MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S HOME FIRED ON
GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI - The home of a Negro family active in civil
rights was fired into November 26 for the second time in less than six
months.

Mrs. Laura McGhee's house outside Greenwood was shot into, her
dog killed and front fence and mail-box torn down, the Student Non-
vviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) said.

The Greenwood SNCC office said local policemen first refused to
investigate the shooting because SNCC workers, and not Mrs. McGhee, had
reported it. SNCC 2nd Congressional District Project Director Stokely
Carmichael said a FBI agent from the Greenwood FBI office said the bul-
let which passed over Mrs. McGhee's body as she lay sleeping was "a
pretty innocuous shot."

The entire McGhee family has been a target of segregationists
because of their civil rights activity. Mrs. McGhee is a sister of
Gus Courts, NAACP leader run out of Mississippi in 1956 after he was
shotgunned in Belzoni. Three Greenwood white men were arrested this
summer on charges they beat Mrs. McGhee's 21-year-old son Silas, a SNCC
Field Secretary, on July 5. Silas and his brother, Jake, had integra-
ted the all-white Leflore Theatre and were beaten by whites there July
5. Later, on July 16, Silas was picketing the Leflore County Cour-
house when he recognized one of the men who had beaten him earlier. He
left the picket line, reported the man's presence to FBI agents here,
and was forced into a car at gun-point and beaten again after he left
the Greenwood FBI office.

Silas was shot in the head by a would-be assassin while he was
sitting in a parked car on a Greenwood street on August 15. Jake Mc-
Ghee was arrested August 28 while he was walking down a Greenwood street
on charges of "impersonating another" and not having a driver's license.
Mrs. McGhee was jailed herself August 20 on charges she struck a white
policeman here. Both Silas and Jake have other civil rights connected
arrests. The McGhee home was fired upon in early June by night riders.

Mrs. McGhee, a small property owner outside Greenwood, has long
been a special target because of the rich land she owns. Local whites
have tried several times to remove the family from the area.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee has been conduct-
ing a voter registration drive in Greenwood and Leflore County since
1962.