

Mississippi Election

More than 250 blacks are running for public office in the state of Mississippi. Black voters outnumber white in at least 17 of Mississippi's 81 counties.

Some of the best known candidates are: Charlie Evers who is running for Governor; Aaron Henry, State Chairman of the NAACP and Chairman of the Loyal Democrats of Mississippi, who is running for the legislature; and Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, who is running for the State Senate.

A well organized campaign is expected to bring out the black voters on November 2nd. Blacks are also supporting 12 white candidates.

The Atlanta-based Voter Education Project, headed by John Lewis, founder of SNCC, has funded 25 voter registration drives. Over 300,000 blacks are registered but Lewis explained that white control of jobs, housing, welfare, food stamps and medicare causes many black people to be afraid to register and vote.

Evers' candidacy, which was originally considered to be only symbolic, is being taken more seriously. He faces two white candidates who could split the white vote, and he is gaining support from poor whites who are on strike against pulp-mills. Evers and the other black candidates are stressing the fact that white office holders seldom consider the interests of blacks or poor whites.

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Indians Fight to Save Reservation

The Quinault Indian tribe of Northwestern Washington is fighting for improved logging practices on their reservation. The logging operation has been contracted to a private logging company and the Indians claim the company is using methods that are damaging the forest. There are documented instances of ruined fishing streams, erosion and logging practices that make regrowth nearly impossible.

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The operation by blocking the loggers access to the logging site. A Washington court ordered them not to interfere with the logging and said their only recourse is to appeal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Sierra Club, a conservation club, has come to the tribe's support, urging President Nixon to "take immediate action to insure that poorly executed logging operations such as these do not destroy tribal traditions or the Indian means of earning a livelihood."

Army's race relations

"Negro soldiers seem to have lost faith in the Army system. They are not aware of the many accomplishments of the Army in their behalf and their leaders are either unaware their troops have complaints or are unprepared to handle the problems which come to their attention. All young black troops and a large number of white troops expressed a desire to openly discuss the racial differences and misunderstandings in order that tensions can be lessened."

So states a briefing for seminars on racial tension and equal opportunity included in an information packet being distributed by the Race Relations Coordinating Group of the Army Infantry Center, (Attn: AJIG-EO, Fort Benning, Ga. 31905). Among other items in the packet is a reprint of an article from Commanders Call entitled "Race Relations in the Army." "Most blacks and many whites," says the article, "seem to believe that the degree of racial understanding in the Army is low and that tensions are getting more critical. Assessments of the degree of danger vary, but some believe that if nothing is done there are likely to be large-scale disruptions in a year or two." The packet also contains a handbook for the conduct of race relations seminars by moderators, coordinators and commanders; a suggested reading list; a film handbook; and several other article reprints.

Poetry at Attica

In its article on the prisoner rebellion at the New York state penitentiary at Attica, Time magazine (Sept. 27) cited the circulation of the following poem, described as "written by an unknown prisoner, crude but touching in its would-be heroic style."

"If we must die, let it not be like hogs, hunted and penned in an unglorious spot, while round us bark the mad and hungry dogs, making their mock at our accursed lot."

Rather than being the work of "an unknown prisoner," the stanza is part of one of the most famous poems by a black writer in the twentieth century: "If We Must Die," by Harlem Renaissance figure Claude McKay.

Portland Jeff Hi and Metro 4C joins hands

by Tony Marshall

The Home Economics class of Jefferson High School is co-operating with the Metropolitan Area 4-C Council in training young people for possible careers in early childhood development. The students are placed in centers throughout the 4-C program. Each student is required to spend a few hours each week with the children, then report their observations to the whole class.

There are thirty-seven Jeff students participating in the program. They are presently working with the staffs of Bethel Child Development Center, Woodlawn Child Development Center, Berean Child Care Center, Hughes Memorial Child Care Center, North Portland Center, and Parent Child Care Center. The students work along with the staffs of the centers in supervising the children in the various activities.

Some of the young persons working with the centers made comments on the observations. "I like children and I like to be with them. It's really fun and I enjoy it." "It's pretty good, most of the kids I've worked with are really friendly and easy to get along with." "I really enjoy working with them."

Jackie Kling, head of Jefferson Home Economic Department, stated that the program had three main objectives, besides encouraging the students to seek out careers in child development. She pointed out that along with encouraging interest in the career aspect, "We are helping train young people become good parents, and also valuable because of the community and school development. Mrs. Kling also stated that this part of the studies were centered around the second year student. "The students enjoy working with the children," she commented, "It gives them a break from routine class work." When asked about future plans, she indicated that she hoped the program would continue.

Here's a safety tip for bike riders from the Portland Traffic Safety Commission: When the traffic really gets frantic in the downtown section, get off your bike and walk it across the busy intersections. The same rule applies to narrow lanes on bridges or underpasses.



Participating in a group activity with the kids are Elizabeth Phillips and Collette Baccellerr. The children are Rhonda Boyd, Mark Blaylock, Ronald Coleman and Dionne Flora.



(left to right) Dorothy Spencer, Connie Gonzales, Portia White, Janet Lynn and Tony Marshall, att staff members at Bethel Child Development Center, A. L. Henderson, Director.



Head Teacher Portia White (center) plans curriculum with staff members. Their first concern is "quality Day Care."

Project Summary



Joil Southwell

The primary purpose in establishing a senior adult service center is to employ on a part-time basis a minimum of forty-four older model neighborhood residents to assist and serve other older model neighborhood residents. Services in this operation will include the following:

TRANSPORTATION

Provides transportation in two twelve-passenger busses

two twelve-passenger buses for Senior Citizens to and from shopping centers, banks, medical centers, food stamps, etc.

HANDYMAN SERVICES

Tri-Met News

The board also viewed a presentation by James Howell, spokesman for STOP (Sensible Transportation Options for People), suggesting making increased information on bus services available to the public through bus stop maps of routes. Howell said his group was interested in giving support to more use of mass transit to help the environment.

Ridership increases on several Tri-Met bus lines was reported to the Tri-Met board Monday by General Manager Tom King.

A check of schedules to and from Mt. Hood Community College for the first three days of the term "shows excellent patronage", King said, with a total of 752 riders. At the same time Portland Community College line patronage showed a total of 2,111.

Board members asked for more information on the possibility of transfer arrangements between Tri-Met and the Dunthorpe Bus Line, which serves a small area of Southwest Portland.

Increases were also reported on the 82nd Avenue crosstown line and on the improved Molalla-Canby-Oregon City service. King said patronage on the experimental 122nd Avenue line continued to be extremely low and that he would recommend discontinuance unless there was an indication of improvement.

Board Chairman William Roberts said Tri-Met should avoid assuming the responsibility for the Dunthorpe service if transfer cooperation can prevent it. The privately-owned Dunthorpe service operates between the residential area and downtown Portland.

Defensive Driving Tips

Here's a defensive driving tip from the Portland Traffic Safety Commission: Keep your eyes moving when you're behind the wheel. Don't stare—but look far ahead to get the big picture—know what's happening to the skies and check the rear view mirror frequently.

Provides minor household repairs, such as opening stuck windows, repairing broken windows, fixing leaky faucets, repairing broken steps, and repairing broken door latches for Senior Adults.

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE Provides daily telephone calls to Senior Adults to see if they are up and around, and if any service is needed. Also provides referral to other services, if needed.

OUTREACH SERVICES

Provides companionship (a weekly visit) and minor household assistance to Senior Adults. Also, referrals to other services, if needed.

NNPA calls for "Societal reform"

The Board of Directors of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, composed of 79 black publications, issued the following statement concerning the tragedy at Attica Prison:

"Everyone is appalled and troubled by the savagery and the loss of 42 lives at New York's Attica Prison. True, violence has never solved any problem. However, the tragedy is that in America few great social reforms, even prison reforms, have ever occurred on the basis of non-violent petition.

"Our government and society of alleged 'free people' have required that social change occur only after being triggered by violence.

SHORT MEMORY

"Within a few weeks the memory of the bloodshed at Attica will pale from our consciousness, and the penal authorities in the 50 states will return once again to business as usual -- the using of the state correctional institutions as islands of persecution and for the savage demeaning of human beings, rather than restructuring the prisons as microcosms in which fragmented physical and psychological entities, the prisoners, can be rehabilitated for a new start in life.

"It is hopeless to talk of prison reform unless the inmates in prison at large -- American society -- are first rehabilitated.

NEW DIRECTION

"We must become a people less avaricious, less destructively concerned with the acquisition of things and less exploitive of people, and we must redirect our energies toward building a society involved in expanding the dimensions of the human personality.

"If we do not first achieve this goal of societal reform, the possibilities of prison reform represent a myth and a facade. We suspect that San Quentin and Attica are just a beginning."

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penses." "After carefully assessing my financial status, I found that it would be impossible to save enough money for Dental School in the Fall," he concluded.

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