for the noble cause of freedom, that I too will fall forward and thus do my best, to close the gap between man and Freedom. I know that no one can never give any more to the cause of freedom than you gave. Thank you, for freeing me, for now I too am willing to give the final measure. May God keep you in His tender mercy and give to you peace and satisfaction for the great contribution you made toward bringing the Kingdom of God, on his Earth.

Aaron Henry



AARON HENRY

Negro Teachers... Prisoners of the Closed Society

There are no prisons whose inmates are more securely removed from life around them than Negro teachers employed, trustee like, by the state of Mississippi.

Having learned well how to satisfy their masters in local and state politics and having demonstrated in some concrete manner, willingness to be obedient and to subordinate themselves at all times to all members of

the "closed society", an effective prison is realized.

Contact with the Negro community, with which such political prisoners must co-exist, is restricted almost exclusively to shaping the minds of Negro children to acceptance of a place in society as inferior human beings.

By enabling sufficient income to buy longer cars and bigger homes than other Negroes, a basis of rationalized acceptance of the system is afforded the prisoners.

The Negro public, looking across the wide chasm that separates it from the Negro teachers, is determined to destroy the "outpost", one of the most effective fortifications of the closed society.

Since preparation of Negroes for certification to teach in the state is not a serious consideration, and since comparable job alternatives are non-existent, many entrenched heads of Negro education institutions and those who aspire to move-up, will continue to provide formatible opposition to freedom.

Medgar Evers... Free Press

The late Medgar Wiley Evers wanted freedom. Most people want freedom. What set Medgar Evers aside from the general run of freedom wanting people was his willingness to give of himself for the cause of freedom for all people.

Because of his clear insite forces that hold men in bondage and the inability of leaders of such forces to cope with that great man, the closed society carefully planned his elimination.

Medgar Evers often said, "It is all but impossible to read or hear the truth in Mississippi." Thé Harding Carters and Hazel Brandon Smiths are too few and too far between. Much could be done for Mississippi, he responded, if radio, television and the press were free to present facts.

In his pursuit of an outlet for free expression and truth, he induced local leaders to join him in the creation of a newspaper designed to fill that need. It was he who selected the name, FREE PRESS.

AFL-CIO...

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the station:


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unlawful attempt to influence a National Labor Relations Board election;
 * Attempted to enlist public support for its license renewal by using a letter which falsely accused Ramsay of being a Communist sympathizer;
 * Was used by the station manager, a principal stockholder, to castigate the federal government and as a forum for expressing radical right viewpoints to the exclusion of all others;
 * Arbitrarily eliminated scheduled programs to allow airing of views of the John Birch Society, White Citizens Councils and other extremists.
 "The time has come," said Ramsay, "for the people of Mississippi to free themselves of the radicals of the far right, who are equally as dangerous as the radicals of the far left. These extremists, masquerading as patriots, used the communist tactics of organizing "front" organizations with highly patriotic and religious titles. Under

the pretense of preserving freedom and the constitution, these extremists and their "front" organizations would destroy our government and our constitution."

The move to seek non-renewal of WLBT's license came with approval of a resolution by the Mississippi Afl-CIO state convention in Jackson on May 26. By a standing vote, with only 12 delegates out of several hundred in opposition, the convention endorsed the action proposed by its executive committee.

Filing of the petition climaxed a two-year check of the station's programming by the state AFL-CIO.

WLBT is located in Jackson, the state capital, and has the widest coverage of any television station in the state.

The petition declared that the Mississippi AFL-CIO is made up of citizens and television viewers who are entitled to receive from the station a fair presentation of all matters affecting their sphere of interest "without slanting, bias, distortion or prejudicial programming."

The petition held that station manager Fred L. Beard sought to rouse support in behalf of the station's license renewal by making available to the press a letter written by "an inflamed individual" which falsely accused Ramsay and, inferentially, the Mississippi AFL-CIO, with being Communist sympathizers. The charge was retracted but the station manager had made use of the letter to obtain

the support he sought, the petition charged.

The petition also charged Beard used the station as "the semi-official organ of the John Birch Society, the White Citizens Council and other right wing organizations." Noted in the charge was employment of the local John Birch Society coordinator as director of the station's public service programming.

The station manager also sought out as regular commentators, the petition charged, right wing extremists who denounced the Federal government as "our lying, thieving, federal government."

Beard himself, the petition charged, has "editorially and personally" used the station to urge Mississippi citizens to disobey and resist the laws of the United States and decrees of the federal courts. Beard is entitled to express his opinions, the AFL-CIO noted, but the station should not be used for the exclusion of all others.

Beard's control and authority over the station has enabled him to totally insulate the audience from fair and obstructive viewpoints on national problems and screen out any opposing viewpoint to the public, the State AFL-CIO charged.

The petition cited as support an editorial by Pulitzer Prize winner Mrs. Hazel Brannon Smith of the Lexington (Miss.) Advertiser who criticized the state's "closed society" and the failure of its radio stations and TV to defend free speech. The State AFL-CIO also

Medgar Wylie



by Verna Bailey

(Parodying a poem of Edgar Allan Poe)

It was recently ago
 In a house by the side of a street
 There a man lived that you know
 Bearing the name of Medgar Wylie
 And this man he lived with no other thought.
 Than to make Negroes free.
 His father taught him as a child
 That the whites were meant to be
 But he knew down in his heart that
 The Negroes should be free.
 He held this belief so strong
 That the white man mowed him down
 And this is the reason that recently
 In this house by the side of a street
 A mad man came out of a field by night
 Killing Mr. Medgar Wylie.
 The white man not half so happy in his heaven
 Went envying the Negroes and he
 Yes! that is the reason (As all men know)
 In this house by the side of a street
 That the mad man came out of a field (by night)
 "Chilling and killing" Mr. Medgar Wylie.
 But his belief was stronger by far
 Than those who were older than he
 Of many more advanced than he
 And neither the whites in their so called Heaven above
 Nor those even lower than the sea
 Can ever dissever the Negroes belief
 Of the wonderful Medgar Wylie:
 For the stars never beam,
 Without bringing me dreams
 Of the wonderful Medgar Wylie
 And the speakers never rise,
 But I feel the Bright eyes
 Of the wonderful Medgar Wylie
 And so all the night tide,
 he lies down by the side
 With his belief-his belief-having given his life
 And upholding his pride
 Believing the Negroes should be free
 Giving his life for all to be free.

charged that the station had failed to render genuine public service. The station had merely listed public service programs in its logs to meet the minimum requirements. The station had also de-

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Tougaloo College 95th Commencement

One hundred graduates were granted degrees at the 95th commencement exercises at Tougaloo College on Sunday afternoon.

Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of the United Christian Missionary Society (Disciples of Christ), delivered the commencement address. Speaking to a capacity audience, Dr. Fiers said "We live in an age of challenge when the frontiers are being pushed back by the relentless march of human progress and achievement. In the fields of religion, sociology, economics and politics, we have made prodigious advances. One step of progress after another has made obsolete those which have preceded it. All about us are the evidences of an unprecedented century of scientific and sociological developments. Yet we know that the potentials for life upon this earthly planet have only been dimly perceived..."

"Thus," he said, "it is that every young person going forth into the world today will find himself caught up in a crucial, challenging conflict where the challenge for high adventure struggles with the desire to maintain a firm hold upon life's securities...It is a struggle with which we must live and decide day by day in things both great and small, and in our deciding, we determine the pattern of our life."

Tribute was lavished upon Dr. A. D. Brittel, the retiring president of Tougaloo both for his administration of the college and the great part he has played in the fight for freedom.

Mrs. Thelma Sanders of Sanders Womens' Apparel, a nationally recognized civic leader, mother, and former teacher was awarded a plaque honoring her as the 1964 "Alumnus of the Year". The award is annually presented to a Tougaloo alumnus for the most outstanding service to community, state and nation.

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clined to furnish spokesmen for organized labor with equal prime time to present its position on pertinent issues.

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Tougaloo's President and Wife honored at Commencement. Dr. A. Dale Fiers presents commendation to Dr. A. D. Biattel and wife.



Dr. A. D. Biattel presents Alumnus of the Year Award to Mrs. I. S. Sanders.



Woolworth's Trio Graduate. They are from left to right, Joan Trumpauer, Memphis Norman and Annie Mae Moody.

Separate But Equal Self-Improvement

When Negro teachers speak about the international disgrace called "separate but equal education" in Mississippi, it is usually a categorical endorsement. When they speak otherwise, they either can't stomach it any longer or they already have another job--out of state.

But even the endorsements have a way of revealing the truth about that sickening thing called "duel system of education."

The address by the retiring head of the Mississippi Teachers Association delivered to the State teachers during the March convention is a good example. Walter Washington, president of Utica Junior College, spoke of "a challenge to teachers" or "challenge to teach".

In affect, Mr. Washington challenged the state teachers, products of the state's undereducation system, to take a firm hold on their boot straps and left themselves above the level of their educa-

tion. Mr. Washington, apparently, has not looked back at the hundred year history of boot strap tugging by Negroes. The MTA head noted that only 2350 Negro teachers in the state held bachelors degrees in 1953 against 7,237 by the end of 1963. The ten year period more than tripled the 90 years production prior to the supreme court's desegregation decision. Mr. Washington did not mention the Supreme Court nor its influence on the new degree production rate. The Junior College head urged teachers to teach students how to pass tests. "If our children are to meet the needs of these times, we must teach our

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children to become test-wise. We must teach them how to pass standardized tests".

"Wouldn't it be far better to just give children a standardized education," asked one student who read the address.

"One of the greatest problems facing our junior and senior colleges is an inadequate supply of professors and instructors. It has become an impossible task to find PhD and content masters degree teaching personnel to staff our junior and senior colleges". Mr. Washington thus described the Negro College teacher situation in the state.

He did not give a reason for the "impossible task", nor did he point out the fact that the 4887 new bachelor degrees were earned under such an educational climate.

Mr. Washington pointed to his good fortune in being a member of the visiting committee to 15 of the 16 Southern association accredited Negro schools in the state.

If the Junior College

head were able to hide his racial identity long enough to visit unaccredited white schools over the state superior to the accredited Negro schools.

Washington pointed to the rapid industrialization of Mississippi and the growing need for technical trained man power, but he failed to mention, "for white only" ads.

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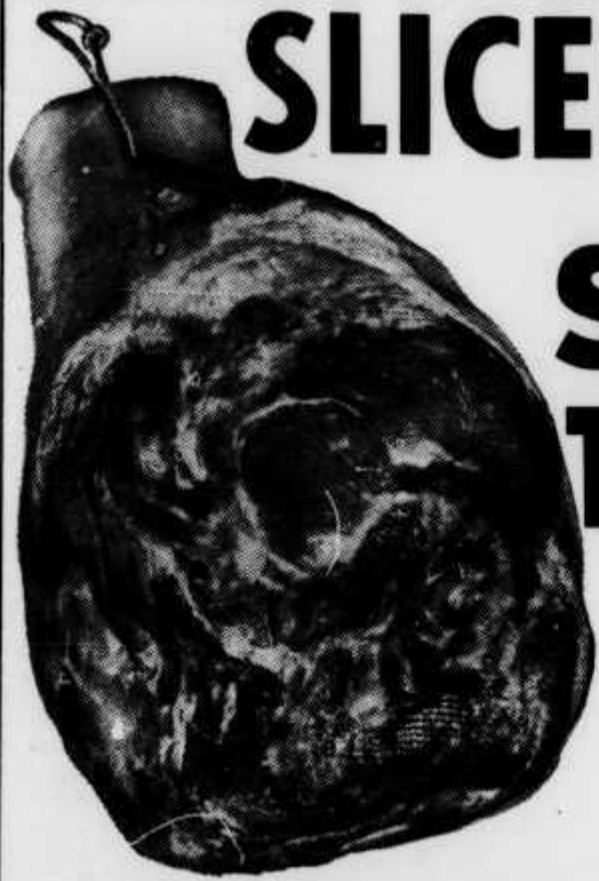
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Long Summer . .

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cough on Lynch Street with a policemen being close enough to see your tonsils. But they are never around when the white hoodlums come - never".

During the same week two Negroes who live near Utica in Hinds County were hailed by a white man as they drove peacefully along the highway between Jackson and Vicksburg. The white man was standing near a car parked on the side of the highway with the hood up.

When the two men got out to help the white person whom they believed to be having trouble, several hooded (Klan-like) men dashed from cover (at night) and pounced upon the men who had stopped to help.

The two victims were beaten severely and told that this is what Civil Rights will get you.

Living as they are in the rural, the victims are

afraid to make a complaint, Free Press learned.

On Friday, June 5, McKinley Hamblin, 26 year old native of Canton was released from the Canton jail where he had been held since the "Freedom Day" massive voter registration attempt the week before in spite of serious head injury sustained from a savage police beating.

About eight Canton policemen had jumped Hamblin who was among several other persons standing around the Church use as a staging point for the massive voter registration attempt. He was beaten to the ground with police clubs.

Hamblin was thrown in jail and later taken to the hospital where he was held, though helpless, while given treatment including four stitches in one head laceration.

A young white minister and his wife picked Hamblin up from the jail and took him to a doctor for treatment.



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