

October 10, 1962

EVERY WEEK BRINGS ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS, BOTH FOR AND AGAINST THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. YET THOSE OF US WHO ARE DETERMINED TO BE FREE, CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE WITH FULL PARTICIPATION. THE REGISTRATION TO VOTE CAMPAIGN IS PICKING UP NEW INTEREST, DESPITE THE ATTACKS BY THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL AND THE COAHOMA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE ATTACK BY THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL IS UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT ONLY THOSE OF US WHO WERE IN ON THE CONVERSATION WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO THE BANNING OF THE HIGGINS HIGH SCHOOL AND COAHOMA JR. COLLEGE BANDS FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARADE, WERE NOT SURPRISED BY THIS ACTION. WHEN THE COAHOMA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOLLOWS THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL IN SUGGESTING THAT AT THE REGISTRATION OF NEGROES TO VOTE WILL BE DETREMENTAL to the family, the business and the property of the citizens of Clarksdale WE ARE COMPELLED TO SAY SOMETHING MORE TO BE DESIRED IN THE COAHOMA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE LOCAL COMMUNITY HAS NOTHING TO FEAR BECAUSE THE NEGROES ARE BECOMING REGISTERED TO VOTE. IT IS OUR AIM TO HELP PRODUCE A BETTER COMMUNITY WITH BETTER OFFICIALS, BETTER BUSINESSES, MORE EMPLOYMENT, JUSTICE IN THE COURTS, AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT, IN FACT THE BELOVED COMMUNITY, WHERE THE WICKED CEASE FROM TROUBLING AND THE WEARY WILL BE AT REST. WHILE NOT SHOPPING IN DOWNTOWN CLARKSDALE UNTIL WE ARE TREATED COURTEOUSLY AND EMPLOYED ABOVE THE MENIAL LEVEL AND ALSO BECOMING REGISTERED VOTERS THERE ARE THREE MEETINGS PLANNED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE THAT WILL BE VERY MEANINGFUL TO US. BE SURE TO ATTEND:

1. MASS MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 3:30 P. M., OCTOBER 14, 1962, AT THE HAVEN M. E. CHURCH. THIS WILL BE A MASS MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NAACP WHERE ALL OF THE LOCAL AND STATE ISSUES INCLUDING THE "JOIE MISS MEREDITH CASE". WE ARE GETTING READY FOR THE STATE CONVENTION. BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS SESSION.

2. THE SECOND MEETING WHICH IS JUST AS IMPORTANT OR MORE IS THE MASS MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE CENTENNIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, OCTOBER 17th. AT THIS MEETING A WAY WILL BE SOUGHT TO COPE WITH THE HIGH FINES AND LAIL BONDS NOW BEING IMPOSED AND REQUIRED BY LOCAL OFFICERS. IT IS MISS WILLIE GRIFFIN TODAY. TOMORROW IT MAY BE YOU! THIS MEETING SHOULD ALSO DEVELOP A PLAN OF OVERCOMING ECONOMIC PRESSURE BEING PUT ON NEGROES BECAUSE THEY BELONG TO THE NAACP AND PARTICIPETE IN THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT. BEFORE LONG YOU CAN BELONG TO THE NAACP AND DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ABOUT GETTING FIRED. AIN'T THAT GOOD NEWS!!!

3. ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 28, 1962, THE IAST MEETING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR WILL BE HEID FOR THE COAHOMA COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP. ATTORNEY JACK GREENBERG, CHIEF ATTORNEY DEFENDING MR. JOE MEREDITH HAS CONCERNED TO BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER. REMEMBER THE WEATHER PREVENTED ATTORNEY GREENBERG FROM LANDING THE LAST TIME HE WAS TO APPEAR HERE. WE ARE COUNTING ON A GOOD MEETING WITH HIM THIS TIME. KEEP THE DATE IN MIND AND BE PRESENT. THE PLACE WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK.

COAHOMA COUNTY BRANCH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED
PEOPLE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 11TH 1963, IS "DICK GREGORY" DAY. ^{February 9, 1963} ON THIS DAY THIS TRUE AMERICAN WILL DO HIS BIT TOWARD EASING THE HUNGER AND COLD SUFFERED BY SO MANY NEGROES IN THE DELTA AREA. DICK, WILL FLY INTO MEMPHIS ON MONDAY WITH 6 TO 8 TONS OF FOOD TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE DELTA AREA TO THE NEEDY PEOPLE. MOST OF THE FOOD COMING IS EARMARKED FOR LEFLORE AND SUNFLOWER COUNTIES. LEFLORE COUNTY HAS NO SURPLUS FOOD PROGRAM AND THE PROGRAM IN SUNFLOWER COUNTY IS FAR FROM ADEQUATE. MANY PEOPLE IN COAHOMA COUNTY WHO ARE IN NEED ARE UNABLE TO SECURE ENOUGH FOOD TO SUSTAIN THEM. THE SUPPLY IS NOT NEARLY ENOUGH FOR THE NEED. THE NEED IS MADE MORE EVIDENT THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE EARLY GATHERING OF THE COTTON CROPS. MOST OF THE GATHERING WAS DONE BY MACHINE. FROM NOVEMBER OF 1962 TO MAY OF 1963, MANY NEGROES WILL HAVE NO OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AND EARN ONE DOLLAR. THE EMERGENCY WELFARE AND RELIEF PROGRAM THIS YEAR IS AT BEST STOP-GAP. SOME LONG RANGE ACTION MUST BE TAKEN, NOW, TO PREVENT THIS KIND OF POVERTY FROM RECURRING YEAR AFTER YEAR. THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE FOR NEGROES IS A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THIS WHOLE EQUATION.

DICK GREGORY WILL VISIT COAHOMA, LEFLORE, AND SUNFLOWER COUNTIES. HE WILL MAKE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE HERE IN CLARKSDALE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT 7PM, MONDAY NIGHT FEBRUARY 11, 1963. EVERY ONE IS INVITED TO COME AND HEAR HIM. IF YOU HAVE NEVER HEAR THIS MAN YOU ARE IN FOR A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. LET US ALL COME OUT AND SAY THANK YOU, DICK GREGORY.

IN THE MEANTIME THE BOYCOTT AGAINST THE DOWNTOWN STORES KEEPS ROLLING. EVERYDAY THE BOYCOTT GAINS NEW SUPPORT. IF YOU ARE ONE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SUPPORTING THE BOYCOTT EFFORTS FOR DIGNITY AND EMPLOYMENT, YOU SHOULD THIS DAY DECIDE TO SUPPORT IT. ALL NEGROES ARE INVOLVED, YOU TOO. IF YOU HEARD THE REPORTS MADE TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION IN JACKSON LAST WEEK, YOU WOULD SEE THAT THIS PRESSURE BY OUR WHITE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IS DIRECTED AGAINST ALL OF YOU AND US. EVEN IF YOU DO NOT SUPPORT THE BOYCOTT, YOU ARE NOT SPARED, WE MIGHT AS WELL ALL HANG TOGETHER ARE SURELY WE WILL ALL HANG SEPARATELY.

REMEMBER THE STORES THAT ARE MOST OBJECTIONABLE(NONE ARE EXCUSED)

MY SHOP 270 Yazoo Avenue
F. W. WOOLWORTH 207 Yazoo Avenue

Grabers 221 Yazoo Avenue
JO ANN SHOP 226 Yazoo Avenue
J.C. PENNY COMPANY 204 Yazoo

****MASS MEETING THIS WEEK, CENTENNIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, WEDNESDAY NIGHT.**

March 16, 1963

The Clarksdale Police Department has the task of explaining the death of a Negro Prisoner in the City Hall. The attitudes and actions, by both the Clarksdale Police Department and the City Administration, against Negroes all along, makes a thorough investigation in this death necessary by both Local and Federal Authorities.

It appears the most sure remedy to this kind of treatment is a sustained "Registration to Vote Drive." We must be willing to go, time and time again, to the Circuit Clerk's office and offer to register, regardless of how many times we are denied the right to register; most of our problems can be cleared up with the vote.

We can vote for decent treatment of Negro Prisoners by voting for a Mayor and City Commissioners that will not tolerate abuse of Prisoners. The Chief of Police and all other policemen are employees of the City Administration. We can vote for ~~better and fair law enforcement by voting in men and women who will administer the law fairly without regard to race or creed.~~

We can vote for employment by voting into office and administration those that will secure industry which will employ all of the unemployed and not just industry that will employ the white unemployed.

We can vote for a better school system - one that will obey the law of the nation - by voting in a city administration that will respect the law of the nation. We can vote for better streets and lights in Negro neighborhoods by voting in men that can be fair in their administration if the popular vote will support them.

We can vote for the right to vote by supporting men who will not make it so difficult for Negroes to become registered voters. The vote will help tremendously in our struggle to gain dignity, respect, and employment from the downtown merchants. In the meantime we must reply on the boycott. Let us plan now to wear our old clothes for Easter. Those items we cannot do without, let us purchase them on this side of the railroad tract or go into other communities to purchase them. The NAACP is still supplying transportation to Memphis, Helena, Arkansas, and other cities where more courtesy and employment are available to Negroes. Under no circumstances should we trade at:

J. C. Penney Company, 204 Yazoo Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi
F. W. Woolworth Company, 207 Yazoo Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi
Graber's Department Store, 221 Yazoo Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi
Jo Ann Shop, 226 Yazoo Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi
My Shop, 270 Yazoo Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi

The vote will also, in time, help the local press refrain from its continued discourtesy in refusing to refer, in print, to adult Negroes with courtesy titles. The personnell of the local press is really sympathetic to our cause for freedom. They disagree with many of our methods, which is understandable, none of them being Negroes. Negroes are unable to secure employment in many instances, seriously hampered when trying to become a registered voter, victims of an inferior educational system, victims of injustice in the courts, victims of police brutality, and victims of a status quo environment that points the accusing finger of inferiority and scorn to the Negro every where as a group. What is the one right method that will over come all of these difficulties? You name it - we will try it, notwithstanding the charge of publicity seekers.

The Negro is not without fault in this whole affair. Citizenship schools have been set up to help the Negro improve himself in every facet of livelihood. These schools are under the direction of Mrs. Vera M. Pigeo, and are held every Monday and Tuesday Night, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The schools are conducted at: Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Rayford Chapel Baptist Church, Silent Grove Baptist Church, Pigeo's Beauty Salon, and Johnson's Sandwich Shop. All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend these schools to effect self betterment in every facet of life.

Freedom Meeting this week, Centennial Baptist Church, Wednesday Night.

Be sure to read the "Mississippi Free Press", for objective news on sale at Fourth Street Drug Store, Citizenship Schools, and Freedom Meetings.

March 20, 1963

THE PEACEFUL PROTEST OF FREEDOM LOVING CHRISTIANS AND JEWS ALL OVER THE NATION HAS RESULTED IN RESTORING THE PROGRAM OF DISTRIBUTING FEDERAL SURPLUS FOOD TO THE NEEDY PEOPLE OF COMMUNITIES. THE CRY IS RAISED BY SOME OF OUR WHITE BROTHERS AND SISTERS THAT MOST OF THESE PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE THE FOOD ARE NEGROES. AS LONG AS JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE DENIED NEGROES, AS LONG AS A POLITICAL SITUATION THAT THE NEEDS OF NEGROES ARE OF NO INTEREST TO THE POLITICIAN IN TERMS OF VOTES, NEGROES ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MAKE UP THE GREATER PERCENTAGE OF WELFARE ROLES. HOW MANY NEGROES ARE EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRY IN GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI?

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI LOST ONE OF ITS BEST FRIENDS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LAST WEEK WHEN IT ARRESTED ATTORNEY CHESTER RELYEA. IT WAS MR. RELYEA WHO, AT A PREVIOUS CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING, HAD GIVEN THE ANSWER TO ALRON E. HENRY, PRESIDENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI NAACP THAT: "OUR INVESTIGATION INTO THE SURPLUS FOOD PROGRAM IN GREENWOOD HAS PRODUCED NO OFFICIALS THAT SAY THEY CUT THE FOOD PROGRAM BECAUSE OF REGISTRATION TO VOTE ACTIVITY." HENRY'S ANSWER TO THIS TO MR. RELYEA, WAS "DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO ADMIT IT?" THIS REMARK BY MR. RELYEA HAS BEEN PICKED UP AND QUOTED OUT OF CONTEX BY NEWSPAPERS AS SUPPORT FOR THE GREENWOOD PEOPLE. SOMEBODY IN GREENWOOD PULLED A BOO BOO.

THE NAACP MADE A \$1,000.00 CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMERGENCY WELFARE AND RELIEF PROGRAM OF THE COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS, AND IS SENDING ITS ASSISTANT TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO MAKE A SURVEY OF THE DELTA AREA. DR. JOHN MORSELL, THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, WILL MAKE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, MONDAY NIGHT, MARCH 25, 1963 AT THE TURNER CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH. DR. MORSELL WILL FOLLOW BISHOP CHARLES F. GOLDEN OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. SPEAKERS TO FOLLOW DR. JOHN MORSELL INCLUDE: DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR., CONGRESSMAN CHARLES C. DIGGS, AND OTHER EXECUTIVES OF NAACP, SCLC, CORE, AND SNCC. SNCC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, JAMES FARMER, HAS BEEN A CONSTANT VISITOR TO THE GREENWOOD COMMUNITY SINCE THE SHOOTING OF JAMES TRAVIS.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE CIRCUIT CLERK OF PANOLA COUNTY WILL APPEAR LIKE A TEA PARTY COMPARED TO THE PENDING SUIT AGAINST THE CIRCUIT CLERK OF COAHOMA COUNTY. MORE THAN A THOUSAND NEGROES HAVE SIGNED AFFADAVITS COMPLAINING OF THEIR BEING DENIED THE RIGHT TO REGISTER IN COAHOMA COUNTY. WE HAVE TRIED TO CALL THIS CONDITION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE RESPONSIBLE WHITE COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. NO INTEREST HAS BEEN SHOWN IN THIS DEPRIVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. TOO BAD THE CIRCUIT CLERK OF COAHOMA COUNTY MUST GO THROUGH THIS ORDEAL WHEN AN ACTIVITY OF FAIRNESS TO ALL COULD HAVE PREVENTED IT. WE KNOW HE, THE CIRCUIT CLERK OF COAHOMA COUNTY, KNOWS HOW TO BE FAIR BECAUSE FOR SEVERAL YEARS HE WAS. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIM IN THE LAST FEW YEARS IS ANYBODY'S GUESS.

WE WANT TO CLEARLY EXPRESS TO ALL OF THIS COMMUNITY, BOTH WHITE AND NEGRO, THE RIGHTS THAT WE SEEK, WE ARE GOING TO OBTAIN. THE FREEDOM THAT ALL MEN SHOULD ENJOY IS AVAILABLE TO US, AND WE ARE GOING TO OBTAIN THEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. OUR METHODS WILL BE PEACEFUL AND LEGAL. OUR WHITE BROTHERS AND SISTERS NEED HAVE NO FEAR OF VENGEANCE OR REPRISALS FOR THE CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN HEAPED UPON US THRU THE YEARS. IT WILL BE OUR HONEST HOPE TO HELP DEMONSTRATE HOW TRUE DEMOCRACY WORKS. CHRISTIANITY WILL BE THE CORNER STONE OF THE COMING ERA THAT WILL INCLUDE THE NEGRO AS AN EQUAL PARTNER.

FREEDOM MEETING THIS WEEK-MT. MORIAH C. M. E. CHURCH.

BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OF "THE OXFORD DISASTER-THE PRICE OF DEFIANCE" AND "THE ANSWER TO PUTNAM'S RACE AND REASON", AT THE FOURTH STREET DRUG STORE.

REMEMBER THE BOYCOTT AGAINST THE DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS; NOW INCLUDE 5th. ST. GROCERY CORNER OF 5th. AND YAZOO STREETS.

C O A H O M A C O U N T Y B R A N C H N A A C P

April 20, 1963

THE COAHOMA COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP SALUTES OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE NEW BRANCH OF THE NAACP ORGANIZED IN GREENWOOD, MISS., APRIL 18, 1963. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS DYNAMIC PRESIDENT THIS SHOULD BECOME ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING BRANCHES OF THE STATE.

THE CLARKSDALE COMMUNITY WAS VISITED LAST WEEK BY TWO TOP MEN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL BURKE MARSHALL AND THE EVER WELCOMED MR. JOHN DOAR. WE HOPE THEY WILL RETURN AGAIN SOON AND STAY LONGER. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THE FEELING THAT THE TREATMENT ACCORDED CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, WHILE HE WAS IN OUR COMMUNITY, WILL DISCOURAGE OTHERS FROM COMING WILL NOT BE PROUD OF THIS, BUT, IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, MANY NATIONAL FIGURES INTERESTED IN THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE WILL VISIT MISSISSIPPI AND CLARKSDALE. INCLUDED IN THIS NUMBER WILL BE MR. ROY WILKINS NAACP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MR. CLARENCE MITCHELL, DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE NAACP, AND MR. WILLIAM KUNTSLER, ATTORNEY FOR THE NATIONAL GHANDI SOCIETY. EXACT DATES OF APPEARANCES WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS COMMITMENTS ARE FINAL.

SEVERAL CITIZENS, FROM CLARKSDALE, TESTIFIED BEFORE THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION ON WEDNESDAY. ALL THE PROBLEMS, WITH WHICH WE ARE CONFRONTED LOCALLY, WERE AIDED AND HELP PROMISED. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE RIGHT TO VOTE, FOR ALL CITIZENS, WILL SOON BECOME A REALITY. WITH THE VOTE ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED. UNTIL THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS GUARENTEED WE FEEL IT NECESSARY TO TRY EVERY OTHER LEGAL APPROACH, AT OUR COMMAND, TO OBTAIN FREEDOM. WORD HAS COME FROM CITY HALL THAT A GREAT INCREASE IN FIREPOWER IS COMING IN CONSTANTLY. THIS INCREASED FIREPOWER INCLUDES SUB-MACHINE GUNS, STEEL HELMETS, AND AMMUNITION. JUST WHAT THIS MEANS WE DON'T KNOW BUT IF IT HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH THE NEGROES DRIVE FOR COMPLETE FREEDOM-THEY MAY AS WELL SEND THEM BACK TO WHERE THEY CAME FROM, BECAUSE WE SEE THE IMAGE OF FREEDOM, AND WE WILL LET NOTHING OR NOBODY TURN US AROUND.

THE OMNIBUS DESEGREGATION SUIT FILED LAST WEEK IS A CASE IN POINT. WITH THIS LEGAL ACTION WE INTEND TO DO AWAY WITH SEGREGATION IN EVERY ASPECT OF PUBLIC LIFE. IT IS OUR AIM TO REMOVE THE LEGAL SANCTIONS AND LEGAL SECURITY NOW GIVEN SEGREGATION IN OUR QUEST FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE. THE ONLY REASON FOR THE CONTINUATION OF SEGREGATION, BY OUR WHITE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IS THE PREPETUTATION OF INJUSTICE AND INEQUALITY.

PLEASE LET US CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE COMPLETE BOYCOTT OF DOWNTOWN STORES AND MERCHANTS UNTIL DIGNITY AND EMPLOYMENT ARE ACCORDED US. THIS MEANS ALL DOWNTOWN STORES NOT JUST THE WORST ONES. INCLUDED IN THIS BOYCOTT NOW IS ANOTHER STORE ON THIS SIDE OF TOWN-JORDAN FURNITURE COMPANY. THERE ARE OTHER FURNITURE STORES ON THIS SIDE OF TOWN, AND THERE IS NO NEED TO TRADE THERE UNTIL OUR GRIEVIENCES ARE MET.

MASS MEETING THIS WEEK, HAVEN METHODIST CHURCH....BE SURE TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR NAACP MEMBERSHIP.

THE ANNUAL "FREEDOM BANQUET" WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MAY 9, 1963 AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE MR. ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NAACP. TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NAACP. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS FOR THE BANQUET EARLY BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE WILL WANT TO SEE MR. WILKINS. THE DINING ROOM OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HAS LIMITED SPACE: BE SURE YOU ARE ABLE TO GET IN BY PURCHASING YOUR TICKET, TODAY.

April 27, 1963

WHERE IS THE BREAKING POINT!!!! THE CONTINUED ABUSES THAT NEGROES OF THIS COMMUNITY ARE SUBJECTED TO, AT THE HANDS OF THE LOCAL WHITES, AND CONTINUE TO ABSORB, MUST SOON REACH THE BREAKING POINT. THE LATEST ATTACK UPON MRS. VERA PIGEE, BY AN ATTENDANT OF MOONEYHAN'S LION SERVICE STATION ON HIGHWAY 61, TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 23, 1963 IS THE LATEST CASE IN POINT. THE NON-VIOLENCE RESISTENCE MOVEMENT, BEING EMPLOYED BY NEGROES EVEN WHEN THEY ARE ATTACKED BY WHITES, IS COMING UNDER HEAVY DISAGREEMENT BY MANY NEGROES LOCALLY AND THROUGH OUT THE NATION. THE NAACP HAS ALWAYS ADVOCATED A POLICY OF SELF-DEFENSE. WE WILL NEVER STRIKE THE FIRST VIOLENT BLOW. WE POINT OUT TO OUR WHITE ATTACKERS THAT IN THE FUTURE YOU CAN LOOK TO LOSE NOTHING BUT YOUR SWING; YOU ARE GOING TO GET YOUR LICK RIGHT BACK. THE ROCK THROWING, SHOOTING, BOMBING, AND BEATINGS, BY WHITES AGAINST NEGROES, IN THIS COMMUNITY, WITHOUT RETALIATION, ARE O V E R.

THE FACT THAT MRS. PIGEE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED THE ATTACK UPON HER BY THE ATTENDANT OF THE SERVICE STATION TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND HER ATTACKER HAS NOT TO THIS DAY BEEN ARRESTED NOR CHARGED WITH ANY CRIME, AND SHE, THE VICTIM OF HIS BEATINGS, HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH DISTURBING THE PEACE, IS RIDICULOUS. THE BEST WAY TO CORRECT THE INJUSTICE, SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, IS TO KEEP GOING TO THE CIRCUIT CLERKS OFFICE AND REGISTER, AND THEN GO TO THE CITY HALL AND REGISTER AND WHEN ELECTION TIME COMES, CLUAN OUT THE WHOLE GANG!!!! AND ELECT MEN AND WOMEN WITH THE ABILITY TO BE TRULY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF AND GUARDIAN OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

WHEN MRS. PIGEE CALLED MR. MOONEYHAN AND COMPLAINED, EVEN TO HIM, OF THE ABUSIVE TREATMENT SHE RECEIVED AT HIS STATION, SHE WAS INFORMED, THAT "HE DID NOT SOLICIT NOR CARE FOR NIGGER'S BUSINESS." HE OWNS BOTH THE MOONEYHAN'S LION SERVICE STATION AND THE D. X. SERVICE STATION ON 49 HIGHWAY. BOTH OF THESE STATIONS WERE ADDED TO THE BOYCOTT LIST AT THE MASS MEETING, WEDNESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 24, 1963.

IT MIGHT NOT BE A BAD IDEA TO LOOK AROUND FOR ALL NEGROES THAT ARE TRADING AT SERVICE STATIONS OPERATED BY WHITES THAT DO NOT PERMIT NEGRO LADIES TO USE THE LADIES REST ROOM. THIS IN ITSELF IS AN INDICATION THAT THEY DO NOT APPRECIATE OUR BUSINESS AS MUCH AS THEY DO THE OTHER PEOPLE, YET WE PAY THE SAME AMOUNT FOR GAS, OIL, AND ALL OTHER SERVICES. LET US SERIOUSLY CONSIDER TRADING ONLY AT THOSE SERVICE STATIONS THAT PERMIT NEGRO LADIES TO USE THE LADIES REST ROOM. SUCH A STATION THAT COMES TO MIND, IMMEDIATELY, IS JUNIOR'S SHELL STATION AT 1205 FOURTH STREET. SERVICE STATIONS THAT DIRECT NEGRO MEN AND WOMEN TO THE SAME REST ROOM ARE NOT WORTHY OF OUR PATRONAGE EVEN IF SOME OF US STILL GIVE IT TO THEM. ANY TIME WE CAN AVOID THESE STATIONS, LET'S DO IT-WHAT YOU SAY?

THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE ANNUAL FREEDOM BANQUET. THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM WILL BE THE GREATEST WE HAVE EVER HAD AND POSSIBLY WILL HAVE IN MANY A YEAR TO COME. THE SPEAKER THIS YEAR IS NONE OTHER THAN MR. ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NAACP. ALSO COMING TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH THE STRUGGLE OF NEGROES IN CLARKSDALE, COAHOMA COUNTY, AND MISSISSIPPI ARE: THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP, Mr. Arthur Springarn, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Bishop S. G. Spottswood, THE TREASURER, Mr. Alfred Baker Lewis, AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: ATTORNEY MARGARETT BUSH WILSON, St. Louis, Missouri; DR. CLAUDE HUDSON, Los Angeles, California; DR. LEONARD BURNS, New Orleans, Louisiana; AND OUR OWN MR. C.R. DARDEN, Meridian, Mississippi; AND MR. MEDGAR EVERS AND MISS MARY COX, Jackson, Mississippi. THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, AND THE TREASURER, ALONG WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ALL NATIONAL PERSONALITIES. BANQUET TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW. THEY HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ADVANCE SALE FOR \$2.50 TO DETERMINE HOW MANY TO PREPARE FOR. THESE TICKETS WILL COST YOU \$3.00 AT THE DOOR, SO BE SURE TO GET YOURS NOW. YOU ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO A COPY OF "THE OXFORD DISASTER-THE PRICE OF DEFIANCE! IF YOU ATTEND THE BANQUET, THE RARE RARE OPPORTUNITY OF SHAKING HANDS AND SECURING AUTOGRAPHS OF SOME OF THE GREATEST AMERICANS OF TODAY WILL ALSO BE YOURS TO ENJOY.

WE MUST ALSO:

- (a) SECURE, BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 9, 1963, 100 NEW MEMBERSHIPS TO PRESENT AT THE BANQUET.
- (b) ATTEND THE TRIAL OF MRS. VERA PIGEE ON MON. AFTERNOON, APR. 29, 1963.
- (c) ATTEND THE FREEDOM MEETING WED. NIGHT AT MT. MARIAH METHODIST CHURCH.
- (d) CONTINUE TO BOYCOTT THE WHOLE DOWNTOWN AREA PLUS JORDAN FURNITURE COMPANY, MOONEYHAN'S LION AND MOONEYHAN'S D. X. SERVICE STATION ON THIS SIDE OF TOWN.

COAHOMA COUNTY BRANCH
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September 12, 1964

TOP NAACP LAWYER TO SEE SCHOOL BOARD ZOINING PATTERN FIRST HAND

ATTORNEY JACK GREENBERG, TOP NAACP LAWYER WILL MAKE A PERSONAL VISIT TO CLARKSDALE SEPTEMBER 25th through 28th. HE WILL MAKE A PERSONAL INSPECTION OF THE ZOINING PRACTICES THAT KEEP CLARKSDALE'S SCHOOLS SEGREGATED. ALTHOUGH THE COURT GRANTED INTEGRATION IN THE LOCAL SCHOOLS. HIS VISIT WILL INCLUDE VISITS WITH THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, IF POSSIBLE; BUT DEFINITELY SUGGESTIONS TO THE JUDGE AS HOW TO OVERCOME THIS INSIDIOUS ARRANGEMENT. ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 3PM, ATTORNEY GREENBERG WILL ADDRESS THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE COAHOMA COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND WELCOMED. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HAVEN METHODIST CHURCH.

NEW PROGRAM AT COFO COMMUNITY CENTER

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS IN FACT MOST OF OUR MEMBERS ARE THE GRASS ROOT PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY. MANY EARN THEIR LIVING BY PICKING COTTON, AND SERVING IN MENIAL ROLES AS DO MOST NEGROES OF THE STATE. WE HAVE NOTICED THAT MANY OF THE WOMEN OF OUR AREA IN ORDER TO HELP EARN THEIR DAILY BREAD HAVE TO CARRY THEIR SMALL CHILDREN TO THE FIELD WHERE THEY PICK COTTON AND PLACE THEM ON A COTTON SACK, OR IN THE COTTON HOUSE WHILE THEY WORK. THE STAFF AT COFO COMMUNITY CENTER IS INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT IN THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION. A PLAN IS BEING WORKED OUT AT COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE THESE SMALL ONES CAN BE LEFT AND CARED FOR DURING THE DAY. FOR FULL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MRS. IDESSA JOHNSON AT COFO COMMUNITY CENTER 369 YAZOO, OR COME BY FOURTH STREET DRUG STORE FOR FULL INFORMATION.

MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY LAUNCHES, JOHNSON-HUMPHERY CAMPAIGN:

MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAVE ACCEPTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, IN BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKETS. THESE ENGAGEMENTS INCLUDE, DALLAS, TEXAS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, DENVER, COLORADO, AND ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA AT THE PRESENT. MANY REQUESTS ARE COMING IN DAILY. WE HOPE TO MAKE MANY MORE FRIENDS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

NAACP BRANCH LAUNCHES "GO TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN" :

THE COAHOMA COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP IS CALLING ATTENTION TO MANY PARENTS OF THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, THAT ARE SEEN WALKING THE STREETS DAILY WHEN THEY SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL. FOR THE POOR PARENTS, CLOTHING IS AVAILABLE FOR THESE CHILDREN THROUGH THE EMERGENCY WELFARE AND RELIEF COMMITTEE, AT 469 YAZOO AVENUE. MANY COMPLAIN THAT THEY ARE NOT IN SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE CLOTHING. IF THE SITUATION OF THESE CHILDREN BEING OUT OF SCHOOL CONTINUES, THE NAACP WILL HAVE TO CALL THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGE, TO MAKE SURE THE PARENTS NO LONGER NEGLECT THESE CHILDREN BY PERMITTING THEM TO REMAIN OUT OF SCHOOL, AND RUN LOOSE IN THE STREETS. THIS BEING OUT OF SCHOOL HURTS THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT AND LIFE IN THE FUTURE FOR EVERYONE, MOSTLY THE CHILDREN INVOLVED.

FREEDOM MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MOUNT MARIAH METHODIST CHURCH. SEE YOU THERE.

JUNE 14, 1965

CITY ELECTION HELD JUNE 8TH????? WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE FUTURE???

THE ELECTION OF MR. W. S. KINCADE FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS IS NOT NECESSARILY A BAD OMEN. YES, THIS MEANS ANOTHER FOUR YEARS OF SEVERE PRESSURE AGAINST THE NEGRO COMMUNITY. IT MEANS ANOTHER FOUR YEARS OF ABUSE BY CHIEF OF POLICE BEN COLLINS AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE. THE LAST TRICK OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE IS TO HAVE PARKED CARS PUSHED INTO THE STREET AND THEN CALL THE WIESS WRECKER SERVICE TO PICK THEM UP, CHARGING THE OWNERS OF THE CAR WITH IMPROPER PARKING. WHAT KIND OF UNHOLY ALLIANCE EXIST BETWEEN WIESS AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT? WE CALL UPON CITY JUDGE CONNELL TO MAKE THIS INVESTIGATION, AND PUT A HALT TO THESE INTIMIDATING "TRICKS".

FOUR MORE YEARS OF MAYOR KINCADE WILL SECURELY TIE THE NEGROES OF THIS COMMUNITY TOGETHER. HE WILL EXERT ENOUGH PRESSURE TO MAKE US ALL SEE WHY WE MUST BECOME REGISTERED VOTERS. WITHOUT THIS PRESSURE WE WOULD BE LESS INCLINED. BE SURE MR. MAYOR TO KEEP MR. BEN COLLINS AS YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE, BE SURE TO KEEP THE SWIMMING POOLS CLOSED, BE SURE TO KEEP NEGRO BANDS AND FLOATS OUT OF ALL PARADES, CHRISTMAS AND OTHERWISE. A VOTING RIGHTS BILL WILL SOON PASS CONGRESS THAT WILL GIVE THE NEGROES OF THIS COMMUNITY THE RIGHT TO VOTE. THERE ARE 15,500 NEGROES OF VOTING AGE AND ONLY 9,000 WHITE PEOPLE OF VOTING AGE. FOUR YEARS FROM NOW MANY THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT. BE SURE TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR VOTER REGISTRATION TO BEGIN JULY 5TH, 1965:

HEADING THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE WILL BE GRANDMASTER JAMES C GILLIAM. MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. WE NEED ATLEAST ONE PERSON ON EVERY STREET TO WORK EACH STREET, IN ADDITION TO PERSONS TO SERVE ON SUCH COMMITTEES AS TELEPHONE, CANVASSING, AND TRANSPORTATION. FURTHER ORGANIZATION OF THE PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE FREEDOM MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT HAVEN METHODIST CHURCH.

YOUTH COUNCIL FREEDOM RALLY, WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JULY 16TH, 1965:

LET US SUPPORT OUR YOUTH. THE YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE NAACP WILL SPONSOR A FREEDOM RALLY AT HAVEN METHODIST CHURCH, WEDNESDAY NIGHT, ~~JULY~~ 16TH. A SPECIAL INVITATION IS BEING EXTENDED TO ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE "HEADSTART" PROGRAMS, DIRECTORS, TEACHERS, AIDS, STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS.

A LITTLE RAY OF LIGHT IN THE DARK:

THERE IS A LITTLE RAY OF LIGHT, MAYBE HOPE, THAT THE COAHOMA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE COAHOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS "WILL" LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO PROGRAMS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS COMMUNITY. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN GETTING THEM TO SEE THE LIGHT. WHAT EVER REASONS THEY WANT TO USE ARE ALLRIGHT WITH US AS LONG AS THE COMMITTEE THAT IS ORGANIZED TO ADMINISTER THE "HEADSTART" AND THE "COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS" MEET THE STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO US AND THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.

NEW PROGRAM OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS TESTING:

THE "GREASY SPOONS" OMITTED IN THE PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS TESTING OF EARLIER THIS YEAR, WILL NOW BE TESTED. LOOK FOR US, WE WILL BE SITTING AT YOUR COUNTERS SOON, REAL SOON.

"CRYER" DEADLINE:

TO THOSE PERSONS RECIEVING THE "CRYER" THRU THE MAILS, IF YOU DESIRE TO CONTINUE RECIEVE IT PLEASE CLIP THIS PART OF THE NEWSLETTER AND MAIL IT BACK TO THE LOCAL OFFICE AT 213 FOURTH STREET, CLARKSDALE MISS. IF YOU FIND IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE "CRYER" IT WILL BE MOST NEEDED AND APPRECIATED. WHETHER YOU MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE "CRYER" OR NO AND DESIRE TO RECIEVE WE WILL SEND IT TO YOU. WE ALL REALIZE HOWEVER THAT THIS IS AN EXPENSE THAT HAS TO BE BORNE BY SOMEONE. PLEASE DO YOUR PART.

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AUGUST 30, 1965

VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN MUST CONTINUE

MR. TOM ALLEN AND THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN ARE RETURNING HOME THIS WEEK. THEIR EFFORTS HAVE INCREASED OUR VOTER-REGISTRATION ROLES BY OVER 2,000. THEY WERE ABLY ASSISTED BY ANOTHER CREW LOANED TO US BY AL LOWENSTEIN. CRAIG, LUCY AND BOBBIE WILL BE WITH US A FEW MORE DAYS AND THEN, YALE, HARVARD AND RATCLIFF WILL BE CALLING THEM. IT IS NOW OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE DRIVE GOING. MR. JAMES C GILLIAM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY DRIVE IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON STREETS, NEIGHBORHOODS AND AREAS. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DO YOUR PART IN THIS DRIVE PLEASE INFORM HIM THAT HE CAN COUNT ON YOU.

WELCOME, MRS. RUBY HURLEY

THE COAHOMA COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP WILL HAVE A RARE TREAT WHEN THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION COMES TO TOWN ON SUNDAY. SHE WILL SPEAK AT THE HAVEN METHODIST CHURCH ON SUNDAY AUGUST 29TH AT 3PM. BE SURE TO BE PRESENT AND COME PREPARED TO HELP OUT IN THE BRANCH FINANCIAL DRIVE.

WILLIE COTTON IN COAHOMA COUNTY JAIL

WILLIE COTTON IS NOW LODGED IN THE COAHOMA COUNTY JAIL. HIS CRIME IS DATING A WHITE GIRL WHO ARRANGED THE TIME, THE DATE AND THE PLACE ACCORDING TO LETTERS FOUND IN WILLIE'S ROOM AFTER HE WAS PLACED IN JAIL. HE IS CHARGED WITH CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELIQUENCY OF A MINOR. HE IS 18 SHE IS 16. LEGAL ACTION IS NOW AT WORK TO CORRECT THIS MISCARRAGE OF JUSTICE.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS MUST GET TOGETHER

THE CONDUCT OF SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUNG DEMOCRATS CONVENTION HELD IN JACKSON LAST WEEK WAS DEPLORABLE. THIS IS NO WAY TO BUILD A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. LET US TRY AGAIN TO MAKE THIS ORGANIZATION WORK. IT CAN BE A MODEL FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION ON UPSWING IN MISSISSIPPI

WHILE GOVERNOR JOHNSON TALKS WITH TONGUE IN CHEEK ABOUT LAW AND ORDER THE POLICE, THE HIGHWAY PATROL AND SHERIFF'S OFFICERS TOGETHER WITH THE UNNAMED REDNECK AND WHITE CITIZEN COUNCIL ELEMENT GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY BUSINESS OF "KEEPING THE NEGROES IN THEIR PLACES". BEATINGS, SHOOTINGS, CUSSING OUT, AND INTIMIDATION IN GENERAL HAS COME WITH THE NEW VOTERS RIGHTS LAW. THIS IS WHITE MISSISSIPPI'S ANSWER TO THE NEW LAW. WHILE PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL KATZENBACH ARE INFORMED DAILY OF THESE ABUSES, STILL NOTHING HAPPENS. THAT IS EXCEPT REV. DONALD THOMPSON IS SHOT DOWN IN JACKSON, MISS. AND MR. GEORGE METCALF OF NATCHEZ, MISS. THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP BRANCH THEIR IS BLOWN UP IN HIS AUTOMOBILE AS SOME LOW DOWN STINKING WHITE SCUM HAD PLACED A BOMB IN THE CAR TO GO OFF WHEN HE TURNED ON THE SWITCH. IN MANY SECTIONS THE KU KLUX KLAN AND THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL ARE IN CONTROL IN MISS. NO OTHER LAW PREVAILS. MARTIAL LAW IS NEEDED, N O W.

SCHOOL CHILDREN LIVING WITH PERSONS OTHER THAN THEIR PARENTS

BECAUSE WE FEEL THIS LAW REQUIRING CHILDREN LIVING WITH FOSTER PARENTS TO PAY \$25.00 PER MONTH TO GO TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN MISSISSIPPI IS CLEARLY AN AFFRONT TO THE NEGRO COMMUNITY AND IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, WE ARE INVITING ALL THE PARENTS INVOLVED AND THE CHILDREN TO MEET WITH OUR LAWYERS ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT HAVEN METHODIST CHURCH AT 8PM. SEPT 3RD. ADVISE AS TO HOW TO HANDLE THIS PROBLEM WILL BE AVAILABLE. BE SURE TO BE PRESENT. IN THE MEANTIME CARRY THE CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DAILY.

FEDERAL JUDGE CLAYTON CONTINUES TO PERMIT SEGREGATION IN CLARKSDALE SCHOOLS.

BY ACCEPTING THE ZONING LINES SUPPLIED BY THE CLARKSDALE SCHOOL BOARD JUDGE CLAYTON BECAME A PARTICIPANT IN CONTINUING SEGREGATION IN THE CLARKSDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WE NOW CALL UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELFARE AND MR. FRANCIS KEPPEL IN PARTICULAR TO WITHHOLD TO THE CLARKSDALE SCHOOL SYSTEM UNTIL IT DESEGREGATES IN FACT. FUNDS

FREEDOM MEETING, WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.