COFO MAPS VOTE FIGHT: 
HENRY "RUNS" FOR GOVERNOR IN 
FREEDOM BALLOT CAMPAIGN

JACKSON, MISS., Oct. 7 - A state-wide meeting here of the Council of 
Federal Organizations (COFO) mapped plans yesterday to run a Negro 
gubernatorial candidate in a Freedom Vote prior to the Nov. election.

Dr. Aaron Henry, 42-year-old President of COFO, agreed to 
campaign throughout the state in the next three weeks in an effort 
to bring out a record Negro vote for his candidacy in the unofficial 
bolloting.

COFO's Freedom Vote campaign is directed at potential Negro 
voters, regardless of whether they are registered. The plan is to 
place ballot boxes in churches in nearly 20 cities during the week 
prior to Nov. 4, to give Negroes an opportunity to cast ballots in 
support of COFO's program.

COFO's aim is to demonstrate that Mississippi Negroes want to 
vote, but are not permitted to do so, COFO Director Robert Moses, 28, 
told the meeting.

The bolloting, Moses said, is directed against literacy and 
interpretation tests administered to Negroes by white voter registrars.

Literacy tests should not be required, Moses explained, because 
the state has not provided Negroes with adequate literacy education. 
COFO Director Moses heads the Mississippi registration program of 
the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Dr. Henry said there is no right or wrong in the interpretation 
tests. The only standard, he said, is what satisfies each white 
registrer.

COFO decided to continue and intensify voter registration 
aigns in 20 cities from the Delta region to the Gulf. The 
registration campaigns will be aimed at the 1964, '66 and '67 elections 
for all national and state offices.

The strategy includes the development of political education 
clubs in local communities to provide issues and candidates at which 
voter registration can be directed.

Arrangements were made to continue the food and clothing dis-
tribution in the Delta communities where "poverty is most severe."

COFO is an affiliation of autonomous local groups and the 
major civil rights organizations.