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MISS. "FREEDOM SCHOOL" PLAYERS TO ACT IN NY

HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI - 19 Mississippi teenagers will travel over 1,000 miles to give three performances of a play they wrote themselves this summer in a Mississippi Freedom School. The oldest actor is 18; the youngest 16.

The young players have scheduled December 29, January 2 and 3 performances in the New York City area.

Their play, "Seeds of Freedom", details the life and death of Medgar Avers, slain NAACP worker, and the trial at which his accused murdered was acquitted.

The play was written last summer by Marshall and Benton County youngsters who attended the Holly Springs Freedom School, sponsored by the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO). COFO sponsored 41 such schools across the state last summer. Many produced newsletters, poetry and plays.

Gloria Xifaras, 22, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, the COFO worker who directs the play, said the action "is free form with a general outline and each player responsible for supplementing his part where he sees fit."

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SNCC WORKER ASKS FEDERAL JUDGE TO DISQUALIFY HIMSELF

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI - A worker from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has asked a federal judge to disqualify himself from hearing an anti-segregation suit.

SNCC worker Hunter Morey, 24, of Evanston, Illinois, asked United States District Judge Harold Cox to declare himself disqualified to hear a suit filed by Mississippi civil rights workers against the state's public officials.

Morey said in a petition filed here December 14 Judge Cox is "so connected" with Mississippi Attorney General Joe Patterson, one of the defendants in the suit, "as to render it impropoer for him to sit" as one of three judges in the case.

Patterson represents Judge Cox in the judge's attempt to have United States Acting Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach held in contempt of court. The suit was filed against Patterson and other state officials by Morey, SNCC worker Bob Moses and CORE staffer Dave Dennis.

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