

Cannot Grow Without Truth - A Free Electorate Needed

Senator James O. Eastland appeared on television last week and invoked more shame on Mississippi.

Before National CBS News audience, Eastland stated that Negroes in Mississippi had the finest schools in the United States, that they were employed, prospering and happy.

Coming from a local of-

ficial, such a statement could have been over looked as "the expected", but the Senator is a man of great wealth and presumably good education. His long experience in public life in Mississippi alone should have enabled him awareness of Mississippi's last place ranking in provisions for education.

Senator Eastland has been in the U. S. Senate

for about a quarter of a century. News media in the state portrays the senator as a man of great knowledge and awareness of matters of public concern. In view of all these things, it is difficult to understand how he can determine Negro Schools in Mississippi to be the best in the nation when: (1) the dual system as a whole ranks last among the fifty

states; (2) payments for Negro education in the state is considerable less than that paid for education of whites.

The senator should also know that Mississippi also ranks last in average individual income among the fifty states, and that average income for Negroes is only a fraction of the average for whites.

Being one of the states'

highest ranked public officials, Senator Eastland's expressed view of the economic and educational status of Negroes in Mississippi is a glaring indication as to why the state, possessed of great natural resources, location advantages and therefore, potential for great wealth ranks 50th among the 50 states of the nation.

HOW CAN YOU teach, preach or discuss devotion to God and your country - unless you are REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Retraction

An item carried in our last issue as a "Flash" and which was obtained from a presumably reliable source proved, upon subsequent investigation, to be untrue. The item stated that poisoned chewing gum left in the streets in Moss Point caused the death of a child. The Moss Point CR meeting place was not burned to the ground. A fire did occur, but damage was slight. Excuse us!

Hi Yawl

by PROF. GEO. KAYE

Discrimination with Federal Funds continues -

Joe Tarvin, who received a gunshot head wound last week, was treated at the University Hospital in Jackson the same night, but was released the next morning with buckshot lodged in his head. He was not asked to return for further examination and treatment.

Tarvin was wounded when he pursued two men who fired into the Henderson Cafe in an attempt to get the license number of their car. He was employed as a guard at the Cafe.

Tarvin obtained satisfactory treatment at the Baptist Hospital here when he continued to suffer severe headaches.

The University Hospital in Jackson has received several million dollars in federal funds.

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Commission Schedules

Civil Rights Hearing For Mississippi

Mississippi Freedom Summer Under Way

by Liz Krohne, Free Press Staff Writer

Last weekend the second group of trained volunteers arrived in Mississippi to begin work in Freedom Summer projects throughout the state. Sunday and Monday the state COFO office at Jackson was crowded and chaotic as old acquaintances were renewed, news exchanged, and housing assignments and travel arrangements distributed.

The Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) is a co-ordinating body composed of four major civil rights groups, CORE, NAACP, SCLC, and SNCC. COFO was organized a year ago to promote statewide co-operation among these organizations and various local citizenship groups.

Planning for the historic Freedom Summer began following a series of meetings held by COFO last January to discuss the future of the Mississippi movement. According to Charles Evers, field secretary for the Mississippi NAACP, "We felt that the practice of segregation and the disenfranchisement of Negroes in Mississippi were so deeply entrenched that progress could only be made through an all-out attack on illiteracy and segregated political institutions. The Freedom Summer is an attempt to develop educational programs and voter registration campaigns on the

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Mayor Bans Minister From Church

Rev. James Corson, chaplain of Stanford University, who is here under the auspices of the National Council of Churches and is advisor to the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee's Sunflower-Bolivar County summer project, was told by Charles Borroughs, mayor of Ruleville, not to attend the First Methodist Church service because "you've come down here to live with Negroes so you can go to church with them."

The local minister told Rev. Corson that his presence at the white church might detract from the spirit of worship. Rev. Corson and three summer volunteers attended services in the local Negro Methodist Church where, he said, they were "very warmly welcomed, very much at home."

U.S. Civil Rights Commission Agrees To Hold 1964 Hearing In Miss.



DR. A. B. BRITTON

A conference of State Advisory Committees to U. S. Civil Rights Commission was held in Washington, D. C. June 26, 27 and 28. The Mississippi Civil Rights Committee was represented by Dr. Albert B. Britton of Jackson and Rev. Wofford Smith of Oxford.

The conference was called to appraise the role of the commission under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Under the new force the Civil Rights Commission's life is extended another 4 years.

The new law also makes the commission national clearing house for information in respect to denials of equal protection of the laws because of race, color, religion or national origins, including the fields of voting, education, housing, employment, the use of public

facilities and transportation or in the administration of justice.

The new civil rights act makes it unlawful to discriminate in any of these fields and if such discrimination exists it should be reported to the U. S. Civil Rights Commission or to the proper state advisory committee.

From this conference it was clearly understood that the commissioners expected the Civil Rights Act to become law by July 4, 1964. This means that after that date all hotels, motels and other places of accommodations in Jackson, Mississippi for example, must desegregate. If this is not done and a Negro, or group of Negroes, file a complaint with the State Advisory Committee, or U. S. Civil Rights Commission, remedial action can be taken.

Dr. John A. Hannah, commission chairman, announced that the commissioners had agreed to hold a hearing in Mississippi this year. He also revealed the nomination by President Johnson of two new members to the commission one a Negro woman, Mrs. Frankie M. Freeman and the other an Atlanta newspaperman, Eugene C. Patterson.

Chas. Evers Letter to RFK Forewarned of Philadelphia, Miss. Trouble

June 17, 1964



CHARLES EVERS

The Honorable
Robert F. Kennedy
United States Atty. Gen.
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am requesting an immediate investigation of police brutality in Neshoba County, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

I have heard and believe Negroes of this area are constantly intimidated by Sheriff Rainey and his deputies. The most recent incident occurred last night, June 16, 1964, when Mount Zion Methodist Church of the Lone Dale Community was burned to the ground. This incident happened between the hours of 10:00 and 12:00 p.m. I have received the following account of this incident. "The regular Church Board Meeting started between 7:30-8:00 p.m., closed at 9:00-9:15 p.m. (This church has been

used on several occasions for community sponsored programs of Voter Registration. However, the official board meeting was held last night.)

After the meeting adjourned, the church was partially surrounded by approximately 50 white men, believed to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, who beat several Negroes on the church premises, threatened and questioned others as to the meetings held at this church; also which homes are being used for Voter Registration activities and participants in the Voter Registration projects.

The sheriff (Rainey) and other whites have been seen constantly in the Lone Dale Community during the past two weeks. It is known in the community that the sheriff and his deputies help in seeking the leaders of the Voter Registration project, and Klansmen have said, if they are found they will be killed. Also, if homes, where voter registration workers are living are revealed they will be bombed.

The sheriff and other whites have been seen in this community. The last time was Sunday, June 14, 1964, between the hours of 4:00-6:00 p.m.

This same sheriff is accused of killing a young Negro (Jackson) in 1960 and a mental patient, Willie Nash, who was handcuffed while in the sheriff's custody on May 23,

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THREE RIGHTS WORKERS BELIEVED DEAD-CORE

Meridian, Miss., June 25 -- Three civil rights workers who vanished following their release from jail in nearby Philadelphia late at night on June 21st are believed to be dead.

"I think there's almost no hope that they are alive," said CORE National Director James Farmer after he, John Lewis, chairman of SNCC, Dick Gregory and CORE Task Force Worker George Raymond returned here from Philadelphia where they conferred with the sheriff and other county officials. "If our present fears are grounded, mass protests are

probable."

Meanwhile, CORE-initiated mass picket lines were forming at federal buildings in a number of major cities urging full federal protection for civil rights workers involved in the Freedom Summer project.

The three civil rights workers who vanished are James Chaney, a CORE Task Force worker and a native of Meridian; Michael Schwerner, who since January has directed the CORE community center here and Andrew Goodman, a student who just had arrived in Meridian.

active to this particular incident, due to the fear, threats and intimidations which have been caused my associates in the Philadelphia area.

Respectfully yours,
Charles Evers
Field Secretary
NAACP

1962."

Sir, due to the known intimidation by this sheriff and members of the Philadelphia police department, we ask that this sheriff be relieved of his duties.

I am unable to indicate names and addresses rel-

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by Mary Blake

HOME SERVICE DIRECTOR AND HER STAFF



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3 tablespoons (2-ounce jar) drained, chopped pimiento	

Combine macaroni, celery, onion, dill pickles, green pepper, cheese and pimiento in large mixing bowl. Place in refrigerator to chill. About an hour before serving time, mix mayonnaise, Carnation, hot mustard, salt and seasoned pepper together until smooth. Stir in lemon juice. Pour dressing over macaroni mixture and toss lightly to blend. Refrigerate. Garnish with green pepper rings, if desired.

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Clarksdale Stops Summer Volunteers

Police officials in Clarksdale have threatened and harassed four summer volunteers scheduled to participate in voter registration drives.

Robert and Lisa Mandel were stopped on the street Saturday night by Police Chief Ben Collins. He warned them that volunteers would be arrested immediately if they violated any Clarksdale ordinances. Collins told the two that in such cases, "the police are going to be as rough as you want them to be."

At 1:45 p.m. Sunday, the Mandels were again stopped by Collins as they walked from the COFO office toward a nearby drugstore. He arrested them and refused to state the charges. At the police station, the Mandels were told they had been arrested for vagrancy. Then they were told they were merely being investigated for vagrancy.

During their detention, Collins repeatedly threatened Mandel. He said, "If there's any trouble with the niggers we will kill you all if we have to." Later he said to Mandel, "Why don't you stand up and fight because I'd like to bounce you on the floor about three times. I'd like to kill you."

At 4:25 p.m. the Mandels were released and the charges were dropped.

Lewis Sitzer, 21, Los Angeles, and John Suter III, 18, of Fairfield, Connecticut, were arrested while canvassing in the

Negro neighborhood. Chief Collins called to them and told them to get in his car. They asked what the charges were. Collins then got out of the car and came toward them, carrying a billy stick and said that it was about time they got into the car.

Collins then drove them to the City Jail and booked them for vagrancy. The police chief made obscene remarks to them. He commented that a lot of "nigger folk" had telephoned to complain of the volunteers "agitating" and "trespassing on their property and creating a disturbance."

Sitzer and Suter were transferred to the county jail and booked on the same charge. At 5:00 p.m. they were released and the charge was dropped.

Arab IC Director To Visit Tougaloo

The Director of the Arab Information Center in Dallas, Texas, Khalid L. Babaa, will visit Tougaloo College July 1-4. On Wednesday, July 1, Mr. Babaa will be guest speaker at the Social Science Forum in Warren Hall at 7:30 p.m. He will speak on the subject, "Arab-American Relations."

In August, 1957, Mr. Babaa was employed by the Arab States Delegations Office in New York and served as Chief of Research. He was also a member of the Yemen Delegation to the United Nations and for over four

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JSC Student To Study Abroad



MISS REGINA DRAKE

Miss Regina Drake, a Jackson State College CEEP (Continuing Education Program) student, is one of ten secondary school students selected for eight weeks of study abroad this summer. They are participants in the Pomfret (Conn.) School International Affairs Seminar which is designed to stimulate serious and active interest in international affairs among secondary schools.

All students, representing schools in eight states, are on full scholarships financed by gifts from private individuals, corporations, and foundation grants.

Miss Drake is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Drake of Tougaloo, Mississippi, and a student at Holy Ghost High School, Jackson.

Y To Revive Fellowship Program

The Youth Fellowship Program of the Association will be revived next month under the auspices of the Christian Emphasis Committee. It will be held on Saturday nights and will offer wholesome recreation, and in addition will give young people a worship experience.

Songs, composed especially for Youth Worship, are used in a Community-sing type of program, Bible quizzes, brief lectures, and stimulating games form a back log of the program. This program feature will be offered, particularly, with high and junior high boys and girls in mind. Younger children may attend, however.

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Glorious Southern Heritage -- from the Locked Closet

Mississippi law force has always acted with the same alertness and efficiency with which it enforces the state's prohibition laws. The law in Mississippi is simply never there.

One hears alot about maintenance of the "Glorious Southern Heritage" in Mississippi. Here is a part of that heritage that Mississippi keeps in its well stocked closet:

(From Ralph Ginzburg's 100 years of LYNCHINGS)
VICKSBURG (MISSISSIPPI) EVENING POST
February 8, 1904

"LYNCHED NEGRO AND WIFE WERE FIRST MUTILATED"

An eye-witness to the lynching of Luther Holbert and his wife, Negroes, which took place in Doddsville yesterday, today gave the Evening Post the following details concerning retribution exacted from the couple prior to their cremation yesterday:

"When the two Negroes were captured, they were tied to trees and while the funeral pyres were being prepared, they were forced to hold out their hands while one finger at a time was chopped off. The fingers were distributed as souvenirs. The ears of the murderers were cut off. Holbert was beaten severely, his skull was fractured and one of his eyes, knocked out with a stick, hung by a shred from the socket.

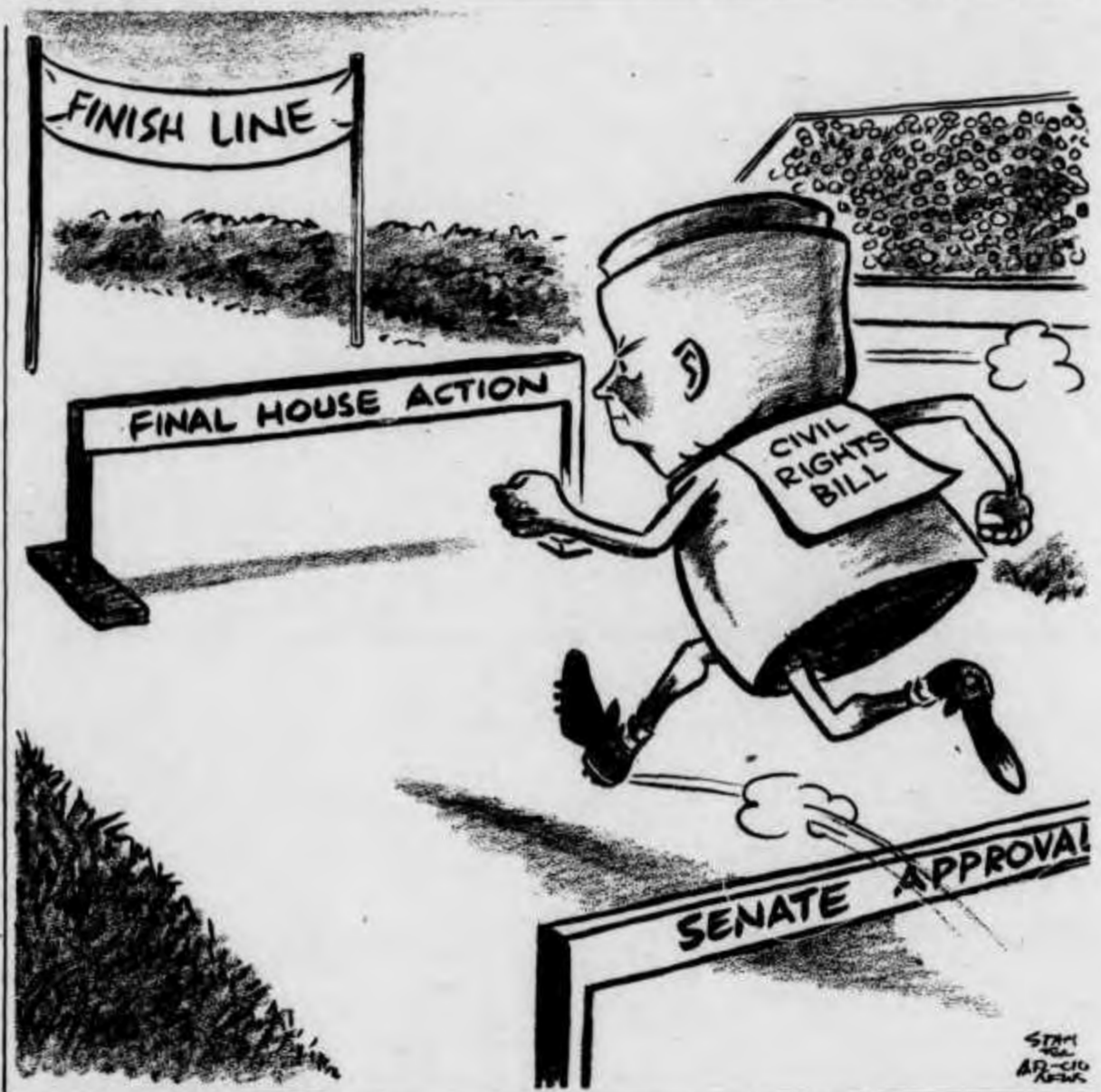
"Some of the mob used a large corkscrew to bore into the flesh of the man and woman. It was applied to their arms, legs and body, then pulled out, the spirals tearing out big pieces of raw, quivering flesh every time it was withdrawn."

According to the New York Press, February 8, 1904, a thousand persons took part in the lynching. Holbert was accused of killing a white man. Holbert's wife and three other unidentified Negroes killed by the posse were included apparently for the sport of it.

It is in this climate, this "Mississippi way of Life" that Negroes in the sovereign state struggle for justice and look hopefully, but with justifiable doubt, for enforcement of the new civil rights measure.

July 4 — Real Meaning

The authors of the Declaration of Independence were well aware that liberty is maintained only through continuing and costly struggle...that human rights are secure only as long as we continue to demand them. This year, on the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration, another historic signing may occur on July fourth, President Johnson is expected to sign the Civil Rights Bill into law. Americans everywhere will celebrate the fact that the love of freedom is not mere history but is a vital force in our society today. This doubly significant fourth should be a day of rededication for all of us. Happy fourth of July.



Tennessee Volunteers Southern CR Division Training

Knoxville, Tennessee, June 27, 1964 -- Eighteen white student civil rights workers, three fourths of whom are from the south, leave their final orientation sessions at Highlander Center in Knoxville for Mississippi today. They are the "White Community" part of the summer civil rights task force of the united civil rights groups of Mississippi, the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO). They go dedicated, committed, and, frankly, scared -- the memory of the recent disappearance and probable murder of three fellow workers fresh on their minds.

The job COFO has asked them to do is to find out what kind of an alliance, political and civic, can be worked out in a Mississippi community and how that can best be done. From this vantage point they see many obstacles in their path. "Segregation," said project director Ed Hamlett, "is a form of slavery which has chained the minds of Mississippi people, crippling their power to see the lack of jobs, the poverty, the cruelty, and the lack of educational opportunity which exists

all around them."

Beginning June 14, 1964, a one-week orientation program which was conducted by the National Council of Churches was followed by further orientation at Highlander during the past week. These sessions have involved these students in a study of political and economic conditions, non-violence, southern populism of the '90's, racial attitudes, and Federal programs in Mississippi.

During the course of the summer project the students will attempt several experimental approaches to the white community. At the end of the summer recommendations will be made to COFO concerning future plans for work in the white community. Several of the project volunteers will continue

their work through the winter and perhaps for a couple of years. Above all, the students are concerned that they perform a useful educational-political service for Mississippi and the south.

Legal Defense Fund Scores Major School Integration Break-through

NEW YORK, N. Y. -- A major breakthrough in school integration took place yesterday when a federal district court put an end to "private" schools and tuition grants often utilized by southern communities seeking to avoid integration.

Jack Greenberg, director-counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, which won the ruling, today applauded that order, which "closes the door on attempts at ending the '54

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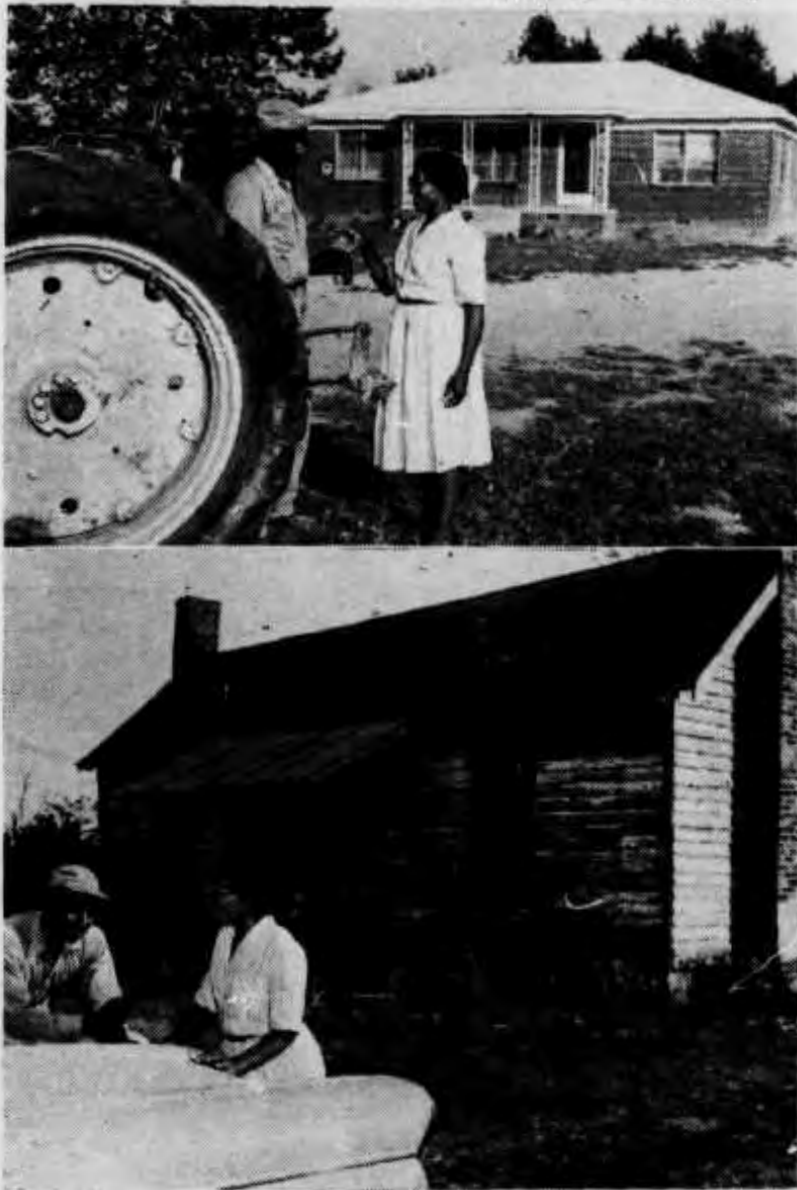
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Federal Courts Should Intervene

ST. LOUIS, June 27 — A national Jewish leader and authority on constitutional law tonight proposed that Federal courts intervene to protect civil rights demonstrators from illegal arrest and detention in Mississippi and other Southern states.

Shad Polier of New York, chairman of the Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress and author of a weekly commentary on civil rights and civil liberties, made the suggestion in an address at the annual meeting of the National Community Relations Advisory Council here.

Mr. Polier said recent decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court gave the Federal judiciary "ample power" to deal with what he described as "a new form of nullification — this time disguised as enforcement of law and order — which if allowed to continue unchecked threatens the integrity of the Union no less than did secession." He continued:

"It is not enough that Federal courts have begun to strike down the

unlawful bans proclaimed by mayors and governors against peaceful demonstrations.

"Those arrested for seeking to give reality to Federally-secured rights must be allowed to resort to the Federal courts to secure release upon reasonable bail pending trial.

"Prosecutions must be enjoined by the Federal courts where arrests are made to frustrate Federal rights.

"Removal to Federal courts must be permitted when necessary to assure a fair trial."

Mr. Polier noted that the Freedom Rider cases had only now begun to reach the Supreme Court. "Two years have passed, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended in bail and court costs and countless days have been spent in jails by innocent men and women held on trumped-up charges of disorderly conduct, breaches of peace and other 'crimes,'" he declared, adding:

"It is no concern to Mississippi and some other Southern states that at some future time the

MINNESOTA SUPPORTS FREEDOM DEMOS

Minnesota Democrats meeting in St. Paul for the state convention, unanimously adopted a policy resolution on June 27 condemning the traditional Democratic Party Organization in Mississippi as "totally segregated".

Welcoming "the opportunity to demonstrate its devotion to justice and equal rights for all citizens," the convention urged its delegation to the national nominating convention to take "all appropriate action" to prevent the seating of the traditional Mississippi Democratic Party delegation.

Noting that a Freedom Democratic Party "open to all citizens regardless of race and committed to support the national platform and candidates" is being organized in Mississippi, the Minnesota delegation urged that the seating of the Freedom Democrats be viewed with sympathy by the credentials committee.

Minnesota is the sixth state to pledge support to the Freedom Democrats. Other endorsements have been obtained in Wisconsin, Michigan, Massachusetts, New York, and California.

Supreme Court will set aside the convictions. They realize full well — and it is time that the rest of the country realized — that justice so long delayed is justice denied."

The American Jewish Congress leader urged "employment to the fullest extent" of the executive powers of the President, "including the sending of hundreds of Federal troops and the calling up of the National Guard into Federal service."

He said that under the civil rights bill, soon to become law, the Department of Justice would have the authority to intervene in many of the cases involving the vindication of Federally-secured rights. "Even in those instances where the Justice Department may not technically become a party to the suit," he added, "the Department must appear as friend-of-the-court so as to make clear the determination of the Government that the Constitution and Federal statutes are truly 'the supreme law of the land.'"

Your Social Security

Many older teachers can collect social security checks during summer vacation. Even though a teacher earns over \$1200 a year, the law allows a social security check for any month the worker does not earn over \$100. This applies to those 62 or over who work for wages. A different part of the law applies to self-employed people.

According to John F. Pate, Social Security district manager, anyone over 62 who earns \$1200 or less can draw all his checks for the year. Many who earn over \$1200 can still draw some checks. How many checks can be paid depends on the total earnings for the year. Mr. Pate cited the case of a man who earns \$1800 a year. "Even though he works every month for \$150, he can still draw all but \$350 of his social security checks," Mr. Pate said. Here's how it works: the first \$1200 of earnings will cause no loss of checks, the next \$500 of earnings will cost him \$250 and from there on he'll lose \$1.00 in social security payments for each \$1.00 he earns.

Mr. Pate emphasized that no matter how much a worker earns in a year, he can't lose his check for any month he earns only \$100. That's how older teachers qualify for social security checks during the summer.

Mr. Pate emphasized that before anyone can draw social security retirement checks he must put in a claim, be at least 62, and have enough work credits. The social security office for this area is at 502 North Street in Jackson, Mississippi.

Rights Worker Beaten In Fed Jail

Edward Hollander, CORE field secretary, suffered four beatings the morning of June 27 in the federal prison in Jackson. A fellow prisoner struck Hollander on the head and neck after finding "March on Canton" leaflets in his jacket pocket.

A deputy marshal came to the cell several minutes after the first beating. The marshal wondered why Hollander was a federal prisoner and Hollander told him that it was a civil rights case. Prisoners told the Deputy Marshal that the worker had fallen off the table where he had

Arab Director...

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years, since January 1960, he was in charge of the office of the League of Arab States in Canada, until his present appointment as Director of the Arab Information Center for the Southwest in April, 1964.

Mr. Babaa was born in Samaria, Palestine in 1924. He was educated in Palestine and Jordan where he studied law from 1945-48, and proceeded to the United States in 1952 to complete his studies. He received his B. A. cum laude in economics and political science from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas in 1955, and his M. A. in political science from the same university in 1956. For one year and a half, he studied at the Graduate School of the University of Texas and pursued his studies for the Ph.D degree in International Affairs and International Law at New York University and the New School for Social Research.

During the course of his training in the Middle East, Mr. Babaa was employed by the Government of Palestine under the British Mandate from 1944 until 1948. In 1949, he was appointed Chief Clerk in the Jordanian Ministry of the Interior and held that post for a period of four years.

Mr. Babaa is the author of the forthcoming book, "Positive Nationalism - Myth and Reality." He is a member of Pi Gamma Mu (National U. S. Social Science Society), Alpha Chi (National U. S. Scholarship Society), the International Law Society and the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Mr. Babaa has lectured before civic organizations, universities and church groups in the United States and Canada and has appeared on several television and radio programs. He is married to the former Betty Jean McLendon of Jacksonville, Texas, and the Babaa's have two children.

The public is invited. been asleep. The three subsequent beatings took place as fellow prisoners looked on.

Hollander had been transferred to Jackson from the Madison County Jail in Canton where he has been held since May 29. He was released Saturday on bail.

Freedom Summer...

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broadest scale possible." Securing the vote rapidly is seen by civil rights leaders as a vital first step in the drive to bring justice and "equal protection of the laws" to the state. Of 422,000 Negroes eligible to vote, only about 28,000 are now registered. In last summer's mock Freedom Election, 80,000 ballots were cast. The election was designed to demonstrate the eagerness of all Mississippians to participate in the political process. The campaign also provided an impor-

tant base for the launching of the Freedom Summer.

Voter registration drives, many of which have been under way for a long time, will be extended throughout the state. Field workers will canvass in the five congressional districts to encourage people to register to vote. Instruction will be given on how to fill out elaborate registration forms used in most parts of the state. Those who live long distances from registrar's offices will be provided with transportation. Rallies and adult literacy classes will supplement the registration campaign.

Freedom Schools are opening in nearly two dozen communities. The schools will give high school students an opportunity for free discussion and inquiry which is non-existent in a segregated public school system which protects the status quo. They will operate

with few facilities and with inexpensive materials. Classrooms will be in church basements, homes, and back yards.

Volunteers teaching freedom classes will share learning experiences with students in an informal atmosphere. Since many Freedom School students will be participating in political activities, the schools will relate the curriculum to these activities. Studies of democratic institutions, Negro history, and current events will be undertaken, and learning skills will be developed at the same time. The keynote will be encouragement of honest and free expression.

Eleven community centers are opening under the Freedom Summer program. They will offer cultural and educational opportunities not usually available in rural Mississippi. Job training, adult literacy classes and instruction in health and child care will be offered. The centers will include programs and workshops in music, drama, and arts and crafts.

All of these programs are possible because of support in the local communities. Low-cost housing for workers and teachers, meeting places, and

other facilities have been contributed by people in the communities who have expressed their desire to participate in the Freedom Summer.

A vital part of the COFO project is the challenge of the traditional Mississippi Democratic Party. The traditional party has operated on a totally segregated basis and has given poor support to the platforms and candidates of the national party. The new Freedom Democratic Party is open to all citizens without regard to race, and has pledged its loyalty to the national party.

The Freedom Democratic Party will challenge the traditional party at the national nominating convention in August. State party conventions in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts, and state Democratic Committees in New York and California, have promised to support the Freedom Democratic Party delegation in its attempt to be seated at the national convention.

The National Council of Churches and several lawyer's associations are co-operating by contributing personnel and professional assistance to the summer program.

Four hundred students

from campuses in almost every state in the union will work in voter registration and in the schools and community centers.

The reaction of state authorities and the Mississippi press has been extremely hostile. National attention has been focused on the Freedom Summer because of the impressive scale of the present campaign and because of equally impressive obstacles which face civil rights workers here.

COFO estimates that for every summer volunteers there are two state troopers and at least one out-of-state reporter. The in-state press has called the summer workers "mixers" and "invaders" and has hinted broadly that they are subversives or dupes.

In anticipation of the program, the state legislature has passed laws prohibiting picketing, passive resistance, and distribution of boycott literature, and restricting freedom of movement in certain cases. New laws also authorize the use of increased police power at the local level and co-operation of police departments in different communities in case of "emergencies."

In the Jackson COFO office someone has quietly tacked up a sign which says, "In Mississippi there is a town called Liberty. In Washington there is a department called Justice."

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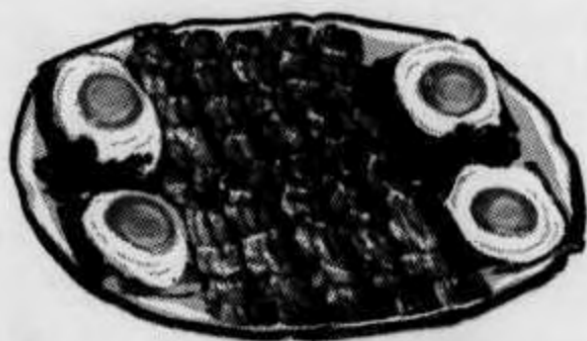
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school segregation decision via the school closings and tuition grant tactics.

Three Arrested On Threat Charge

FBI agents arrested three men in Itta Bena June 26 and charged them with violating a federal law which makes it unlawful to engage in conspiracy to threaten or intimidate persons seeking to carry out federally guaranteed rights such as voter registration.

Hearings for Merriett Ely Randle, 44, James E. Hodges, 27, and Lawrence Neal McGraw, 37, were set by U. S. Commissioner Omar Craig at the Federal court building in Oxford.

John Byon Paul of New York and Roy Torkington of California both SNCC summer volunteers were canvassing with SNCC staff member Willie McGee away and took the students to a bus stop to put them on a bus out of town. The students refused to leave town despite threats against their lives.

The volunteers asked town Marshall Weber for protection at a mass meeting where they were to speak the same evening. He would not promise protection but the volunteers said they saw him outside after the meeting and believed he may have been influential in preventing trouble.

Immediately after the threats against the students were made, the Jackson COFO office and the Atlanta SNCC office asked the FBI to act in the case. The volunteers had obtained license numbers and names. The FBI arrested three of the four men involved the day following the incident.

The arrest was believed to be the first made under that law, although it has been in effect since 1960.

Ruleville Man Killed By State Patrolman

Isaiah Taylor, 34, was shot and killed by State Patrolman Bob Wallace at 5:30 p.m. June 26 on U.S. Highway 49 West, near Doddsville. Taylor was killed within a half mile of the Eastland plantation where he was born and raised.

Wallace and Constable T. A. Fleming, who witnessed the shooting, said Taylor covered his face when the patrol car passed him on the highway. When they stopped to question him, Taylor allegedly refused to give his name, talked aggressively, and then pulled a knife. Wallace then arrested him and tried to disarm him with a gun and a blackjack.

According to Wallace, Taylor tried to resist arrest and slashed at him with the knife. He said he shot Taylor from a distance of about ten feet after he threw the knife at the patrolman.

COFO officials expressed suspicion that Wallace's account of the shooting was untrue. They said that Taylor had been released last July from a mental institution and was an acute catatonic, and that the behavior described by Wallace was unlikely for a man having that condition.

COFO said the reported path of the knife was also unlikely. The knife, which was found two hours after the incident by the highway patrol, was fifty feet from the place where it was supposed to have struck Wallace's head.

Maggie Taylor, mother of the dead man, arrived on the scene before the body was removed. She said that police yelled, "Get that hollering woman away," and did not let her see the body of her son.

Lawyer Alan Nevas of the Lawyer's Constitutional Defense Committee commented that "unusually quick action" had been taken by officials. The coroner's inquest was closed the morning of the day following the shooting. Justice of the Peace Murphy's ruling of justifiable homicide was delivered within seventeen hours of the killing.



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