

Status of Aaron Henry Libel Suit

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Mississippi State Supreme Court upheld libel suit of Chief of Police of Clarksdale and District Attorney against Aaron Henry Monday, Dec. 2, and awarded \$15,000 to the Chief of Police. The case is now on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, since chancery judgements automatically go direct to the U.S.S.C. NAACP lawyers Jack Young (Jackson) and Bob Carter (N.Y.C.) handling it.

Suit resulted from when Henry was arrested March 3, 1962 (?) on a morals charge, and when he was released on bail he confronted the Chief of Police and D.A. and told them they had cooked up a plot. They filed suit for his remarks. The suit has already been through County, Circuit and now state supreme court. May be at least year till gets to U.S. Supreme Court.