

## local elections

### NEGRO REGISTRATION

1890	189,884
1892	8,615
1964	28,500
1966	117,000

Late this Summer the M.F.D.P. will start to lay the groundwork for next year's local and State elections.

With County Supervisor and Sheriff elections, and State House and Senate elections next year, the intention is to draw up and endorse a slate of candidates at a State-wide Convention in August.

There are (potential) Negro voting majorities in eighteen Mississippi counties. Today, in May, there are Negro majorities in Madison and Jefferson counties.

Initially, work will be concentrated in these counties. It will take the form of political workshops, FREEDOM SCHOOLS -- (co-sponsored by the M.F.D.P. and the American Federation of Teachers) -- and voter registration.

## voter registration

### FEDERAL REGISTRATION

Since the Voting Rights Act of last year, the M.F.D.P. has sent upwards of 500 voter registration complaints to Attorney General Katzenbach. Katzenbach has responded to the extent of sending Federal Registrars into 23 Mississippi Counties. Together they have registered about 35,000 Negroes.

But Katzenbach has not given way to the MFDP request that the Federal Registrars should become mobile -- on that Federal examiners be sent into the remaining 59 counties.

### a.s.c.s

This year the MFDP will again attempt to get a Negro farmer or sharecropper elected to a county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service committee.

Last year there were about 200 Negro candidates. The MFDP charged there was fraud and intimidation in at least seven counties. In spite of evidence of this, there were no re-elections.

## A Platform for Reform and Progress

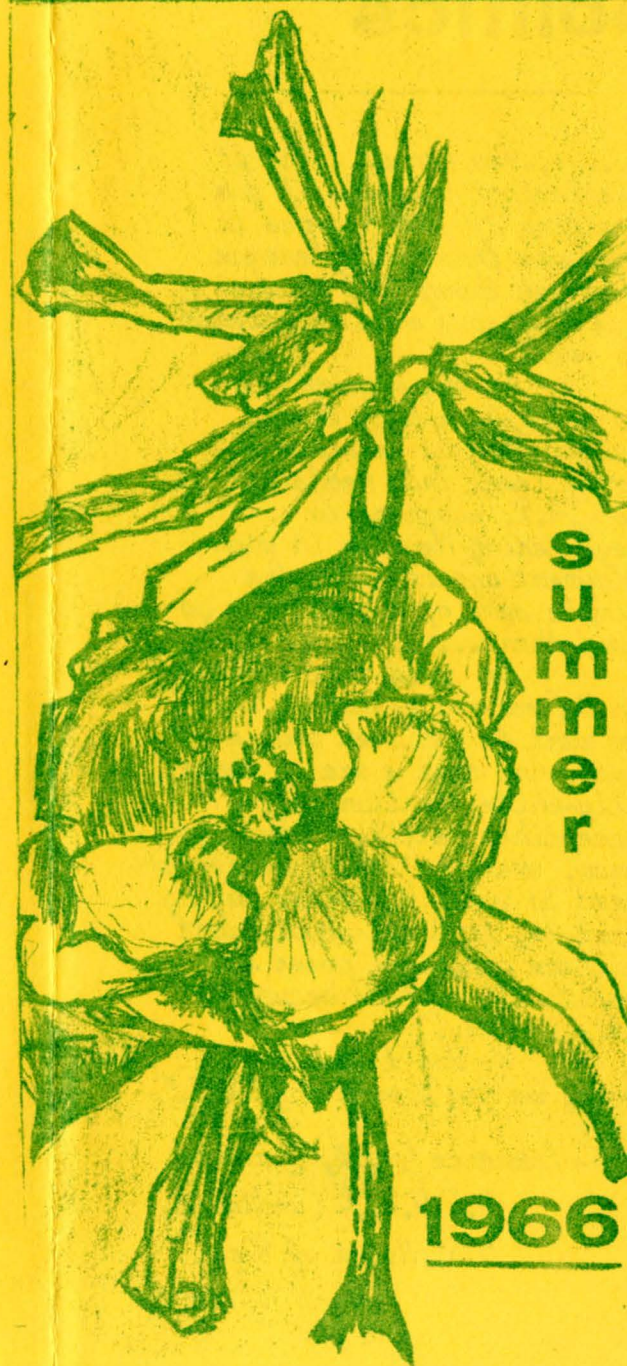
Listed below are a few of the points from the platforms of the candidates supported by the M.F.D.P.

- \* The setting up of workable Federal programs for migrant and displaced plantation workers.
- \* The extension of Medicare
- \* Control of the Poverty programs by Poor People.
- \* The lowering of the voting age to 18.
- \* An end to the War in Vietnam
- \* Compulsory education to 17.
- \* The repeal of 14 B.

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# mississippi politics

".....You cannot think of Mississippi politics if you register 250,000 Negroes in the same frame of reference that you thought of it when 6,000 Negroes were registered to vote.

So the move will be to release as much energy politically as possible on every level from Headstart to C.A.P. programs to registering Negroes in unemployment agencies for the simple sake of having them go down there.....

We said to the country in McComb and elsewhere that we want to register people to vote. And that's one of those lily-white, Puritanical, acceptable entities that, you know, everyone should be registered to vote. Now we're saying that we, in Mississippi, want all the political power that political parties occupy in this country.

We don't want any more, we don't want any less."

— Lawrence Guyot, Chairman,  
M.F.D.P., - Candidate,  
U.S. House of Reps.

## THE ELECTIONS

since 1892 there has not been a single Negro state office holder in mississippi.

The Program of the M.F.D.P., in part, is to remedy this situation.

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## CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS

Four of the 5 Congressmen from Mississippi whom the M.F.D.P. challenged last year, are up for re-election. The other Congressman, Rep. Prentiss Walker, has filed to oppose Sen. Eastland.

The M.F.D.P. is supporting six men - five Negro, one White - for these seats in the Democratic primary elections. In the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Districts, they are the only opposition to (respectively) Reps. Thomas Abernathy, Jamie Whitten, and John Bell Williams. Last year these men received a "0" rating from the ADA.

## ELECTIONS

### SENATOR EASTLAND

Senator James O. Eastland, whose most recent acts have been to propose legislation restricting travel, and to oppose the new Civil Rights Bill, is opposed by the Rev. Clifton R. Whitley, 32, Dean of Rust College, Holly Springs.

Eastland controls the powerful Senate Judiciary sub-committee. He has been in the Senate since 1942.

The other candidates running with MFDP support :-

Mr. Dock Drummond - House, 1 District

Mr. Ralthus Hayes - House 2nd "

Rev. Ed. King - House 3rd "

Rev. Clint Collier - House 4th "

Mr. Lawrence Guyot - House 5th "

### TWO SUITS

The M.F.D. now has two suits before Federal Court requesting delay of the June 7 Primary. Win, or lose, these suits the Party will need workers for canvassing, registering people for the general election (Nov. 8), and helping in the setting up of machinery for getting people to the polls, and for poll-watching.

# sunflower city.

".....I know about the Poverty Program. It was to help the poor. But I can't see anything that it has really done for the real poor peoples. It still leaves us begging for money. Begging for food. Begging for housing..."

— Quote from Beulah Poor  
People's Conference, 1966.

In SUNFLOWER CITY nearly half of the Negro population exists off Welfare.

But well over half of the adult Negro community is now registered to vote. Many have registered since March 12th. This was the date that a Federal Court threw out the elections in Sunflower City last year, and ordered new ones.

Once a legal technicality is cleared up, there could be new elections in five other towns in Sunflower County.

In Sunflower City plans are being made by the MFDP for an informal primary election. A program has been evolved of workshops in City government, literacy classes, and the teaching of Negro History.