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DEMO CONVENTION FACES SHOWDOWN



THE THREE MOTHERS OF THE THREESLAIN RIGHTS WORKERS leave service for Andrew Goodman. Mrs. Chaney, Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Schwerner (l to r) leave the Ethical Society auditorium after services for the slain worker.

NATION MOURNS SLAIN WORKERS

PHILADELPHIA, MISS. - Nesboda County Sheriff Lawrence Rainey refused to speak to FBI agents investigating the death of three civil rights workers.

Approached by two agents, Rainey asked if they had a warrant. When they replied "no," Rainey told the agents, "Come and see me when you got one and I'll be glad to talk to you."

Meanwhile, services were held for the three slain workers.

Memorial services were held in Meridian, Miss. for James Chaney and in New York City for Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner.

Concurrent memorial services have been held throughout the country to commemorate the workers' deaths.

In Mississippi, the FBI was reported to be keeping several persons under surveillance while it searched for a weapon to match the bullets taken from the bodies.

Dr. David Spain, a New York physician, who examined the body of Chaney, reported that he found evidence of a severe beating, probably with a blunt instrument.

Pathologists in Jackson found five bullets, three in Chaney, one each in Goodman and Schwerner.

OMNIBUS RIGHTS SUIT FILED AGAINST MISS.

JACKSON, MISS. - A suit asking that 16 laws which hinder civil rights activities be struck down has been filed by Mississippi rights leaders.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court here, contends that the laws abridge freedom of speech, press, right to assemble peacefully, petition for redress of grievances and have deprived Negroes of "life, liberty, and property without due process of law."

It was brought by SNCC Mississippi Project director Robert Moses, Aaron Henry, Dave Dennis and Hunter Morey.

They contend that the people they represent "have been and will continue to be arrested, incarcerated, tried and convicted without due process of

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MORE THAN 800 DELEGATES OF the Freedom Democratic Party from over 40 counties met in Jackson to choose 68 delegates and alternates to the National Democratic Convention.

BOYCOTT THREATENED

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. - "A proven lawless element is attempting to blackmail the President into preventing the seating of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (FDP) delegation," an FDP spokesman said.

The spokesman was referring to a meeting of the governors of Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida in New Orleans. They announced that if the Freedom delegation is seated their states would boycott the convention.

"It is horrible to think that the President would submit to political blackmail, especially by men who have defied the Federal government and one who is under indictment for criminal contempt," the spokesman continued.

STATE BANS FDP

Meanwhile Mississippi State Chancery Judge Stokes Robertson, Jr. issued an injunction banning the operation of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

The suit, filed by State Attorney General J. T. Patterson, banned the FDP from acting as representatives of a "pretended political party" in Mississippi.

Patterson's suit charged that last week's state convention of the Freedom Democrats was designed to "intimidate and embarrass the lawfully existing Democratic Party and to create confusion in the minds of the electorate and bitterness, hatred and discord among the citizens."

Named as defendants were Aaron Henry, Rev. R.T. Smith, Mrs. Victoria Gray, Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, Lawrence Guyot, Leslie McLemore, Miss Peggy Connor, Rev. Ed King and Dr. A. D. Bittel.

Robertson's injunction barred the Freedom Party from using the name "Democratic."

FDP CONVENTION HELD

Over 800 delegates attended the state convention of the Freedom Democratic party in Jackson Aug. 6. The participants elected 68 delegates and alternates to the national convention in Atlantic City. Aaron Henry heads the delegation while Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer is vice-chairman. Rev. Ed King and Mrs. Victoria Gray were elected National Committeeman and Committeewoman. Lawrence Guyot will head the state executive committee.

The first four mentioned have been unsuccessful candidates in
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MISSISSIPPI HARASSMENT

MOSS POINT, Aug. 5 - Forty-five local people and civil rights workers were arrested at a voter registration meeting on the front lawn of the SNCC office.

INDIANOLA, Aug. 6 - Summer volunteer Chris Hexter was arrested for obstructing traffic.

TOUGALOO, Aug. 6 - SNCC worker Ivanhoe Donaldson was arrested for having an improper driver's license, even though the worker was not driving but standing on the sidewalk at the time.

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY, Aug. 7 - Local whites surrounded the homes of the five Negroes who attempted to register to vote yesterday. The whites were armed.

GREENWOOD, Aug. 7 - Worker John Handy was arrested and charged with inciting to riot while with his youth group at a local grocery store.

MILESTON, Aug. 10 - A bomb exploded about 40 feet from the Freedom Center.

ANGUILLA, SHARKEY COUNTY, Aug. 11 - Lou Grant and Bob Wright, volunteers, were arrested while passing out voter registration leaflets.

DREW, Aug. 12 - Joseph Smith summer volunteer, was arrested on charges of "conduct tending to incite a breach of the peace."

HOLLY SPRINGS, Aug. 14 - Volunteers Frank Ciecierka and David Kindall were arrested while escorting people to the courthouse.

HATTIESBURG, Aug. 14 - Sandra Addicks, a Freedom School teacher, was arrested for vagrancy. She had taken a group of her pupils to the local library and was told it was closed. The group then went to Kress. She and the girls sat down at the lunch counter but were refused

GREENWOOD, Aug. 15 - A shot glanced off the windshield of a car parked in front of the SNCC national office.

WE SHALL OVERCOME is sung by the audience and performer at a benefit for the Mississippi Project in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

service. As she was leaving she was arrested for vagrancy.

JASPER COUNTY, Aug. 14 - Three civil rights workers were shot at as they drove along Highway 11. The windshield was cracked.

MCCOMB, Aug. 15 - A bomb blasted out all the windows, damaged the wall and roof of a Negro supermarket. Later, two workers were arrested at the site of the bombing.

NATCHEZ, Aug. 15 - A bomb and fire have completely destroyed a tavern which is directly next door to a house where four SNCC workers live.

JACKSON, Aug. 15 - Summer volunteer Steve Smith and four local people were shot at as they drove through Jackson. Eight to 10 shots were fired at the workers by two whites in a car. No one was hurt.

GREENWOOD, Aug. 15 - Worker Silas McGee was shot and wounded while sitting outside a local cafe. Two whites drive up to the parked car McGee was sitting in and shot him in the left cheek.

JACKSON, Aug. 15 - Phil Hocker, summer worker, was badly beaten on the head with a baseball bat.

JACKSON, Aug. 15 - A cross was burned about three blocks from the COFO office here.

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THREE OF THE FIVE BREWER brothers leave the courthouse in Tallahatchie County, Miss, after being the first Negroes to attempt to register to vote in that area since Reconstruction.



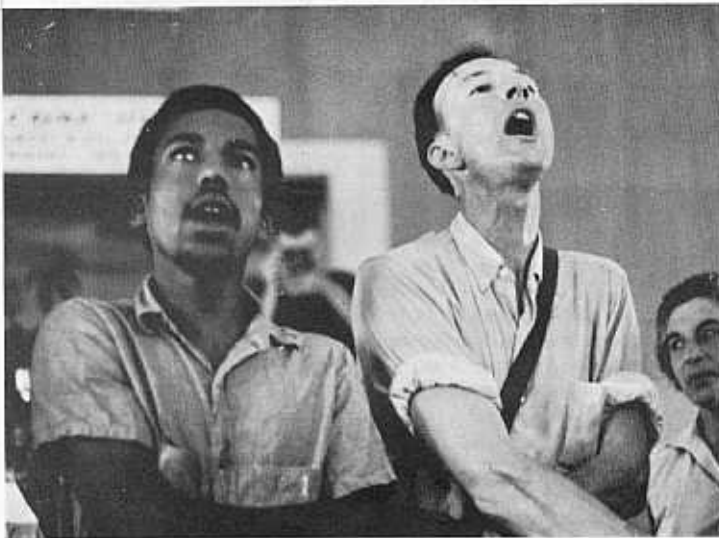
THE WEEK IN PICTURES



A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH, head of the Negro American Labor Council, addresses a Meridian Freedom School convention.



RESTAURANT OWNER LESTER MADDOX refuses to allow Negroes into his business. Maddox was under Federal court order to desegregate.



NOTED FOLKSINGER PETE SEEGER (right) joins in singing "We Shall Overcome" at a rally in Hattiesburg along with Roger Johnson (left).

NOW AVAILABLE

ATLANTA, GA. - A 15-minute taped radio program concerning Mississippi is available to stations, free of charge.

The program contains taped interviews, letters from volunteers and reports from SNCC in Mississippi.

The program is being prepared by the Los Angeles Friends of SNCC. Those interested should contact Joseph Maizlish, 760 Holby Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 90024.

ATLANTA, GA. - An 18 - page

booklet on "The General Condition of the Mississippi Negro" is available from the Atlanta SNCC office.

The booklet details facts about Mississippi, and outlines the economic and educational status of Negroes in the state.

Available from the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, Box 3127, in Jackson, is a 26-page booklet on the MFDP, its background and future, as well as a history of all-white Democratic politics in the state.



JOHN O'NEAL (kneeling foreground) and Gil Moses (standing) enact scene from "In White America", one of the plays in the repertory of the Free Southern Theater, which is currently touring the state of Mississippi.

NEWS ROUNDUP

GREENWOOD, MISS. - A rights worker was shot and seriously wounded while sitting in a car outside a cafe.

Silas McGee, Greenwood, was shot in the cheekbone by two whites. The whites came up to the car in which McGee was sitting stopped and shot.

McGee was carrying on a "one man" effort to integrate the local movie theaters. Four weeks before McGee was injured by flying glass after a white threw a bottle through the back window of a car McGee was in. At the time he was leaving a formerly segregated theater.

AMERICUS, GA. - SNCC worker Willie Ricks was arrested on charges of violating the local picketing ordinance.

Fifty to 60 people picketed at different sites throughout the community.

Picketing has centered around

Hancock's Grocery in the Negro community. It was reported that Hancock has been standing in front of the store with a shot gun threatening anyone who picketed in front of the door.

Ricks had been beaten at Hancock's Grocery a week before his current arrest.

ALBANY, GA. - A mass meeting turned into a riot here. The meeting concerned the shooting in the back of a local Negro.

The Negro, Wilbert Jones, was shot-gunned in the back by a local policeman. It was reported that Jones was stopped at a local dump by police who had been called by the superintendent, because someone had been shooting at bottles.

It was reported that when one of the policemen grabbed his shoulder, Jones panicked and ran. A policeman went to the squad car, got his rifle, and shot Jones in the back.

CONVENTION

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Mississippi elections. Henry and King ran for Governor and Lt. Governor last November. Mrs. Hamer ran for Congress in the Second Congressional District and Mrs. Gray for Senate last June.

Joseph Rauh, Washington D.C. attorney for the United Auto Workers, a delegate and member of the credentials committee and attorney for the FDP, said that all means would be used to take the fight to the floor of the convention if the Credentials Committee does not recognize them. He explained that just 11 members of the 108 member Credentials Committee and then just eight of the 50 states could force a roll call vote on which delegation should be seated.

10 DELEGATIONS BACK FDP

The FDP has the support of nine state delegations plus the District of Columbia. Six of the delegations -- Colorado, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon and Wisconsin -- have mandates from state conventions to support the Freedom group. Three others -- California, New York and Washington, plus the District of Columbia -- have their mandate from their state executive committees.

The Credentials Committee will hold their first meeting Saturday. At this time the Freedom Delegation and the regular party will both be given one hour to present their case.

The Freedom Democratic Party is basing its brief on three major points; (1) the regular party has consistently and systematically disenfranchised and denied the right to vote to a large

portion of the population, (2) The regular party has been disloyal to the national party, (3) the FDP is loyal to the principles and platform of the national party and will support the candidate of the national party.

Monday will mark the official opening of the convention. FDP leaders expect the Credentials Committee to make their report on Tuesday.

RIGHTS SUIT

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law and subject to cruel and inhuman treatment."

Named as defendants were Gov. Paul Johnson, Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin, Atty. Gen. Joe Patterson, Public Safety Commissioner T.B. Birdsong and other unnamed officials.

The suit attacked laws which: Restrict movement of citizens and establish curfews.

Limit lashes applied to a convict.

Permit counties and cities to send overflow prisoners to the state penitentiary.

Regulate picketing.

Outline acts that constitute breach of the peace.

Require that jurors be voters.

Permit some charges that involve juveniles to be handled in regular courts.

Close courthouses on Saturdays.

Increase penalties that cities can impose from \$100 and 30 days to \$300 and 90 days.

Allow cities to create mutual aid pacts in emergencies.

Allow poll tax receipts without tax payments for persons who wish to vote under the new anti-poll tax amendment.

Allow publication of the names of juvenile offenders in second offense and permit colleges to consider juvenile court records in considering applications.

Eliminate a provision that state college accreditation be based on accreditation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Most of these laws were passed in the last session of the legislature for the expressed purpose of hampering the Summer Project.



Ella Baker keynoting the FDP convention.

In the Aug. 5 STUDENT VOICE article, "Freedom Schools Mississippi," it was erroneously stated that Mrs. Carolyn Reese was administrator of the Hattiesburg Freedom Schools. The Freedom Schools in Hattiesburg are jointly administered and coordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reese.