# IT WONT COST YOU A THING



### JAMES MEREDITH

## IT COST MEDGAR EVERS HIS LIFE AND NEARLY COST JAMES MEREDITH THE SAME

Unquestionably, the most remarkable facet of the Civil Rights Movement is the unswerving determination and dedication of those in revolt to attain and assure THROUGH DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES the full measure of equality of justice and opportunity, and those 'inalienable rights' as is guaranteed them by the Constitution of the United States.

In a form of government predicated on the principle of "government of the people, by the people, and for the people, true representative government can only be achieved when each and every eligible citizen of the nation exercises

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#### his right to vote.

How can those of us for whom it is made so simple and easy refuse or delay registering to vote when our brothers are facing intimidation, economic reprisals; even death, in courageous determination to become registered voters.

How can anyone sit complacently on the sidelines while others fight his battles...This is OUR fight..Let's fight it! (Listed on page 10 are names and addresses of deputy registrars who can register you to vote in minutes and at absolutely no cost or inconvenience).

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### Reported by Dr. Charles I. West

**"RIGHTS"** 

CONFERENCE

Washington, D.C., June 1 and 2

THE WHITE HOUSE called 2400 persons to the capital from across the nation to air their grievances and express their views on ways and means of fulfilling those 'rights' which had been spelled out by federal legislation during the past two years.

On June 4, 1965, the Tall Texan, in an address at the graduation ceremonies of Howard University, announced that he intended to call a White House conference of scholars, experts, and outstanding civil rights leaders of both races to "dissolve, as best we can, the antique enmities of the heart which diminish the holder, divide the great democracy, and do wrong-great wrong--to the children of God."

The President further stated a year ago on the Howard University campus that the conference theme and title would be "To Fulfill These Rights". "Its object will be to help the American Negro fulfill the rights which, after the long time of injustice, he is finally about to secure. To move beyond opportunity to achievement. To shatter forever not only the barriers of law and public practice, but the walls which bound the condition of man by the color of his skin."

THE 2400 DELEGATES who attended the Conference, were divided into twelve groups of 200. The groups assembled in conference rooms located in two separate Washington hotels.

Each of the 12 discussion groups discussed four topics which had been culled from the manyfaceted complex civil rights issue. A pre-conference council of 200 recognized experts in civil rights matters, after extensive study, had concluded that the conference should not dilute its efforts by attempting to deal with the entire range of problems. Rather, they concluded that more would be accomplished if the conference focused on a few vital areas in which something specific and immediate could result.

The council selected (1) Economic Security and Welfare; (2) Education; (3) Housing; (4) Administration of Justice, as the most feasible topics for discussion.

AT THE END of the two-day White House Conference, each of the 12 groups proposed resolutions and plans for action. The proposals from all groups were assembled and presented to the 2400 delegates for approval, or rejection. The conference ended with the hope that the 2400 participants would return to their communities better prepared as to how to undertake community leadership in bringing about specific

## EDITORIAL MISSISSIPPI BRAINWASHING

According to UPI; in relating the remarks of eye witnesses to the James Meredith bushwacking, one of Meredith's Negro followers is quoted, "He shot James crawling up the highway. A white 'gentleman' did it."

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The statement of this Negro eye witness is exemplary of Mississippi heritage. The Negro has been conditioned to refer to all whites with titles of courtesy regardless of their conduct or of their station. The witness referred to the would-be assassin as 'a white gentleman' when a more fitting description would have been a lard ass, yellow belly, pale faced M.F.SOB.

plans of action to resolve problems in the four areas of discussion.

The conference participants were further advised to exert their individual suasive energies upon their respective local, state, and federal legislative representatives to implement the fulfilling of "These Rights" by enactment of implementing legislation. Today, there are 2400 'Rights Crusaders'

Today, there are 2400 'Rights Crusaders' as well as 'Rights Lobbyists', now returned to their local communities, enriched with new ideas for action, and fortified with fresh energy to bolster their enthusiasm to 'Fulfill These Rights'. Based upon this premise, regardless of the many dim discouraging reports of the syndicated press, we must conclude that the White House Conference was a huge success.

TWO PROPOSALS offered at this conference, aroused our interests and bolstered our enthusiasm more than the others. Both proposals involved law enforcement. One proposed that the President call a White House Conference of law enforcement officers and prosecutors. The other called for federal funds to aid local police agencies in the training of minority recruits for preparation of entrance into, as well as promotion, in municipal, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The prime purposes of the suggested White House Conference of prosecutors and police officials would deal with elimination of police brutality and realization of the (now mythical) premise of equal justice. The latter was proposed as a double-edged sword which would resolve the inequities of bail bonds for minority group indigents, and adequate professional representation in court for those persons.



Thursday, June 9, 1966

LIONEL HAMPTON and his Orchestra will provide the music for Gamma Phi Delta's Alpha Rho Chapter's Dance to benefit The Home of the Good Shepherd, Tuesday night, June 14, in the Gold Room of the Convention Center...Tickets at the moderate price of \$2 each can be obtained from any Sorority Sister or at the door. "Hamp", the band, the Vibes--everything--starts swinging at 8 o'clock in the evening so reserve the date and don't be late.

