

MASS MEETING DECIDES TO CONTINUE BOYCOTT

Lowndes Renews Boycott

BY EDWARD M. RUDD

LOWNDES COUNTY--John Hullett Jr., has been out, in and back out of school this fall.

John's father is president of the Lowndes County Christian Movement, which has been trying to organize a boycott of the all-Negro Lowndes County Training School.

But the first attempt at a boycott was not very successful. Now the Christian Movement is trying again.

The night before school started, the Christian Movement announced a boycott of the Training School at a mass meeting of 300 people.

R.R. Pierce, principal of the school, was the main object of the protest. Earlier this year, movement leaders

asked for Pierce's removal in a petition presented to Miss Hulda Coleman, superintendent of Lowndes County schools. They complained of a "lack of leadership" in the principal's office.

Parents involved in the protest have claimed that their children are encouraged to spend too much school time in money-raising activities.

"They do everything to raise money, dancing and all goings on," said a parent of an 11th-grade boy. "Everything except going to classes."

On the first day of school, attendance was down. But it wasn't down all the way. Although John Hullett Jr. and many others stayed home, about 200 kids reportedly came to school.

Leaders of the protest said word of

the boycott hadn't had time to get around. The word that was getting around was that kids were going to school.

More children drifted back to school every day to join their classmates.

"Some students like the dancing and fooling around," said one boy. "They don't want to change their easy ways."

After two weeks of school, Pierce reported that attendance had reached 587. That was 22 more students than the day before, and 200 more than last year at the same time.

Even John Hullett Jr. had started school.

Pierce said he could see no good coming from the boycott.

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TEN CENTS

Al Lingo Quits State Troopers, May Run for Sheriff Next Year

MONTGOMERY--Colonel Al Lingo, a frequent target of criticism by civil rights groups, will leave his job as Alabama Public Safety Director next Friday.

Lingo submitted his resignation to Gov. George Wallace last week. It takes effect on Friday.

Lingo's departure, after three years as public safety director, brought cheers from many residents of the state and regrets from others.

Lingo was bitterly criticized for his treatment of civil rights demonstrators in Selma last March in front of the national press, radio and television.

The Alabama Journal said this about Lingo in an editorial last Friday:

"More than any single person, more even than Gov. Wallace, he assured passage of the oppressive Voting Rights Act of 1965 . . . it was the colonel and his

In his letter of resignation, Lingo said:

"While my plans at this time do not include running for any elective office, the increasing requests from more and more people that I do so, brings the possibility of such occurrence to my future consideration."

He reportedly has bought a house near Birmingham. Lingo would have to be a resident of Jefferson County if he ran for sheriff there.

Lingo, 55, was widely criticized last July when he was charged with summoning more than 200 state troopers to Tuscaloosa to help him win an election for the vice-presidency of the Alabama Peace Officers Association.

Some people claimed this was illegal, but Attorney General Richmond M.

Flowers said Lingo had done nothing wrong.

When the University of Alabama was integrated in 1963, Lingo moved 750 men into Tuscaloosa.

As a result of Lingo's resignation, the much-talked-about investigation of organized crime in Mobile will probably be dropped.

Lingo had made headlines by charging that "widespread and flagrant crime" existed in the Mobile area. But Lingo never appeared before the county grand jury in Mobile to present his case. Twice he said he wasn't ready.

The county grand jury said it could find no "organized" criminal activity in the area, only crime that was "primarily local in nature." The jury then recessed without hearing Lingo.

Flowers: All or Nothing On Coleman Indictment

BY EDWARD M. RUDD

MONTGOMERY--Less than one day after the fatal shooting of Jonathan Daniels in Hayneville, State Attorney General Richmond Flowers said he was sure the case of Thomas Coleman would be white-washed.

Now that a manslaughter indictment has been handed down by the Lowndes County grand jury in the Daniels killing, Flowers is moving into the case.

Flowers said he will try to get Coleman's trial delayed next Thursday, so that he can ask the grand jury to change the indictment to murder.

"If this is not murder, it's no case at all," Flowers said this week.

GANTT ASSIGNED TO HANDLE CASE

He assigned his top investigator and prosecutor, Joe Breck Gantt, to handle the state's case against Coleman. Gantt replaces Circuit Solicitor Arthur Gamble Jr.

Flowers complained that Gamble and County Solicitor Carlton Perdue had sought an indictment from the grand jury without testimony from the Rev. Richard Morrisroe, "a main figure in the case."

Father Morrisroe, from Chicago, was critically wounded Aug. 20 when Daniels was killed. He is still in Baptist Hospital here.

But Perdue said Morrisroe probably would not have swayed the jury.

"I don't see how that so-called priest from Chicago would have had influence one way or the other," said Perdue. "We had two men, who were in 100 feet of the shooting, sitting there on a bench out front of the store, to testify. "These are high class, Christian men who have a lot more influence and say-so in this place than a person from Chicago."

Perdue, who helped Gamble present the case, said he would not dispute the grand jury's decision:

"Let me say it this way, We live under a constitutional system. I've always been taught to abide by what the grand jury says. I think they just about always do right."

Perdue explained that the manslaughter indictment meant "voluntary killing without malice or pre-meditation."

"The jury probably believed that Coleman was only acting spasmodically, protecting the rights of the store owner. Anything can come in people's mind under those circumstances."

Coleman was originally arrested for first-degree murder, which carries a possible death penalty. Under the manslaughter charge the maximum sentence is 10 years.

The grand jury voted the manslaughter indictment after hearing testimony from approximately 25 witnesses to the shooting.

In the same hearing, the original charge of assault and battery with intent to murder against Coleman, for the critical wounding of Morrisroe, was reduced to simple assault and battery.

The assault and battery charge usually applies to "somebody picking up a stick and hitting someone in the face," said Gantt.

Several of the witnesses who testified at the grand jury hearing were unhappy with the way it was conducted.

The witnesses, who had been arrested with Daniels and Father Morrisroe Aug. 14, in Fort Deposit for picketing without a permit, said that they were asked "silly" and unnecessary questions.

Jimmy Rogers, a SNCC worker, said that after he gave his account of the shootings, the prosecutors asked him whether white people lived at the SNCC Freedom House.

He said he was also asked whether civil rights workers threatened to bomb the houses of Negroes in Lowndes County who didn't go down to register to vote. One youth from Fort Deposit said the prosecutors asked if Daniels had "preached" to him in jail. Daniels held a service in jail the Sunday after the arrests in Fort Deposit.

"These nonsense questions," said the youth, "were mostly to try to find some grounds to get him rid of the shooting. I think they were trying to get him off as light as they can."

Only the prosecution puts on a case in a grand jury. There is no cross-examination by defense lawyers.

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Mobile Rights Jurors Return No Indictments

MOBILE--No indictments were voted by the federal grand jury here after a six-day investigation of police conduct during civil rights demonstrations in Selma and Marion.

United States Attorney Vernel R. Jansen Jr. said he was "disappointed but not surprised" by the jury's action. Jansen and three special prosecutors for the Justice Department in Washington had presented cases of possible civil rights violations to the 23-member grand jury.

Jansen said "there just isn't any such thing . . . as a case that goes to a federal grand jury without sufficient evidence to convict."

All the cases were carefully investigated by federal officers and attorneys before being presented to the grand jury, he said.

COMPUTER WOULD INDICT

If the evidence could be fed into a computer, he said, an indictment would come out almost every time. But jurors frequently tend to pardon the defendant, despite the evidence, Jansen said.

He called this the "human factor," and said he wouldn't want it removed from the legal machinery.

Forty-nine witnesses, including both demonstrators and law officers, appeared before the grand jury to testify about possible violations of federal laws that prohibit police brutality and conspiracies to deprive people of their civil rights.

The testimony concerned five alleged crimes committed by seven possible defendants. High state officials reportedly were among the possible defendants.

Maximum penalty for the alleged violations could have been ten years in prison.

But no indictments were returned. This meant that a majority of the grand jurors were not convinced by testimony and other evidence that the federal civil rights laws had been broken.

The jury was investigating state and local police conduct in demonstrations last Feb. 18, in Marion and March 7, in Selma.

On Feb. 18, Jimmy Lee Jackson, a Negro, was fatally wounded after a demonstration in Marion. A state trooper admitted shooting Jackson, but no arrests were ever made in the killing.

DEMONSTRATORS HALTED

Demonstrators trying to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma on March 7, were halted by police using clubs, tear gas and horses.

Grand jury sessions are secret, and so the names of the officials accused of civil rights violations may never be known.

The cases could be presented to a grand jury again. Names of the accused would become known only if in-

dictments were voted.

Jansen mentioned another "human factor" that might have affected the grand jury's action. After grand jurors have served a few months, he said, they begin to vote indictments in a larger percentage of the cases they hear.

MEETING TWO WEEKS

The jury that heard the civil rights cases held its first meeting only two weeks ago.

Jansen said the jurors would probably have voted some indictments if they had already been serving for a few months.

But he couldn't say whether the cases might be brought before this grand jury again.

Leaflets Cause Stir in Mobile

BY DAVID R. UNDERHILL

MOBILE--A few pieces of paper have ruffled Mobile County's generally calm race relations and have thrown the generally turbulent relations among local Negro factions into even greater confusion and uproar than before.

On the night of Sept. 16, violent leaflets were distributed along Highway 45 in the Bullshead section of Prichard, a suburb entirely surrounded by Mobile.

Within two or three days, almost everyone in Bullshead and Trinity Gardens, the neighboring section of Mobile, had seen the leaflet or heard about it.

From 10,000 to 15,000 Negroes, and almost no whites, live in the area. Estimates of the number of leaflets range from 500 to 3,000.

The leaflet called for the destruction of "white operated businesses" in the area. It listed 16 of them, but gave spe-



RICHMOND FLOWERS



RUBY SALES, A WITNESS



JIMMY ROGERS (FRONT)

cial attention to Summers Brothers Grocery store, and especially the white butcher there.

It also included instructions for making gasoline fire bombs and lye or acid bombs.

The leaflet said: "Remember how our colored brothers & sisters in Watts, Los Angeles, struck by night to burn-up and shoot-up all white business among them, misusing their women and children? . . . burned up, shot up, or boycotted these white people gotta go, amen."

A brick was thrown through a front window of the Summers Brothers store the night after the leaflet came out, despite the close watch police have kept on the area since the leaflet appeared.

The Mobile County Citizens Coun-

cil's regular recorded telephone report is now telling callers about the leaflets, "so the white people can be prepared for anything that comes."

Jeffery Davis, president of the Mobile County Movement, which has its headquarters in the area, fears that "the worst is yet to come."

NO LEADER APPROVES

No recognized Negro leader has voiced any approval of the violence advocated by the leaflet, but none of them is confident that he can stop the unknown authors of the unsigned leaflets.

And so far the police have not succeeded either. Local officials and the FBI are conducting an investigation in the area, but even if they discover who put out the leaflets, there has been some question about what the authors can be arrested for.

Alabama apparently has no law against inciting a riot.

POSSIBLE PROSECUTION

On Wednesday afternoon, however, Carl M. Booth, the state's prosecuting attorney in this district, said he believed the offenders could be prosecuted for attempting to provoke a breach of the peace.

Many people along Highway 45 feel the authors did not intend to touch off mass destruction of white businesses.

They think the authors only meant to drive Summers Brothers out of business and to embarrass, or ruin, the Rev. A. Robert Ray, the most prominent Negro leader in the area. The store recently began sponsoring a weekly radio broadcast by Mr. Ray.

The leaflet has aroused many long-standing complaints against the store. Some of them are legendary by now. S.W. Summers, owner of the store,



Troopers, seen on TV in action in Selma, which so sickened the nation that an extreme reprisal in Congress was inevitable.

But Wallace, who appointed Lingo head of the state troopers when he became governor in January, 1963, said Lingo served "ably and well."

A federal grand jury in Mobile this week found no evidence of wrongdoing in the troopers' handling of civil rights demonstrations in Selma and Marion.

There were reports that Lingo resigned so that he could run for sheriff of Jefferson County next year. Gov. Wallace has demanded that high state officials quit if they plan to run for other jobs.

New York Plan Helps Teachers

HUNTSVILLE--The New York City Board of Education is offering up to 800 teaching jobs to Southern Negro teachers who have been dismissed because of school desegregation problems.

In addition, the board will pay moving expenses for teachers who take advantage of the offer. And the board will pay for any courses the teachers have to take in order to get New York state teaching certificates.

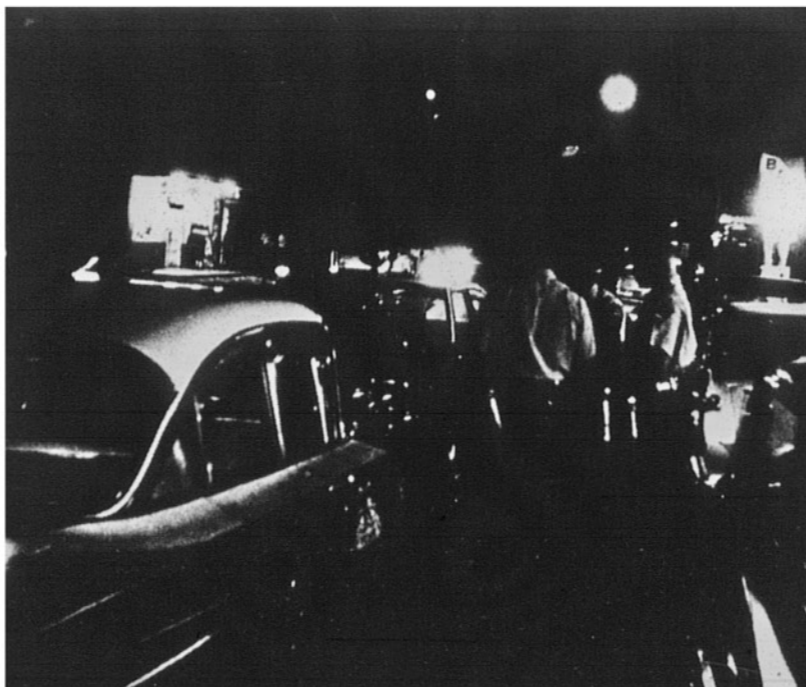
The program, called Operation Reclaim, offers teaching positions in pre-kindergarten through high-school classes. The pay scale in the New York City school system compares favorably with those in other big cities.

Under the program, displaced Negro teachers who need to take additional courses for their certificates can work as substitute teachers in their free time.

Interested teachers will be interviewed in the cities where they now live.

Teachers who want to be interviewed should write to the Alabama Council on Human Relations (2809 Governors Dr. S.W., Huntsville), or to Dr. John King of the New York City Board of Education (110 Livingston St., Brooklyn, N.Y.).

Operation Reclaim will also help teachers find housing in New York City.



POLICE WATCH TENSE MOBILE AREA

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The Coleman Case

Like Attorney General Richmond Flowers, we don't like to criticize a grand jury in the performance of its duties. But like Flowers, we are "shocked and amazed" at the indictments the Lowndes County grand jury returned in the cases against Thomas Coleman. We agree with Flowers that the indictments--for manslaughter when murder was the original charge, and for assault and battery instead of assault with intent to murder--are "an abdication of grand jury responsibility."

In any fair and reasonable system, we would say that a grand jury should not be swayed by popular opinion, that the jurors should vote lesser indictments if they believe the evidence justifies them. But in this state we do not have a fair and reasonable system. When jurors can ignore the plain facts of a vicious killing, the system is blind and corrupt.

We draw no conclusions about Coleman's legal guilt or innocence. But in view of the facts in this case we say he should stand trial for murder--and if there is a defense, let it be heard in open court.

Over and over, some Alabamians complain about federal intervention and "outside agitators." "Stop meddling in our local affairs," they cry. But the Coleman indictments demonstrate beyond question that some Alabamians are unfit to handle their own affairs. Decent citizens in our state would do well to bring pressure on their backward neighbors--or else outside intervention will be a fact of life in Alabama for years to come.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In her article, "Crisis in Tuskegee: TIAL, Segregationists Imperil City's Future," Miss Martha Honey has shown once again that white liberals and moderates share with the racists one very important attitude about Negroes.

The author of the article on Tuskegee would, no doubt, deny strongly the suggestion that she and the average member of the Ku Klux Klan have something intellectual in common. Other liberals and moderates would be properly shocked, and would point to their own sacrifices and suffering for the cause of civil rights as evidence of their affirmation of brotherhood with Negroes.

A major difference between these people and the racists is that the latter deny full citizenship to the Negro. A major similarity between the liberals and the racists is the idea that Negroes are not human....

Miss Honey cites leading citizens from the white side of town to indicate that because the swimming pool was integrated briefly one day, fewer whites will attend the public and integrated high school. Leading whites are quoted to indicate that TIAL has supposedly weakened the position of moderates in the community.

The reader who has persisted until the end of the article discovers that Miss Honey and others believe the town of Tuskegee could disintegrate from the "extremism" of the TIAL variety or the Klan variety. (This crude comparison

between TIAL and the Klans is highly offensive; the author should be ashamed of herself.)

The members of TIAL have asserted in their actions their rights of citizenship, and they have asserted their rights as human beings. Miss Honey asks Negroes to react and be acted upon. She denies them the right to act against evil....

Acceptance of these views is the acceptance of continuing degradation. Affirmation that Negroes must continue to be passive onlookers while white moderates and white extremists come to terms implies that Negroes are not human enough to make decisions affecting their own fate.

With all their good intentions and personal sacrifices--which have been admittedly very important in one part of the civil rights movement--liberals, moderates, and other decent people want to make decisions for Negroes, and they want to define for Negroes the problems Negroes face.

Whenever the Negro "steps out of line"--a line drawn by his white friends or the line drawn by his white enemies--criticism or punishment is considered in order.

Miss Honey has punished the students involved in the civil rights organization called TIAL for having violated her personal plan for Negro liberation. In so doing, she has denied them their humanity....

Brian Weinstein
 Tuskegee Institute

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To the Editor:

I've been reading the Southern Courier every week with great interest, and in general you have a fine piece of journalism and some very creative photography. However, I was extremely disappointed in the tone of the last issue (Sept. 12), particularly Page Four.

What kind of future are you talking about in the headline on Page Four--"Crisis in Tuskegee: TIAL, Segregationists Imperil City's Future?" What does your writer mean by "effective" when speaking of TIAL?

Is the kind of "progress" Mayor C.M. Keever speaks of at a council meeting the kind of progress the movement in the South envisions? If they are not one and the same, why does your writer imply that?...

Does she know what TIAL is trying to accomplish? Obviously, they are not trying to make compromises with the

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To the Editor:

We are writing to let you know how we are enjoying reading the Southern Courier.

We want to have federal registrars. We have already asked them to give us a two-week registration period and two nights out of each week so our working people can register. But they didn't give it to us.

We are tired of going to jail. They treated us so bad when they carried us from Eufaula to Clayton, and from Clayton to Union Springs prison camp.

We sat and slept on the concrete floor. They put dirt in the food. We couldn't eat it. They didn't treat us as well as a dog.

Toms and moderate segregationists who have banded together. From reports I've gotten from SNCC volunteers in Alabama, Tuskegee black people and poor white people aren't any better off because the black middle class has gotten some representation in the local government. Could it be that TIAL is trying to organize the people to demand change for a better life?...

I hope you don't just tack this up under "We're controversial and therefore expect criticism." I hope you face the fact that you do the movement a disservice if you skim the surface like the AP wire reporters do. We have plenty of surface stuff in daily papers and mimeographed mailings. What we lack is depth analysis. Please try to understand the movement before writing about it.

Carol Stevens
 Knoxville, Tenn.

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Please help us. We are human beings.

The Lord is on our side. We are tired of brutality from policemen. Something needs to be done about that. Please, sir.

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 Mrs. Jimmie Lou Osborne
 Emma Person
 Annie Belle Griffin
 Rev. Ned Williams, Sr.
 Bertha White
 Mrs. Mary Marshall
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 Lillie Sue Wilson
 Robert Thomas
 Mrs. Annie Turner
 Mr. Lee Turner
 Mrs. Charnie DeVose

Sermon of the Week

God Reveals Self to Us



BY GAIL FALK

MONTGOMERY--"Four - one - thirteen - eight - one," the Rev. Robert Strong called out at the beginning of his sermon Sunday at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

"This is not a football signal," he said, "but a description of the organization of the New Testament." The New Testament, he explained, has four gospels, one history, 13 Pauline letters, eight general epistles, and one prophetic.

One book--Hebrews--is not included in this list, because no one is certain of its source, said Dr. Strong.

LESSON FROM HEBREWS

Dr. Strong took his lesson from the first chapter of Hebrews. The majestic words of this chapter, he said, contain two great Christian ideas: the idea that God has shown Himself to us, and the idea that Christ is both God and man.

Other religions, said Dr. Strong, created gods in their own image. But the Christian God has revealed Himself. We see Him in the "lovely day." We see Him in ourselves, for we are created in His image.

And God has revealed His Word in the Bible, said Dr. Strong--the prophets who wrote the Bible received their words directly from God.

OPENING VERSES

In the opening verses of Hebrews, Dr. Strong said, God has revealed to us who Jesus Christ is.

"God . . . hath in these last days spoken to us by His Son," the first phrase in Hebrews, means Christ is the voice with which God speaks, said Dr. Strong.

" . . . by whom also He made the world" (Hebrews 1:2), Christ was the agent of God in creating the whole universe, explained Dr. Strong.

"Who being the brightness of His glory . . ." (Hebrews 1:3), We do not see the sun but only its rays, Dr. Strong said. Just as we know the sun is there because we see its rays, so we know God is there because we have seen Jesus Christ, he said.

" . . . and upholding all things by the word of His power" (Hebrews 1:3), Christ "holds the universe in His hands," said Dr. Strong, and keeps the universe going by saying, "I will it."

PURGED OUR SINS

" . . . he had by himself purged our sins" (Hebrews 1:3), Christ bore agony and suffering to purge us of our sin, said Dr. Strong.

God has revealed Himself to us, and has revealed His son Jesus Christ, said Dr. Strong. All we need to do is look. "He is here. He is here," concluded Dr. Strong. "See Him!"

Civil Rights Roundup

Mississippi Challenge Is Beaten; Leaders Send Protest to President

BY RITA DERSHOWITZ

WASHINGTON--Where do we go from here?

That was the question for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party after the failure of its Challenge against the state's five U.S. representatives.

The answer seemed to be to go back to Mississippi, register Negro voters, run candidates in local elections and put up a man against Senator James O. Eastland.

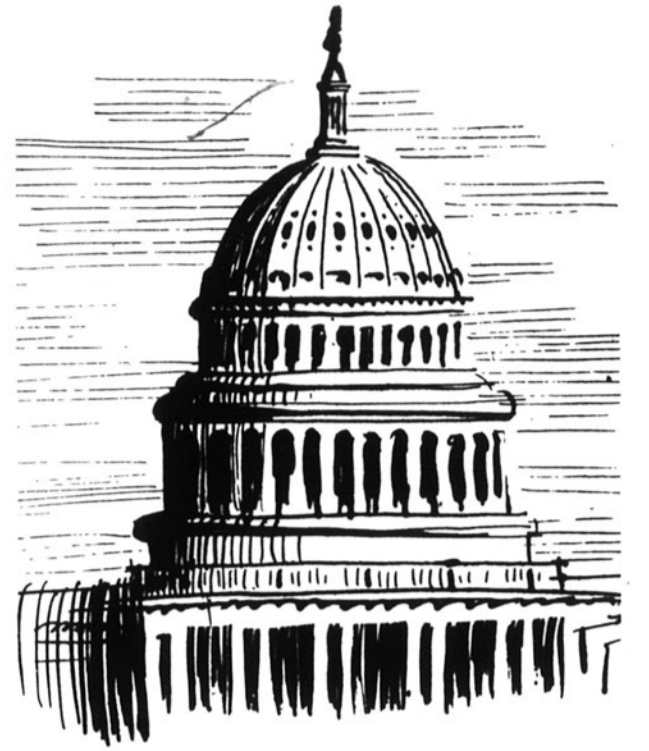
The MFDP was trying to unseat the five Mississippi congressmen, on the grounds that their election was illegal because Negroes were kept from voting.

The goal of the Challenge was new free elections for the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

But the Challenge was beaten last Friday in the House, by a vote of 228 to 143.

Three of the MFDP members who challenged the five congressmen won a small victory during the debate in the House.

Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, Mrs. Victoria Gray and Mrs. Annie Devine took advantage of the rule allowing people contesting an election to sit on the House floor while their challenge is being debated. They sat with the members of the House for an hour before the vote was taken. But this victory was small, indeed. Afterwards, Mrs.



Hamer wept as she said:

"I'm not crying for myself today, but I'm crying for America. I cry that the Constitution of the United States, written down on paper, applies only to white people."

Now the office that was headquarters for the eight-month campaign to unseat the Mississippi House delegation is strangely silent.

Only a few people remain, and one typewriter is all the background noise in a room where a week ago dozens of people bustled around in a crisis atmosphere.

They were involved in a last-minute effort to get the House to ignore a subcommittee's recommendation that the Challenge be dismissed.

But they failed, and the Challenge was over.

However, the House gave warning to the state of Mississippi that voting discrimination will not be tolerated. The MFDP's task is now clear: to hold Congress to its word.

In a telegram sent Tuesday to President Johnson, Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach and several House leaders, the MFDP charged that the House had "failed in its duty to itself, to the Negroes of Mississippi and to the nation."

The telegram said that Negroes in Mississippi are still unrepresented, and that the Justice Department has ignored voting-rights complaints from several Mississippi counties.

The Washington office of the MFDP will remain open, to campaign for more federal voting examiners in Mississippi and to remind Congress of its promise to oversee future elections.

Will there be another challenge? An MFDP spokesman said:

"If enough examiners are not sent to Mississippi, and the situation does not change, there is nothing to prevent another Challenge."

Warren Fortson, the lawyer who tried to bring peace to racially troubled Americus, Ga., said last week he was leaving town.

"There's no reason to stay," said Fortson, brother of Georgia's secretary of state. "My law practice has come to a screeching halt."

Fortson made enemies when he tried to form a bi-racial committee during the summer's racial disturbances.

Alabama Opinion

Freedom Fight Needs Strong Local Leaders

BY THE REV. SOLOMON SEAY

MONTGOMERY--It is comforting to believe that every community has the basic potential for solution of social problems and the implementation of legal decisions that redefine the ideals set forth by the founders of this nation.

It is comforting, too, to believe that ultimately, the community is the proving ground for the progress of the nation.

But most of the South now faces a shortage of dynamic leadership. Strong local leaders are needed to maintain the gains made in the freedom struggle.

The movement for freedom has gone beyond mere protest. The federal government is in search of local community leadership for those crucial moments when there must be grass-roots, on-the-scene safeguards for the implementation of all the changes written into law.

Negro leaders and organizations must find methods and means of helping to meet this need.

Desegregation is now beyond the point of no return. Integration is finally budding forth in the most unexpected places. The shadow of tokenism is receding across the land.

At this point, local leadership must be encouraged to begin and keep up a relentless quest for children of promise, and to expose these children to the finest process of development society has to offer.

To get people qualified as registered voters is one thing. But getting them to vote, and to vote intelligently, may be something entirely different. The poli-



tical participation of the Negro must be zealously guarded and guided.

The task ahead requires an objective look at what is happening to community leadership. This is imperative, mainly because the old methods of control can still effectively weaken Negro representation.

Representation at the community level is a most serious concern. The type of leadership sanctioned by national leaders and organizations will continue to play a part in the freedom movement. If left alone, however, the people themselves will determine the kind of leaders needed.

Somehow people must begin to understand that not even a superman can do much by remote control. The power (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

Social Security Changes May Help You



receive benefits when your former husband becomes 65 or dies. Payments can begin this month.

CREDIT FOR CASH TIPS

If you get \$20 or more in cash tips in a month you will get Social Security credit for the amount of the tips in addition to the amount of your wages.

Starting next January, every month that you earn over \$20 in tips, you must report how much you have earned to your employer within ten days after the end of the month. You will have to pay Social Security tax for the tips as well as for your regular wages.

MINISTERS AND PREACHERS

Ministers and preachers can be covered by Social Security now, if they want. Clergymen will be covered who earn \$400 a year or more after they have taken out church expenses.

You must notify the Social Security office by April of next year if you want to start to be covered.

YOU CAN KEEP WORKING

Starting in January, your payments will not get smaller if you work and earn less than \$1,500 a year.

People who earn between \$1,500 and \$2,700 a year after they are 65 will lose a dollar in benefits for every \$2 they earn over \$1,500.

People who earn more than \$2,700 will lose \$1 in benefits for every dollar they earn over \$2,700.

Any month that you earn less than \$125, however, there will be no deduction, no matter how much you earn the rest of the year. And after you are 72, there will be no deduction at all, no matter how much you earn.

ONE YEAR DISABILITY IS COVERED

Under the old law, you could not collect disability payments unless it looked like you were going to be disabled for the rest of your life.

Now an insured worker can collect disability payments if he has been disabled for just one year, or if he is expected to be disabled for at least 12 months.

MORE CREDIT FOR SMALL FARMER

Starting next January, poor farmers will be able to get more Social Security credit.

If all the money you earn before you take out expenses (your gross income) is not over \$2,400 you have a choice now in how you report your income. You can report either the net income (your total income minus farming expenses) or you can report two-thirds of your gross income.

If your total earnings are more than \$2,400 but the amount that is left after you have paid farm expenses is less than \$1,600, you may report an income of \$1,600.

But if your total earnings are over \$2,400 and you have at least \$1,600 left after you have paid farm bills, then you must report just what your net income is.

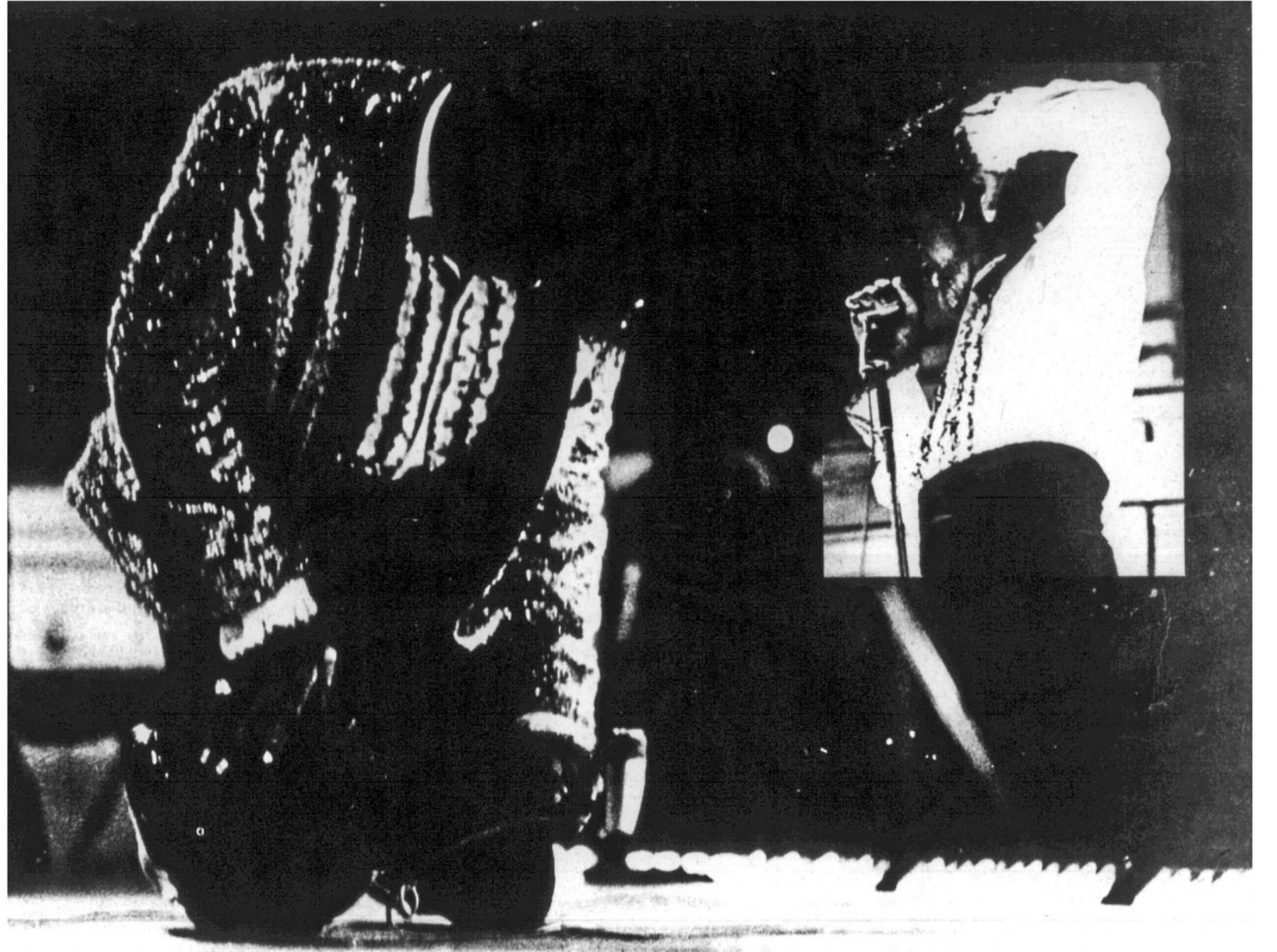
PAYMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Full time students who are not married can receive Social Security payments until they are 22 if their parents are disabled, over 65 or deceased.

If your payments stopped when you were 18, you can get payments started again and payment for the months back to January by applying at your local Social Security office.

If you were already 18 when one of your parents started getting old-age or disability benefits or died, you can apply for payments at the Social Security office. Take with you your birth certificate, your Social Security number and your parent's Social Security number.

Students receiving Social Security benefits should remember to get in touch with the Social Security office when their 18th birthday gets close to ask that payments continue.



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Two Selma Seniors: Separate But Equal?

BY DAVID M. GORDON



SELMA--Jerry and Fred, two high school seniors in Selma, are very similar in a lot of ways.

Both of them are quite intelligent, and both study hard; they rank in the top 10% of their class. Both come from stable family backgrounds, and both plan to enter college next year. Both participate in a few extra-curricular activities.

In fact, the only major difference between the two students is that Jerry is white and Fred is Negro.

Jerry goes to Albert G. Parrish High School, where he is finishing his 12th year in all-white public school. Fred goes to R.B. Hudson High School, the fourth all-Negro school he has attended.

As Fred and Jerry get ready for college next year, both of them--and anyone else who has bothered to look--would agree that Jerry's years in all-white schools have given him a better education than Fred has received in Negro schools.

Even Selma Superintendent of Schools Joe Pickard says, "A student graduating from Parrish certainly would be able to be more successful in college than a student from Hudson."

Now that more and more Negroes are going to previously all-white schools, it is important to ask why and in what ways Jerry is "better-educated."

In many ways, the two boys have received the same education. They have both taken all the standard college preparatory courses. This year their programs of study are almost exactly the same.

Jerry expects to attend the University of Alabama next year and Fred will be going to Tuskegee Institute. Both feel that they will be able to handle college work.

"I feel quite well-prepared," Fred says. "I've studied, taken straight college prep courses, and got pretty good grades."

"In the last three years," echoes Jerry, "I've really learned a lot. In many of my courses, we're taught so we'll be able to work college material."

Jerry Learned to Think

Jerry and Fred have learned many of the same facts from many of the same courses. But Jerry's teachers have taught him to think about what he is learning while Fred's teachers have only taught facts.

Take, for instance, the writing assignments that each will be given in 12th grade English this year.

Fred says he will be given "a lot of writing work" for the first time in four years of high school English. The papers will not be long. Fred's class will practice writing up Hudson's football games and writing letters of application to colleges. The students may be asked to write a simple autobiography.

Jerry says his class will be asked--"if we are good"--to write a ten-page term paper. The paper may be on the themes or meaning of a novel or about a particular author. The students will have to do a good deal of reading and thinking on their own.

The kinds of tests Jerry and Fred were given in their respective eleventh-grade American history courses show the same kind of difference.

Fred was always given quizzes on the facts of American history. The only times he was ever asked to write an essay were on the two final exams at the end of each semester.

Most of the questions on the tests Jerry was

given asked him to discuss what he had learned. He would be asked, for instance, to write an essay on the major causes of the Civil War, discussing the positions of the North and South and the relationships of the war to the years directly preceding it.

Because of this difference Jerry and Fred have quite different attitudes toward their school work.

Fred has not been taught that what he learns in school can be interesting and important to him.

"I'm interested in most of my courses this year," Fred says. "I've got to be because most of them are hard to me."

Jerry looks at it differently. He feels it is important to learn his courses so that he can begin to have a better understanding of the world he lives in.

"I get pretty interested in my work," he says, "and I try to make sure I understand it fully. I can read a science magazine and not know anything about the facts in an article, but I still try to have a general idea of what they're talking about."

The reasons that Jerry has been taught to think more deeply than Fred lie in differences between the two schools, not between the two boys.

Neither student is much of a "bookworm." Fred speaks for both of them when he says, "I'm going to college simply because I can't do anything unless I do."

Fred himself feels that poor equipment, more than anything else, has held him back. "They send all the better equipment over to Parrish," he says.

Despite what Fred says, it seems doubtful that poor equipment explains the difference between his and Jerry's education.

In almost every respect Hudson's equipment and facilities are slightly worse than those of Parrish. But the differences are simply not that great.

As far as books go, Hudson students now receive most of the same books that Parrish students do. Where they are given different books, the differences are sometimes to the Negroes' advantage.

This year's chemistry and physics books, for instance, are probably better at Hudson than at Parrish, simply because the Hudson science department made a better choice of textbooks.

Parrish chemistry students have better and more lab equipment, but Hudson's better course probably makes up for that.

Parrish has a beautifully modern, three-set language laboratory. Hudson's language teachers have only a single tape-recorder console with eight earphones to help their students hear and speak foreign languages.

Jerry does not look at facilities. He credits his teachers with the quality of education at Parrish. "The biggest part of it is due to the teachers," he says. "You knew you had to do the work, but at the same time, you didn't feel you were being forced."

But Fred says, "I don't think it was the teachers' fault that I didn't learn more than I did."

The teachers at Hudson are quite good, for the most part. In some fields, they are better trained than the Parrish teachers. The chemistry teacher at Hudson has a master's degree from Penn State; the Parrish chemistry teacher has only a B.A.

No One Is Interested

The differences in background and interest of Negro and white high school students go further in explaining Fred's poorer education than any particular features of the schools.

Fred could think of only two students in his class at Hudson who, he would say, are truly interested in school.

"If everybody had been interested," he says, "I think the teachers would have put forth more effort. I think the teachers felt everybody was satisfied."

"Most of our parents don't stress studying," he continued. "We weren't taught to study in grade school and most of the students just weren't as interested as they should have been."

Teachers don't feel like working hard to teach a good course when the students don't seem to care. And, because teachers do not make the work interesting or demanding, students who haven't learned outside of school to think about what they study, never do learn.

The situation at Parrish couldn't be more different. Jerry says that a majority of the students wouldn't choose to attend school if they weren't forced to. But he also says that most of the students in his classes are "interested in and curious about their work."

Last year, for instance, Jerry belonged to an informal science club to work on experiments. The club was entirely voluntary. "We just got together because we wanted to," Jerry said.

Fred says he has never heard of such a thing at Hudson.

A majority of Jerry's class--65 per cent--are preparing to go to college next year. Only about 35 per cent of Fred's fellow seniors will go on to college. That extra 30 per cent makes a big difference in how important school work seems.

The difference between an education at Parrish and an education at Hudson cannot easily be described by counting dollars in the budget or teachers' degrees or the number of bunsen burners in the lab.

But, as Jerry and Fred get ready for college, Jerry seems much more prepared for the kind of thought that a college requires.

The separate schools of Selma still are not equal.



Negro Farmers Must Use the Vote Well To Win in This Fall's ASCS Elections

BY EDWARD M. RUDD

It's been said time and time again that getting the vote is only half the battle for Negroes.

The vote won't do you any good, Negroes are told, unless you know how to use it--and you do use it.

Nowhere is there better proof of this statement than in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) elections right here in Alabama.

Negroes have been able to vote in these elections for years. Many have voted. But there is not a single Negro in any elected ASCS position in the state.

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service is the part of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in charge of price support, crop allotment and conservation.

In every county there is an ASCS committee made up of local farmers. This committee is in charge of carrying out programs of the ASCS in the county.

The ASCS committee divides up the county's crop allotments. It tells each farmer how many acres of cotton, peanuts or tobacco he may grow. It decides which farmers will get conservation assistance, and it decides how much each farmer will get. It decides rights of ownership to produce when there is a dispute.

These decisions--how much cotton a farmer may plant, how much federal aid a farmer will receive, who owns the crop--are very important to farmers. Often, the ASCS county committee has the power to decide how much money a farmer will earn in a year.

And so the choice of the ASCS county committee is important to every farmer, Negro and white. It is important that each farmer have a voice in the choice and a chance to choose a committeeman he trusts to be fair.

Elections for ASCS committeemen are held in the fall. Sometime this October every farming person will get a ballot through the mail to select the ASCS committeeman for his community.

The state ASCS committee, which is a federally appointed body, goes to great lengths to insure that every eligible farmer is put on the election mailing list, according to W.L. Farmer, assistant to the state ASCS chairman.

To reach every farmer in the state, the ASCS sends up airplanes to take photographs of all the farm areas in the state. Then ASCS men on the ground mark off every farm plot which shows up on the photographs and visit the farmer or sharecropper who works it.



"We end up visiting every farmer in the state," says Farmer.

The ASCS representative who visits the farmer makes sure, according to Farmer, that the name of every man he visits is on the mailing list for the community elections.

Negro farmers receive ballots just as white farmers do. "I've gotten one of those ASCS ballots in the mail for over five years now," said a young Negro landowner in Lowndes County.

Although Negroes have been sent ballots regularly for several years, the county committees are controlled now--as they always have been--by white plantation owners.

"I started voting," said the same Lowndes farmer, "but it was always the same kind of people on the ballot."

The largest landowners in the county have traditionally been the county committeemen.

SNCC worker Chris Wiley claims that many big landowners channel ASCS benefits and resources onto their own farms.

"It's not a matter of black and white," he says, "but of economics."

In Hale County, he points out, the large landowners get an average cotton allotment of 39 acres, while the smaller and poorer Negro farmers get, on the average, less than nine acres.

"Admitting poor farmers on the committees--and many of these would be Negroes--would divide the pie much differently," he says.

Even though they receive ballots, poor farmers are not now represented in most ASCS committees because the names of poor farmers never appear on the ballot.

The members of the local ASCS committee are in charge of nominating their own successors. And, as one civil rights worker put it, "they tend to keep it in the family."

Negroes in one rural farm community complained that the large landowners took turns serving as ASCS committeemen. This way, they said, the powerful whites stayed in control without one person piling up a suspiciously long term of office.

This fall there will be fresh names on the ASCS ballots of many Alabama communities. Civil rights workers have been canvassing farm-to-farm telling poor farmers that they can put their own names on the ballot.

One Negro farm owner in Lowndes County, who reads Department of Agriculture bulletins and has a freezer jammed full of vegetables to show for it, did not know that he could nominate



himself to his county committee. All he needs is the signature of six other eligible ASCS voters on a nominating petition.

This farmer said he was satisfied with his cotton allotment of 11 acres; it wouldn't pay him to grow more than that.

"But," he said, "some farmers I know who have six or seven children are given only four or five acres to plant. They like to farm and it's the only thing they know. I don't see how they can make it."

This young farmer is excited now that he knows he can be nominated for the ASCS elections. "Let the other farmers around here know I'm willing to run and do what I can for them," he said, already sounding like a politician.

To make doubly sure that Negroes get nominated to community committees this year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has directed every county committee to draw up a slate of nominees that includes Negroes. There must be the same percentage of Negro nominees on the ballot as there are Negro farmers in the county.

In Lowndes County, for example, where Negroes are 80 per cent of the population, at least 80 per cent of the nominees will have to be Negroes.

Requiring that Negro names must appear on the ballot is a big step in the direction of insuring that Negroes will be represented on the ASCS county committees.

But it may not be the final step, SNCC worker Elmo Holder points out. Holder fears that white committeemen will nominate so many Negroes that they will split up the Negro vote.

"Then if the white folks stick together," he says, "they can still elect an all-white committee in spite of the Negro nominees."

In counties where there are more Negro candidates than there are ASCS positions, Holder thinks that Negroes should agree on a slate of candidates. The Negroes should vote as a bloc for these candidates, he says.

Then, at least in counties where a majority of those voting in the ASCS election are Negro, Negro candidates will have a good chance to win, he says.

As more and more Negroes are registered to vote, the lesson of the ASCS election is an important one.

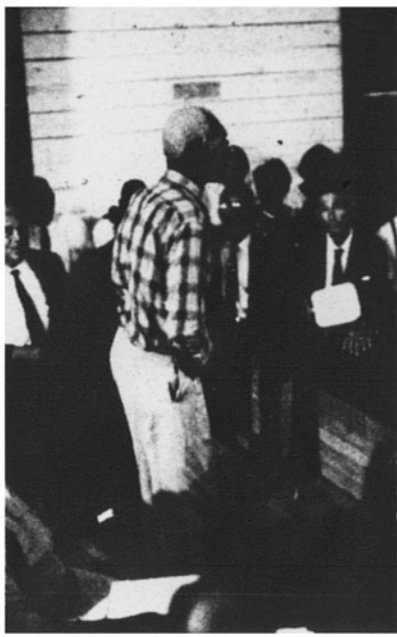
It is not enough to be given the right to vote.

It is not enough to put Negro names on the ballot.

Negroes must work and plan together if they want their vote to do them any good.

Lowndes School Boycott

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 "I take the energy it takes for ill feeling and use it to move forward," he said. "I think it is suicide for the child to stay out of school. With the competition and changing times and the scientific and all goings on now, I think we ought to figure more time for school instead of less," he said.
 "These improvements they want take time--they can't be done overnight," he said. "I'm open to work with all my folk--including my white friends. I'm an educator, and all I want to do is move forward."
 Miss Coleman said the county school board considered Pierce "capable." She pointed out that he has been principal for more than 20 years.
 "We hire on the basis of ability," she said.



MASS MEETING

At last, the Christian Movement had to call a mass meeting to decide what to do about the dying boycott. After a heated discussion, the people said they wanted to go on with the boycott.
 But this time, said one of the leaders, they would start small and work up to a big boycott, instead of the other way around.

Voter-registration workers in the county plan to discuss the boycott with parents as they canvass to get out the vote.
 "When we talk to people," said John Hulet Sr., "we will be trying to show both sides of it--to be fair about it."
 A recent graduate of the Training School, Timothy Mayer, has come home from Alabama State to work on the boycott.
 "Dr. Pierce is hurting your child, he tells parents. 'I know. At college, I had to get lessons I missed out here. That's a hard test.'
 "We will keep our children out until Pierce is removed," said Hulet, "even if it takes a whole year. This time we really mean business."
 And John Jr. is back out of school.

THINK AND GRIN

A church group in Birmingham, holding a fish dinner for the congregation, discovered a serious omission in the printing of the admission tickets. The tickets did not have the necessary words, "Not transferable."
 To remedy this oversight, a large sign was posted at the entrance to the banquet hall. It said, "Nobody admitted unless he comes himself."
 Tom: Bill, write something on a piece of paper.
 Bill (after doing so): What next?
 Tom: Fold it, put it on the floor and put your foot on it.
 Bill: Okay--now what?
 Tom: I can tell you what is on the paper.
 Bill: What?
 Tom: Your foot.

Bob: Is your dog a pointer or a setter?
 Jack: Neither. He's a disappointment and an upsetter.

Professor: Name the outstanding accomplishment of the Romans.
 Student: They understood Latin.

A Mexican and an American were talking together. "My wife had an accident with a weezle," said the Mexican.
 "A weasel!" exclaimed the American. "Did it bite her?"
 "Oh, no," said the Mexican. "You see, she was driving across a railroad track and didn't hear the weezle."

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Mobile Leaflet Causes Stir

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 says there is "no truth" to any of the charges about him and his store.
 But the Rev. Handy Davis, president of the NAACP in Prichard, said Summers "certainly can play checkers with the truth."

SOME TRUTH

Mrs. Emily Walker, an employee of the store until she left because of the leaflet, said the leaflet was partly correct about a recent incident between the butcher and a Negro bag boy.

Whether the charges are true or not, an informal partial boycott has begun since the leaflet appeared. If it continues it will force all the Negro leaders to take a stand in favor of Mr. Ray and Summers Brothers or against them.

Rights Group Plans For 1966 School Integration

BY CLAY MUSSELMAN
 BIRMINGHAM--"It is important to begin talking about next year's school desegregation now," said a student who spent the summer encouraging Negro parents to send their children to white schools.

It is not easy for Negro parents to decide to send their children, said Paul Berliner from Antioch College, who worked with the Coordinating Committee for the Acceleration of School Desegregation in Jefferson County.
 "There is understandably much fear and apprehension," he said.
 So, he said, planning for next fall's desegregation must begin now:
 "We are re-organizing the desegregation project here, and we shall continue to work through the winter, spring and summer in preparation for next fall."

The coordinating committee was formed in mid-July to inform parents about school desegregation, and encourage them to take advantage of their rights this fall.
 Berliner said it was obvious that local school boards were not going to promote integration. "The responsibility lay entirely on the shoulders of the Negro parents," he said.
 The committee, made up of representatives from the Alabama Christian Movement, the Concerned White Citizens, the NAACP and the Alabama Council on Human Relations, was divided into three groups to work on school desegregation for the fall.
 One group handled mass publicity. It published information sheets about the desegregation plans of the Birmingham, Bessemer, Fairfield and Jefferson County school systems.

The sheets explained how to transfer, and gave names and phone numbers of people who could be called for assistance.
 The second group of the coordinating committee selected three Negro communities near white schools that were known to have room for transfer students.
 Members of this group the canvassed these neighborhoods block by block, and talked to parents about desegregation.
 A third group asked the boards of education for copies of the transfer application blanks, in order to distribute them in the Negro communities. The group also asked the boards for better publicity for the plans.
 But, Berliner said, the boards insisted that each Negro parent come in person to get a transfer application blank, and refused to change their procedure.
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 This year, 54 Negroes integrated Birmingham schools. And in the Bessemer, Fairfield and Jefferson County systems, there are, respectively, 13, 28 and 26 Negro children in formerly white schools.
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Letter Hits Ga. Schools

ATLANTA--"Freedom of choice" plans for school integration provide, neither freedom nor a choice, according to the Georgia Council on Human Relations.

In an eloquent five-page letter, the Georgia council last week asked U.S. Commissioner of Education Francis Keppel to abandon freedom of choice desegregation plans.

Freedom of choice plans are "unworkable," the council said, because they force Negro parents to "cope single-handedly with all the evasion, duplicity, illegality, threats and violence which resistant school administrators can devise."

PLANS FILED

Under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, school districts had to file an acceptable plan with the U.S. Office of Education in order to keep receiving federal funds.

The plan could call for "across the board" integration--drawing new school districts so that all schools would be integrated.

But the Office of Education also accepted freedom of choice desegregation plans--allowing individual Negro children to apply for transfers to white schools.

INCIDENTS CITED

The council's letter cited several "incidents" that resulted from Negroes' trying to exercise their freedom of choice in Georgia, including:

1. A Thomas County Negro man whose children transferred to a white school had his house shot into. "When this did not make him withdraw the children, he was evicted from the house and no one would rent him another."
2. "In Mitchell County, a deputy sheriff brutally beat up a Negro man who planned to have his child desegregate the white school at Camilla. The child is back in the Negro school."
3. "When three Negro boys attempted to enter a DeKalb County high school a gang of white students blocked the door and threatened violence. School authorities took no action either to insure

the entry of the boys or discipline those who had threatened them. These boys returned to the Negro school."
 Despite these and other incidents, the letter charged, "high Georgia officials are complacent about how much better Georgia is doing than other Southern states."

The worst thing about these abuses of the freedom of choice plan, the letter said, is not that they slow down the process of desegregation.

Rather, it is that "every time a child is refused an application or turned away from the schoolhouse door, or threatened, it is one more example of the white community's unworthiness."

"If the white community would just open its eyes," said the letter, "it would see that the mood of the Negro community about school desegregation is one of disappointment and frustration."

"It will be a miracle if that mood does not flare up openly into violence," the letter was signed by Mrs. Frances Pauley, executive director of the Georgia council.

Rev. Seay

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 of control must be created at the point of contact, in the community.

The government has set up a criterion for the establishment of the Community Action Program. It would be helpful if our national leaders would get out suggested standards for determining Negro representation at the community level.

Each Negro selected by the power structure of the community without the consent of the people should know that he is under sharp scrutiny.

But it does not help the cause to wait until a committee is created, and then call everyone on the committee an "Uncle Tom." To denounce "negotiation," and every other probable function of the committee, only deepens mistrust of local leadership.

NOT FLAMES OF LOVE

In order to create grass-roots resentment and rebellion against the inferior status of the Negro, leaders like the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. were compelled to strike hard the anvil of truth. The flames set from the sparks were not always flames of love, as intended.

But the final victory in the freedom struggle can justly be proclaimed only if and when goals now reached are anchored in pillars of good will. This must be the ultimate aim.

We must leave the bridge intact as we cross the chasm, for this is not for a selected few. There is a host behind. Freedom is not freedom until a full climate of good will is enjoyed by all levels of society.

The Doctor Says

Majority of Us Suffer From Various Allergies

BY WILLIAM W. STEWART
 M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

DEAR DOCTOR, What is an allergy?

ALLERGIES HAVE become so popular nowadays that they have almost become a fad.

Certain people are sensitive to certain things, some more than others. If this sensitivity takes the form of a rash, itching, wheezing or hives, it is called an allergic reaction, and that person is said to be "allergic."

Allergic reactions are one of the oldest conditions known to man. It was known in ancient times that milk could cause an upset stomach. Milk still upsets many babies' stomachs, and this allergy causes many infant feeding problems.

Allergies occur because antibodies in your blood, which fight disease and other foreign bodies, aren't working quite right. It is a complicated mechanism, and we won't go into it at this time.

No one really knows just how many individuals are "allergic." At least half the population is allergic to something, and that figure may be even higher.

Allergies run in families, although the forms may vary from generation to generation.

Listed below are some forms of allergy:

- HAY FEVER: from pollens or inhalants.
- ASTHMA: from inhalants or foods
- ECZEMA (skin irritation): from foods and chemicals
- UTICARIA (hives): from drugs, insect bites



CONTACT DERMATITIS: from rings, bracelets, scars, cosmetics
 SERUM DISEASE: from transfusion or injections

DRUG ALLERGY: from medications

The doctor often has trouble figuring out what caused your allergic reaction. A good history will help him a lot. Try to remember whether you have eaten foods that you don't usually eat, have been exposed to chemicals or pollens or have taken drugs of any kind in recent weeks.

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Two Kids Who Can't Go to School

Girl Accused of Assault

MONTGOMERY--Seventeen-year-old Deborah Bracey, one of 20 Negro students who integrated Wetumpka High School last week, has been suspended indefinitely and charged with assaulting a white Wetumpka student.

Miss Bracey admitted striking the white boy with a pencil Sept. 14, in the school corridor. But, she said, the boy had repeatedly shot rubber bands at her. The boy denied this.

Miss Bracey said she struck the boy with a pencil as classes were changing in the high school. "The hall was crowded then," she said, "and everyone laughed, including the boy."

But Elmore County Sheriff Lester L. Holley said three stitches were required to close the wound in the boy's shoulder after lead from the pencil was removed.

Miss Bracey was suspended after she was questioned by Schools Superintendent Ross McQueen.

Miss Bracey charged that she was not allowed to make a phone call after being arrested on assault and battery charges. She said she had to spend the night in a cell with two other women and one bed.

"I don't know a thing in the world about that," said Sheriff Holley.

The girl also said her parents were refused when they tried to make bond for her the night of her arrest (Sept. 15). "I gave her bond 30 minutes to an hour after she was arrested," said Holley. He said Miss Bracey's parents came in the next morning, but "their bond wasn't good." So, he said, he found someone to sign a \$300 property bond for Miss Bracey.

Parents Disown Son

MONTGOMERY--Michael B. Everage, 18, left home last June to work with SCOPE and the Hale County Improvement Association in Greensboro.

As a result, he said, he can't finish high school this fall. Everage, who is white, said he first became interested in civil rights through discussions held by a Methodist group in Montgomery, N.Y., where he lived until two years ago. In Alabama, he attended Robert E. Lee High School here for the past two years.

His parents objected when he left home this June, Everage said. And, he said, when he returned from Greensboro the Sunday before school began, "my parents refused to have anything to do with me."

Everage went back to Lee to start his senior year. But he was told that his parents had to sign forms for registration and free textbooks. His parents refused to sign them, said Everage, and board of education officials told him he couldn't go to school until they did.

William S. Garrett, associate superintendent of Montgomery schools, refused to discuss Everage's case. But he said it is "general enrollment procedure" to have parents sign the forms.

Asked if every other student in the Montgomery school system was required to have the forms signed by his parents, he replied:

"I've given you the policy. I'm not going to be led into further comment."

"I didn't want to get into a big controversy," said Everage. "I just want to get into school."

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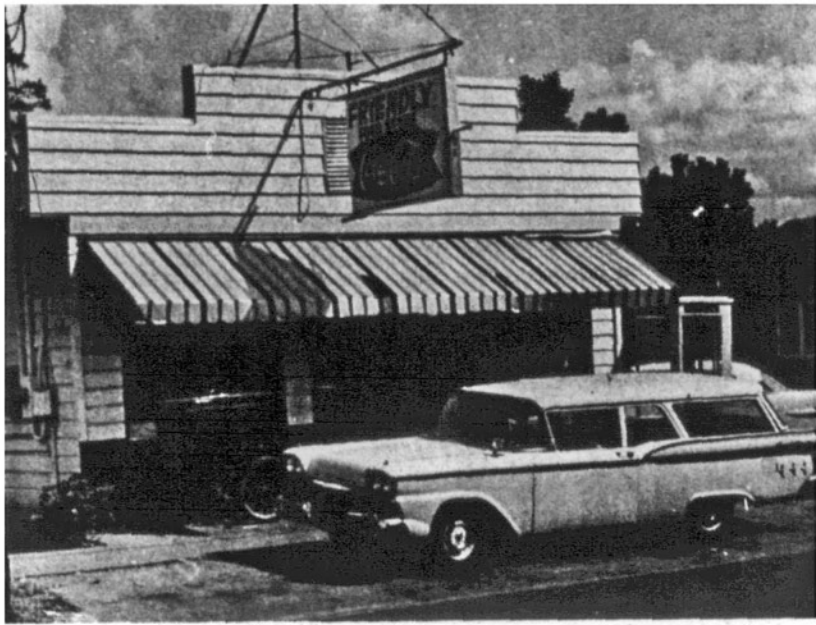
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Moore's Changes Name To the 'Friendly Store'

BY VIOLA BRADFORD

MONTGOMERY--This is a discussion overheard in a washeteria. The store it refers to is a Montgomery grocery that Negroes picketed and boycotted a few weeks ago, claiming that a store clerk had slapped a customer.

Mr. X: "Do you remember the incident concerning the little store on Cleveland Avenue and the woman who was hurt?"

Mr. Y: "Are you talking about Moore's Store?"

Mr. X: "Yes. Well, it isn't Moore's Store any more. It's named the Friendly Food Store."

Mrs. Z (a stout woman standing near one of the machines): "Why did they change the name? Don't they know that what has happened was so embedded in the minds of the people in the community that a mere changing of a name or management won't change some minds, especially mine?"

Mr. Y: "That's right. I heard they had a colored cashier, too."

Mrs. Z: "I don't care if she's green, I'll go to Selma first."

Picketing began at Moore's Store--now the Friendly Store--several weeks ago following a dispute between Mrs. Fannie Mae Grant and Cecil Nixon,

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former manager of Moore's. Mrs. Grant claimed that Nixon had failed to give her son change when he bought a box of soap, Nixon slapped Mrs. Grant and pushed her out of the store.

A number of picketers were arrested after the incident, and convicted of violating the city's anti-demonstration ordinance.

Negroes in the neighborhood boycotted Moore's, protesting Nixon's treatment of Mrs. Grant. Since most of the customers at Moore's were Negro, the store stood nearly empty for days.

About a week later, a sign appeared in the window of Moore's. It said that Nixon was no longer the manager.

Not long afterwards, a new sign replaced the "Moore's Store" sign in front of the store. The new sign said, "Friendly Store."

Mr. Roberts, the new store manager, said he decided to change the name when he took over. He said he wanted to let people know the grocery store was going to be friendly from now on.

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Reapportionment

MONTGOMERY--With the prompting of Gov. George Wallace and the threat of court intervention, the Alabama Senate and House passed plans last week to reapportion themselves.

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But the plans that were passed by the Senate were different from the plans passed by the House. Now a committee must work out a compromise that both houses will accept.

Many senators objected to the idea of a committee compromise.

"I would just as soon see the three-judge (federal) panel reapportion us, rather than four of five House members," said Sen. H. B. Taylor, of Butler County.

Under the Senate plan, only one senatorial district would have a majority of Negroes over 21. The House plan creates three Black Belt districts in which the majority of eligible voters would be Negro.

The Senate and House can either accept or reject the committee report, but they cannot make any change in it.

Two rulings by the Alabama Supreme Court made the passage of reapportion-

ment plans easier.

The court ruled that the "one man, one vote" decision of the U. S. Supreme Court should be followed, instead of the Alabama state constitution.

The state court also ruled that the reapportionment plans would not have to be constitutional amendments, as long as the number of congressmen in each house remained the same. A bill passed by a simple majority in the House and Senate will be enough.

Troy Integration

TROY--Negro students peacefully integrated two out of three all-white schools here Sept. 7. They were the first of their race to enter white schools in Pike County.

Seven Negroes enrolled at Charles Henderson High in Troy. Deloris Crawford, Jack Paul, Ernest Paul and Henry Gillis entered 12th grade. George Crawford, Elijah Gillis and James Wilson enrolled in tenth grade.

Six Negro students entered sixth grade at Elm Street Junior High School in Troy. They were Cynthia Hardiman, Larry Dix, Octavia Dix, Sandra Dix, Betty Sue Shy and Ester Williams.

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Ozark Eleven Defeats Luverne, 12-6, On Fourth-Quarter TD Run

BY ROBERT LEE STRINGER

LUVERNE--The Woodford Avenue High Hawks of Luverne lost to the D.A. Smith Tigers of Ozark, 12 to 6, in the high school game of the week last Friday.

As the game began in Woodford Stadium, the Tigers and Hawks ran neck and neck, competing for a touchdown.

With only 2 1/2 minutes left in the second quarter, the Tigers' right end sped down the field hugging a completed pass for the first touchdown of the game.

During the third quarter, the Hawks' quarterback twice ran through the Tigers' "standing army" for a gain of approximately 30 yards. Albert Powell, left end, sped on for some 12 1/2 yards or more, before finally being downed by a roaring Tiger halfback.

In the fourth quarter, the Tigers' quarterback sped around the left end of the Hawks' blockade for the second touchdown of the game.

With the score now 12 to 0, the odds

were in the Tigers' favor. Then Hawk right end John Barber received a bullet pass from quarterback James Johnson, and ran an uninterrupted 13 1/2 yards for a touchdown.

The game ended with the Tigers on top, 12 to 6.



350 Teachers Displaced

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--No Alabama Negro teachers lost their jobs as a result of school desegregation, according to an unofficial survey by the Southern Education Reporting Service.

SERS said Alabama was one of five Southern states that reported no instances of Negro teacher displacement. The others were Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

However, the survey said, there were reports from all these states that teachers were dismissed for involvement in other civil rights activities.

According to SERS, about 350 teaching jobs formerly held by Negroes were wiped out this fall in 17 Southern states. The survey said all but about 100 of the 350 displaced Negro teachers got new jobs, most of them on desegregated facilities.

The 350 jobs were eliminated, SERS said, because school desegregation reduced enrollment in all-Negro schools or caused them to close.

Negro teachers complained of being fired, not being re-hired, being forced

to retire or being assigned to jobs of lesser importance, the survey said. SERS said it was difficult to get accurate figures on teacher displacement. Some school officials and dismissed teachers didn't want to discuss the matter, SERS said, and complete information was not always available.

In some cases, the reporting service said, it was hard to tell the difference between a "dismissal" and a "resignation."

Coleman Case

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Perdue, who questioned some of these witnesses, said he felt they "presented the case in an open manner" to the grand jury.

"I didn't see anything in the testimony that would lead people to think one thing or another. The people told it as they saw it. We had all parties represented -- we had all the evidence," he said.

Joyce Bally, 19, of Fort Deposit, said she was not given a subpoena ordering her to appear until the afternoon of the hearing. She was standing next to Father Morrisroe when he was shot.

Perdue said he understood Miss Bally did not appear at the hearing because she thought she would be in some danger.

"That's absolutely uncalled for," he said.

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The SOUTHERN COURIER is independent of its advertisers, of politicians, of dogma, and of any particular group or organization. We will point out merits and demerits wherever we find them, treating whites and Negroes alike.

There are certain basic principles in which this newspaper believes. We believe that all men are entitled to the equal protection of the laws and to equal justice in the courts. We believe that all men are entitled to equal educational opportunities. We believe that the interests of all people are best served by a democratic system of government--and this means that all men, regardless of race, color, or creed, are entitled to the right to vote.

With these principles in mind, the SOUTHERN COURIER cannot ignore the fact that most of Alabama's Negroes are denied these basic equalities. Therefore we will publish information to help erase the injustices of segregation and prejudice.

Another major problem that Alabamians face is the change from a rural to an industrial economy. Such a change is painful, especially for those citizens who are forced to leave the land but cannot find their rightful place in the offices and factories of the cities. This, too is a problem which the SOUTHERN COURIER will examine.

Education and politics are also under new pressures in Alabama. While the state is trying to expand and improve its school system, only 101 Alabama Negroes attend school with whites. In politics, the state is beginning to show signs of two-party activity. This change also deserves our attention.

While the SOUTHERN COURIER tries to fulfill its responsibilities to its readers, we hope that you, the reader, will feel a responsibility towards us. This is a new paper, experimental in many ways. And part of the experiment is to create a newspaper that responds to the needs of its readers.

If you have ideas and criticisms that will help us produce a better paper, by all means write us a letter or tell your suggestion to your local SOUTHERN COURIER reporter or representative. If you know of a story that should be reported, let us know about it. Our only purpose is to serve you, and only you can tell us if we're doing the job.

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An Admirable New Newspaper



A group of college students led by Harvard's Peter Cummings came South this summer to put out a weekly newspaper (at 68 Electric Ave. NW, Atlanta). They brought a hard discipline instead of easy conclusions and so their first issue of The Southern Courier will bore and disappoint those conditioned readers who take their civil rights nourishment from hallelujah pamphlets or hate sheets.

But their beginning is both admirable and remarkable. They actually are trying to see the racial revolution whole. They are writing it dispassionately and well. They are not trying to thread up a magazine or television story line, or race newspapers to the stereotyped crises. They are simply moving around, primarily in Alabama, and writing down what they see.

They have a good ear. "Tear out a sheet of paper from this book, Annie," (said a voting registrar in Margeno County).

"The 'Annie' made her glance up quickly. She started to speak but changed her mind. The registration went slowly on."

They let these things fall naturally into their stories, as naturally as any Southerner who is used to it. "Sheriff T. Wilmer Shields admitted using tear gas on his prisoners (inside the Linden, Ala., jail). 'I only used one or two squirts--just enough for them to raise hell about it,' the sheriff said."

They withhold judgments and leave it to readers to have their own feelings about the Lord's Day scene outside the Baptist church in Tuskegee: "On July 4, Miss Altonia Baker, 20, was slapped a number of times by a woman from the congregation" with whom she had tried to worship.

There was the quote from an elderly Negro, Miss Julia Knott, after a cotton-dusting airplane sprayed civil rights demonstrators standing in front of the First Baptist Church in Eutaw, Ala. The spray burned her skin "real bitter," she said.

Such scenes are reported incidentally. Those who see nothing newsworthy about this way of life can read right over them because they aren't pointed up by accusing fingers. These kids are simply reporting.

And David R. Underhill's report on the strike of cotton choppers in the Mississippi Delta is perhaps the best balanced thing yet written about it. He knows that even if the Negroes win the strike they will, "in the long run, probably be no better off." Machines are replacing them anyway.

But the planters don't like the suddenness of the change. "A union and \$1.25 per hour would turn the plantations into farms, the bosses into employers, and the darkies into independent men." And most of the Negroes hesitate "because they, like the planters, are afraid to lose their way of life. . . . It shelters them from responsibilities that independent men must accept. . . . It (also) secure poverty. . . . A union. . . is asking them to take the risk of being free men."