Parents Protest in Greene; Many Negro Schools Closing

By Michael S. Lottman

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Dozens of Negro parents, students, teachers, civic leaders, and the members of their local chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People gathered on the steps of the old Jameswood School to protest the closing of the school. The protesters were led by Robert Hines, president of the PTA, who said that the school board had no right to close the school without first consulting the parents.

"We're not going to just sit back and let them close our school," Hines said. "We're going to fight this every step of the way."

The school, which had served the Negro community of Eutaw, was closed by the school board last week. Hines said that the board had not given the parents any notice of the closure, and that they had not been given a chance to appeal the decision.

"They just came in and closed the school," he said. "We didn't even have a chance to say goodbye."
Democrats Brawl in Chicago

Humphrey Fights to Keep ‘Contracts’ With Men Who Control Convention Votes

By John C. Diamond
Chicago—If the nation takes the sharp turn to the right that many people expect, the Democratic National Convention of 1968 will have a lot to do with it.

For here the political party that has been a bulwark of the nation’s moderate and liberal forces over the years will have to decide whether—right or wrong—it will be wise to swing in the direction of the new majority. And the definition was left up to Franklin Lyndon B. Johnson, a cuneus rogue of his sort, in a speech to the Chicago Black Star.

As the convention opened, the voices of Robert F. Kennedy, adviser to the late Senator, and of the farm-super North Star R. F. Lincoln, united to right the wrongs of the political establishment.

McCarthy was right that something would happen, but not what he expected. The result was the emergence of an anti-war candidate—George S. McGovern, a former senator from South Dakota, who had been a staunch supporter of the war.

When McCarthy started his fight for political change last winter in New Hampshire, several local offices did not recognize him for positions that he was not interested in. He had college drop-outs, divorced wives, and liberal private incomes running his campaign, instead of political conventions.

McCarthy was the first candidate for the presidency that the party could support. He was in line with the liberal and middle-of-the-road politicians—the sort who wanted Robert Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey, and even Vice-President. The question was: who would win the convention? To answer that, a convention corps was formed to see to it that the presidential nomination for Hubert Humphrey was not won.

Humphrey, however, did not win the convention. The matter was, by protruding the democratic administration, as the party’s good works, and its ability to be a “through and through” candidate, it was his responsibility to be a “showdown” candidate, and the results were in line with the party’s good works, and its ability to be a “through and through” candidate.

McCarthy came to Chicago with his primary victories, his devoted followers, his “black burners” —the last line of support from McCarthy, the “hawk” of the party. Humphrey knew that he could win on a roll-call vote in the Illinois state convention. But he compromised on a compromise, as he wanted to make a pact with his opponents in the convention.

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The next day, Humphrey chose Maine Governor Robert A. Dickey, who had tried to conduct the debate from the convention floor, to head the committee. The convention committee recommended that the convention floor should be turned over to the convention, and the process was repeated.

Johnston out of the running, all political forces turned to the Vice-President. The question was: who could be the leader of the political forces? Or, who would have the influence of the convention?

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In the future, there were the voices of the moderate and liberal forces over the years who would have to decide whether—right or wrong—it would be wise to swing in the direction of the new majority.
Sweating It Out
Football practice at Carver High, Montgomery, Ala.

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Season Is Over For Rebs, A's

By MICHAEL S. LOTTMAN

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—As the baseball season neared another fall from grace for the Montgomery Rebs, the freedom fighters, who are now 21 games out of first, fired away with the fury of a pit bull after getting a whiff of the Southern League standings.

"The fans at Paterson Field roared when Montgomery Relief pitcher Bob Bertoluccio got the last out in the season, Montgomery catcher Fred Velasquez said, "It was a great season, but it is over now."

"It was a great season, but it is over now," Velasquez said as he headed for the dugout. "We had a great chance to make the playoffs, but we couldn't pull it off."