

**Challenge Lost, But A Giant Step Forward: Eastland Up At Next Election****For the First Time Since 1882, Miss. Negroes Reappear on House Floor**

For the first time in history Negro women—three of them—were seated on the floor of the House of Representatives. For the first time since 1882, when Mississippi last had a Negro Congressman, Negroes from that State appeared on the floor of the House. A Negro party, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, a political freak in the one-party South, exerted enough influence to muster 143 votes against 228 in its fight to unseat the Mississippi delegation. This was far from being a defeat. It was a giant step forward. And it was achieved despite the hostility of the Negro Establishment in the North, the defection of many liberals and the social squeamishness of certain Negro Congressmen. Adam Clayton Powell asked Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, "Do you know who I am?" in the tone of a man who felt himself God's gift to Negritude. Mrs. Hamer said she did but refused to yield to his plea that the three women stay off the floor. He said it would cost the MFDP votes, but the three women must have felt more snobbery than strategy in the appeal. They sat and made history.

**The Villains of The Piece**

The villains of the piece were the leaders of the liberal Democratic Study Group. Holifield (*D. Cal.*) was paired for the resolution to dismiss. Blatnik (*D. Minn.*) and O'Hara (*D. Mich.*) voted for it. The latter as vice-chairman had been given a special assignment to the Mississippi challenge. The major architect of the defeat was Frank Thompson (*D. N. J.*) chairman of the DSG, (see box this page) and a member of the House Administration Committee which passed on the challenge. He told Republicans on the committee the DSG membership would largely support the motion to dismiss. It did not do so, most of them voted the other way, but this was enough to make friendly Republicans hesitate to come out to the left of the Democratic "left."

So 400 Mississippi Negroes come north to listen in from the gallery—itsself a portent of a changing era—heard all kinds of obscure rules cited against them in favor of men who did not hesitate to break more fundamental rules against the Negro effort to vote: rules against murder (at least five in the vote drive since 1961), against bombings (17 churches, homes and businesses from June to October of last year alone,

**Two Contrasting Northern Liberal Views**

"Would due process be served in attempting to correct almost 100 years of acknowledged wrong to our Negro citizens in Mississippi and other States by applying House precedents created during the stormy Reconstruction Congresses whose harsh enactments helped create and foster the closed society which over the years is responsible for these injustices?"

—Thompson (*D. N.J.*) who voted with the South to dismiss the Mississippi challenge, and whose reasoning Dixie-style blames Reconstruction rather than White Supremacy for Negro disenfranchisement.

"The majority report [for dismissing the challenge] gives dominant weight to the proposition that 'whatever electoral practices may have occurred in Mississippi during the 1964 elections, it is doubtful that any disenfranchisement, even if proven here, would have actually affected the outcome. . . . There are few districts in the predominantly one-party South where the number of potential [i.e. Negro] voters . . . could alter the outcome. . . . The majority says that the Voting Rights Act 'provides thorough and complete remedies for any and all such discrimination and disenfranchisement.' The act's authors had no such illusions, and its diehard opponents make clear every day that they hold no such fears."

—Ryan (*D. N.Y.*) who led the fight for the challenge.

false arrests (32) and beatings (9).

Six hundred witnesses risked life and livelihood to testify to all this lawlessness; 200 volunteer lawyers spent close to a half a million dollars drawing up their depositions in 3,000 pages. This was never considered by the committee nor even circulated to members of the House for consideration. Thompson could have forced hearings. If Speaker McCormack had had his way, there would not even have been a roll call. It was the Republican Curtis of Missouri who outwitted him and forced the members to stand up and be counted. The MFDP was counted out this time, but after that burst of tears on the Capitol steps, the Mississippi Negroes went home with new determination. They deserve national support in preparing for next year's election, when Eastland comes up for a new term—and MFDP opposition.

**A New Form of Dum-Dum Bullet for Use Against New Forms of Colonial Uprising**

"High-lethality AR-18 lightweight automatic rifle will provide capability for virtually tripling firepower of NATO-equipped combat troops. . . . After conferring with military and political leaders. . . . Armalite President Chas. H. Dorchester became convinced of the urgent need for such a weapon. . . . Mass production can help strengthen the Free World against future aggression, while offering a substantial return to investors. . . . Highly effective in guerrilla warfare and against human wave assault-type tactics."

—Advertisement in the *Wall St. Journal*, Sept. 21.

The ad failed to mention that this new rifle fires a modern version of the dum-dum bullet outlawed by the Hague convention of 1899. The British developed them in an arsenal at Dum Dum outside Calcutta for use against colonial uprisings in India and the Sudan. "Their peculiarity," the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* explained, "consisted in their ex-

panding on impact and thus creating an ugly wound, and they had been adopted in Indian frontier fighting owing to the failure of the usual type of bullet to stop the rushes of fanatical tribesmen." Rumors of their use by the British in the Boer War provoked protest and led to their outlawry. The Armalite is a modernized version of this Kipling era weapon for use against "lesser breeds outside the law." It has been tried out in Vietnam. It shoots a bullet so light that that it "tumbles". Instead of a sharp, clean wound, it tears a gash in the flesh, usually causing death from shock. This "splash effect" recalls that the Hague Declaration forbade the use of bullets "which expand or flatten easily in the human body." The U.S. did not sign this treaty but it has become part of "world declaratory law" binding on all nations, whether signatory or not, as the U.S. argued at the Nuremberg trial. Thus civilization marches on.

## McNamara's Latest Paradox: How Arms Sales Abroad Bring About Arms Reduction!

### If We Were A New Yorker We'd Now Be for Lindsay for Mayor

If we lived in New York, we'd vote for John V. Lindsay for Mayor, to break the hold of a stale Democratic machine on the city and to start an able young liberal on his way up in the Republican party, as competition for the Democrats. . . . Israelis, watching the India-Pakistan war, are worried about State Department assurances that U.S. arms given the Arab States would be used only against Communist aggression or "internal security" since similar assurances were given the Indians and the Pakistanis. . . . When Secretary McNamara boasted at his Sept. 16 press conference that in four years the U.S. had sold \$9 billion worth of arms abroad, he was asked, "as you know, you have been urging the Saudis to buy the F-5. I wonder when you undertake the foreign sales how much weight you give to the consideration that such sales might increase the tension in certain areas?" McNamara never answered the question about Saudi Arabia but claimed that the Pentagon uses the leverage given it by arms gifts and sales to get underdeveloped countries "to reduce the share of their resources devoted to defense." It would take a Mark Twain to do justice to this idea that arms salesmen are really engaged somehow in negotiating disarmament!

### The Jews in The Soviet Union

According to an *Agence France Presse* dispatch from Havana in *Le Monde* (Sept. 14), a new book by Che Guevara "Socialism and Man in Cuba" has gone on sale in Havana. . . . Although we believe it does Russian Jewry a disservice to make it a tool of the cold war, we think independent protest called for. The Soviet Union is the only Soviet state in which internal passports are stamped with a J for Jewish, and the Jews are also the one national minority in the Soviet Union which does not enjoy cultural freedom. *Pravda's* (Sept. 12) attack on anti-Semitism, the first of its kind in years, shows the effect of criticism from abroad. . . . Philosophically, the debate at the Ecumenical Council in Rome over religious liberty is closely akin to the debate over Stalinism (and Maoism) in the Soviet world. When the conservative Cardinal Ottoviani, secretary of the Holy Office (i.e. the Inquisition) said "Truth and falsehood cannot be given equal

### Dodd's Attack on Martin Luther King

"When Dr. Martin Luther King takes advantage of his pulpit as the prime leader of the civil rights movement in this country, to call for the admission of Red China to the United Nations; to demand that the U.S. commit itself to negotiate with the Vietcong; and to advocate that the U.S. reorient its foreign policy along the lines of accommodation with communism, then I can only regret that the leader of the civil rights movement, by his intemperate alignment with the forces of appeasement in foreign policy, has alienated much of the support which he previously enjoyed in Congress. . . . It is nothing short of arrogance when Dr. King takes it upon himself to undermine the policies of the President. . . . There has already been too much private intervention in the sphere of foreign policy, and I think that the time has come when Congress will have to look into this entire situation with a view to drawing up more stringent statutes than now exist."

Dodd (D. Conn.) in the Senate, Sept. 15.

Next day Senator Young (D. Ohio) reminded Senator Dodd of the First amendment, told the Senate Dr. King had as much right to express his view as Dodd, and put into the Congressional Record an editorial from the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Sept. 11, advocating admission of China to the UN.

value. Special care must be taken to protect the unlettered" i.e. from "error" he was also expressing the Communist view that the State (like the Church) possesses the only valid truth and has a right therefore to protect the public from false doctrine. . . .

The day we called attention (Sept. 20) to Secretary Rusk's speech in May, 1951, declaring Communist China completely a puppet of Moscow, the *Newsletter* of the GOP Congressional Committee turned up with a speech Rusk made on January 13, 1950, comparing the Chinese Communist revolution to 1776 and saying it was "not aiming toward dictatorship" and "not Russian in essence." Rusk called this a canard but the GOP newsletter came up with a report of the speech at the time from the staid *Philadelphia Bulletin*. We never dreamt the Secretary was such an acrobat.

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