



Dr. Aaron Henry



Rev. Edwin King

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HENRY - KING CAMPAIGN
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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI - If the Republican and Democratic candidates for this state's two top offices die before the November 5 elections, Mississippi will have its first Negro governor.

An official of the Secretary of State's office here said write-in votes for Dr. Aaron Henry and Reverend Edwin King will not be counted unless the other two candidates die before election day. But Henry - state NAACP head - and King - Dean of Students at Tougaloo College - are determined to go ahead with their bid to become the first integrated slate of candidates to challenge Mississippi's white-only politics since Reconstruction times.

Henry, a Negro, is the "Freedom Vote" candidate for Governor. King, who is white, is running for Lieutenant Governor. Both are native Mississippians. Henry has been arrested 3 times for his civil rights activities. He is president of the Council of Federated Organizations and a board member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. King, an ordained Methodist minister, has been jailed 4 times and was beaten twice.

"Regardless whether they void ballots with our names on them," Henry said, "we expect about 20,000 votes to go to us that might have changed the election if Negroes' votes were counted."

Henry said he was seeking the office because "neither the Democrats or Republicans presented the true issues." Office seekers from the two major parties here are running on anti-Negro platforms.

Henry and King will also participate in a three day Freedom Vote, held November 2 through 4, when Negroes will be asked to cast "Freedom Ballots" for the candidates of their choice.

Freedom Vote advocates here hope the mock election and write-in drive will encourage Negro registration attempts and point up the disenfranchisement of Mississippi Negroes.

"One Man-One Vote"