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Division's Year-End Report To Attorney General Reveals Legal History Of Tennessee Vote Crusade

activity this year in response to complaints that; colored citizens were being deprived of their right to register and vote in Haywood and Fayette Counties, Tenn."

As a result of these investigations. Tyler'wrote Rogers, various discrimination practices were eliminated and approximately 1,400 citizens were able to register and vote for the first time last fall.

The report states that later the department received complaints that many of these new voters were being boycotted and made the victims of economic meprisals.

THREE MORE suits were field. The defendants were 150 individuals

and banking institutions. Following filing of the suits, the Department began to receive reports of wholesale evictions from the land of certain sharecroppers.

"Evictions appeared to increase in tempo after the Nov. & election," the Attorney General was informed. The Department moved early in

December for preliminary injunctions staying evictions of 700 sharecroppers.

ON DEC. 29 and 30, respectively, the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Sixth

Circuit and the Federal District Court

Tyler's report to Attorney General Rogers relates law suits filed to protect voting rights in Tennessee counties during 1960.

As early as 1959 U.S. Civil Rights Commission reported to President on abuses and intimidations."

Fayette County Democrats set movement in motion with "white primary" of Aug. 1, 1959.

March on court-house in Sommerville triggered flood of economic reprisals.

n Memphis, Tenn., granted preliminary injunctions.

The next legal action is set for Jan. 16 in Memphis. District Judge Marion C. Boyd has ordered the defendants to prove in his court the evictions were not attempts to interfere with the vot ing rights of the sharecroppers. But the legal action came late for some of the tenants who were ousted it

With nowhere to go, they were the roots of Freedom Village, forced to move into hastily provided according to the 1959 Civil Rights army surplus tents set on the land of friendly farmer.

Hence "Tent City" or "Freedom Vil" "FREEDOM VILLAGE," composed

of 13 tents and approximately 50 residents (men, women and children). located four miles from Sommerville. Tenn., "one the land of Shepherd Willage" occurred Aug. 1, 1959. Towles.

The make - shift, community has been described as muddy and tensethe mud due to persistent rains and wings from speeding automobiles and before the courts came into the pict the constant pressure to drive the tenants out of the county

commission report; extend to the fact that in both Fayette and Haywood Counties colored citizens of voting age are in the majority. THE COMMISSION found in Hay-

wood County 61 per cent are colored; 7,921 voting age, none registered. In Fayette County - 70 per cent colored; 8,990 voting age, 58 colored. The Commission, also found that, intimidation posed a serious threat to those who sought to qualify as voters.

They were discharged from their Jobs, ordered to move from their homes. Often police arrested them on minor charges and courts imposed severe fines, the Civil Rights Commission reported to the President.

DESPITE THIS situation, the single incident which probably contributed most to the circumstances which eventually evolved into "Freedom On this date, the county Democrats dvertised and conducted a "white

brimary election." Although a number of colored registhe tension to two gang fashion shoots trants attempted to vote in the primary, they were barred.

Notices were place on each ballot box; "Only whites are authorized to wote in this primary. If any colored thing to help him?" should ask to vote in your district. they are to be informed that this is a white Democratic primary and not a general election."

THIS REBUFF caused to the found

ing of the Flayette County Civic and Welfare League. Its purpose was to get colored qualified as voters.

On March 2, 1960, about 500 persons marched to the courthouse in Sommer ville to register for the national elec-

This was the march which triggered the economic reprisals, which resulted (in the suits mentioned in Tyler's report to the Attorney General.

TODAY, WHITE residents of the area scoff at "Freedom Village," calling it an NAACP-inspired public.

They say automation and not a desire to deny voting rights is the cause

of the evictions. Of the economic reprisals they have this to say:

'We think it's an American custom that if you don't like how a man parts his hair, you don't have to see to him. J'If a fellow is carrying on in a way to hurt you, are you going to do any-

John, McFerren, chairman of the League and leader of the vote drive, sees "Freedom Village" as the symbol of courageous freedom who are battling to uphold a basic right — the right to vote.



At left is an overwhere nine colored ng evicted from their, nty. The sharecroppers ordered in retaliation

against those who registered to vote. White landowners say they were being replaced because of rapid mechanization. At center, John McFerren, spokesman for displaced colored sharecroppers,

talks to newsmen at his home near Somerville, Tenny about the families living in Freedom Village,' while his wife and youngest child look on. In right photo three unidentified men are shown

stacking boxes of food in one of the tents after its arrival from Chicago. The food came from varous organizations in the Chicago area, according to James Forman of the Emergency Relef Committee.

ried out."

rmative vote, a short dission arose on stian came since rd had taken the action entire interior of the old jail,

years before. Alagia:

rm our policy." have segregation a

iness began at 3:50 p.ma

concluded at 5:50 p.m.

one million dollars.

mess hall in the old jail in-

Instead of tearing out t Mr. Kaufman suggested that he Northside cells be left in tact and only the Southside

cells be taken out.

when the alcoholies are n Section 3 there is a to moved from the jail, he said, the area definitely, however needs, rather than one area.

future we would Mr. Kaufman asked for property assessed and pay reached. like them as much as temporary approval of the the city, a process of taking They charged that the be held by the Enoch ou have to put your peo- needed to vote on the all-im- already city-owned; . . ment, will pollute the water,

tention and court building.

report stated.

Raufman pointed out ness to police courts, atter-the old jail the loan amounts Curtain. the new fail cannot be news and other city areas in may be cut down.

tion plan would retain the Protest sewage plant e onto the new jail. for Ft. Smallwood area

GLEN- BURNIE, Md. Anne, Arundel County resi-surround the peninsula Wednesday. Target of their sewage plants."

the Mayor called me receiving center.

Protest to the county's propobeing studied by three confare her nieses, Mrs. Marie receiving center.

Well—the receiving center. RO is just a newspaper I' have the library, gymnasium, posal plant at Fort Sthallwood * * * *

mittee has to approve the One petitioner charged the THE BOARD also consideplans for the woman's build-plan would virtually destroy is all nonsense to me." ered the sub-committee re- ing since buildings in the the state's huge revenue from port on the progress of the War Memorial area must be the area's natural resources, the Great Decisions progra

stion is do we agree to re- proposed new women's de- of compatable architecture: (3) The City Council has to

Another site, the Wright also went to the vending ma. from both Baltimore and Persons in erested in join the Common Plea Court eduled, for 3:30 p.m. but building with 17,200 square chine contract for vending Washington, in addition to ing one of Hese, groups Philadelphia. The dismiss it was evident that no feet at Harrison and Fayette machines in the visitors wait- the surrounding areas, oppo- should register at the library contends Jackson, Jeaves remembers were going to Sts, seemed too small for the ing room, which was finally sers said. program and too costly, the approved for the Industrial Dr. Dominic Battagalia,

KAUFMAN, introduced necessary on the small lot to be submitted to the Legis- eye infections, picked up proposal to remodel the old while only a 2-story building lature, Mr. Kaniman pointed while swimming in polluted Reguick as possible that is necessary on the police de- out if the state of Maryland waters, said: holed plans to cut the cost partment garage area. assumes care of alcoholies "They are trying to Other advantages of the and if he can save \$112 pund us with a Brown Cur-

to the old jall. The board can not consider port said the 1960 daily pris- bers and protestors, an with 1,532 the highest mit itself failed.

tackie Robinson Youth choral groups from Carver during his administration Refusing to go along with George M. Jackson of Bos of the Baltimore and Douglass High Schools. so we will have it a credit to this suggestion, Mr. Gray as ton, Mass. as executors of her

- what her called a plan

fire was the county's Sani- However, W. Calvin Grago in a hospital here Wednes- National Baptist Convention, department's headquar-cision has been made on lo-TRICAN pointed it out tion room, kitchen, bakery, staged a stormy and bitter plant, and the matter is still sty children of relatives. They man, assembles for a meet-

arden Price: "In Sections hospital, facilities, waiting Beach." - MR. GRAY and Albert L. and four children of an aunt 4 there was some basis rooms and visitors rooms. Warren Wills, spokesman Brown, state health depart Mis. Carol Brice Scott. Eu the inquiry. We had some The hospital facilities could for the group, which, he said ment representatives, said gene which singets, Jono guards showing peo- be cut down since a large represented 72 organizations the consultants are consider than Frice. Sanist, and Mrs through who could do a hospital will not be necessar and 1,600 residents, attacked ing the problem on the basis Polita Brice Blufordia teach of overall county sewer er

of 278 prisoners and 192 The third floor would have until four "hurdles" are However protestors charge Front colored and 87 are white. dormotories, school rooms spanned, Mr. Kaufman noted, that the situation is beyond Ureal DEGISIONS ection 4 there are 94 col- and the old chapel restored to The "hurdles are": (1) the consideration stage and a seat 850 persons. The jail board has to have the decision had been. Great Decision discussion

members present but added money from one pocket to the county's plan to dump, solid Free Library at the central Alagia "Well, after that more members were other, since the property is waste into the bay after treat- library and a seven or anches where you can, white or portant remodeling job. (2) The City Planning Come creating a health hazard.

The beach resorts and the include. Brooklyn (No. fishing industry will be hard- Edmondson (No. 28), Fores est hit, he charged.

IF THE plant is located at Fort Smallwood, sevens Walbrook (60.8) and Cen LENGTHY consideration beaches would lose patronage tral.

eport stated.

Vending Co. *

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A 4-story building would be On the subject of jail loans children for ear, nose, and Friends Will share infections nicked up

estate of Mrs. Logan groposal came when second area include its near-million dollars ow restoring wain, rather than an Iron

> ceeds divided among friends whom she litted. MRA WILLS asked

timote, died in Philadelphia Restoration of the old jail Gray and his agency to rectimote, died Un Philadelphia and additions to it constituted ommend that consultants the most important business, eliminate the Fort Smallwood, Mr. Kaufman expressed a site in locating the proposed Mrs. D. Artett Murphy of

the board and we can hold sured the group that it would estate. be informed of the progress Mis. Murply probated th He noted that the money and the ultimate selection, but will in Orphans Court, last ed bond for \$ 2000. plant would be built.

thing An hour before the 11 a.m. istreet.

Charlofte Hawkins Taylor faction, Jackson Brown dies at 77 says, kicked itself out

founder and long - time presdents were up in arms here, Anne Arundel County with dent of the Palmer Memori here last week declared the

Dr! Brown had no children Mrs. Charlotte Sullivan.

Govans (No. Patterson Fark (No.

Hark (No. 14); Gardenville

solve the present problem. ips on for ign policy will. "I believe," explainds Dr. Pratt Taylor, 'that we should seek ways to save the denomina tion from long and costly litigation and protect a segued name of this part of the Christian church." DR. JACSKON made

laylor was named president gels, twice and the Detroit in an illegal meeting.

temporary restraining orfaction was dismissed

KANSAS CITY - Dr. J. H. all convention properties and

Jackson of Chicago, speaking monies.

Institute at Sedalia; died ized itself right out of the 28-game spring

protest to the county's propo-being studied by three con- are her nieses, Mrs. Marie ing to organize, and elects play a 28 - game spring pracde-tice schedule. Included in the auto- Birds month - Florida inde-stay are contests with 9 ma natically becomes an endent organization." jor league clubs. DR. GARDNER C. TAY-

The Orioles will play 17 LOR of NYC, who like Dr. "home" games, including Jackson claims the NBC night games, at Miami Stadipresidency, said last week am. The Birds open with that the Chicago minister had 2 game series against the failed to answer his letter world champion Pittsburgh suggesting a conference be-Pirates, March 11 and 12 Another highlight in the tween the two 'in an effort to Hock's exhibition slate is weekend series ... (March ... 18 and 19) versus the American

League champion New-York Yankees.--During their tour of the Circuit, the Birds will meet the Kansas City Athletics in 5 games, the Washington Senators and the remarks on address before Minnesota Twins 4 times, the ing plans for the NBC ses burgh Pirates, Chicago White ions here in Septebmer. The Sox, and Cincinnati Redlegs agasion supporters claim Dr. 3 times? the Los Angeles An-

> TSHOMBE CANCELS VIST ELISABETHVITTE.

tanga - President Moise Ishombe of Kantager Province, who was supposed to leave for the United States and Canada on Jan. 8, has cancelled his trip. Unoffifcial reports hint that the United States Government refused nim a visa.

MSA Basketball

a will trawn on March Murphy, Mrs. Mollie Taliafer-1959; the late, Mrs. Sallie ro and George Winston Legan decreed that her pot this city, and to Mr. Jack-

> Five shares are to go to Poly her grand niege, Mrs. Eva Mt. St. Joe. Hawkins and husband, Jo- Edipondson seph Hawkins, jointly: Mrs. Mary D. Johnson of Gamden, L. Barbara Prestwidge. William Prestwidge and Mrs. Meryo Arnetta Lottier.

three shares, and Madison Edmontson at Patterson

Virginia Lottier June Lot Printerson at Cons Her, George Lottier Jr., Sadie Southern at Collins THE FOLHOWING persons

belongings are to go to Mrs. receive one share jointly. Some 53. Catonsville 46

STANDING OF TEAMS

voice and plane.

from Carver, Douglass City.

outh program set by

Ab NAACP will sponsor Guest speaker on the pro- our chins up." Fran. 21/3 p.m., at the gram will be the NAACP Na-Street Memorial Meth-tional Youth Secretary Her for the job had been voted out couldn't guarantee where the week at which time she post-Church, feathring" top bert Wright from New York in 1952

Dunbar High Schools in All youth organizations and about this board there's too hearing got underway, oppochurch groups throughout the much prograstifiation. We've nents of the plan had filled and amounts were willed by John R. Logan of Philadel-Awards will be given to the City are invited to be special got to stop it. Let's get some- the tiny second floor office Mrs Logan: udents judged to be best in guests of the Youth Council thing done. Let's get things and overflowed into the hall- Ten shares each of the pro Mrs. Marye Oliver and her duy of the three groups. Spen at this time. Admission is rolling. Let's put it on the way, corridor and into the ceeds from the sale of her son. John J. Oliver, Jr. are to Forest at

olt was agreed that the po- pass an ordinance: ice department garage site (4) The Board of Estimates of 32,000 square feet at Fred-has to approve.