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THE LEGISLATURE CONVENE;
Wallace Goes on TV

By Carol L. Lottman

Governor George C. Wallace opened a special session of the Alabama legislature last Tuesday night. But just for a moment, to the folks at home watching on a statewide television, it must have looked like the original Amateur Hour.

A Sing-a-long was flashed on the screen at one point during the governor's opening speech. But instead of soliciting votes for his aggressive pro-segregation stand or urging listeners to send their nickels, dimes, and quarters to the address he gave, the governor was seeking contributions to support "people in our state who are being forced to conduct private schools because of the invasion of their public schools."

These private schools, such as the one the governor mentioned he is trying to support, are being organized so white students will not have to go to school with Negroes.

As a result, the governor was also seeking contributions for radio spots. The broadcast, paid for with an estimated $25,000 in taxpayer money, included pictures of the late Lamar's campaign for governor.

At the end of the governor's speech, Mrs. Wallace was introduced as "the first lady of the West Virginia University three years ago, the year we moved the university to Tuscaloosa."

The Struggle for Education

"We are proud of Alabamians who oppose it here at home. However, we are not diminishing," Wallace said.

"We are proud of Alabamians who are not diminishing. We are proud of Alabamians who are going to work. But we don't want any great white fathers or great white mothers to come down here and try to work for us, to work for our children."

On education, Mr. Wallace said: "You're not coming In here. You're trying to work for our children."

Wallace spoke of the current racial violence in Northern cities.

"All the reason I can get out of Mr. Pickett was I visited his daughter," said Mr. Wallace.

"And I didn't know anything about it, but I don't help me, and I'm not one to help me."

"It was in May, six days after the Democratic primary election, that Mr. Pickett made his statement. And of course now, a number of other situations were involved."

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FARMER, ORDERED OFF LAND, SAYS, "NO TROUBLE -- NOT UNTIL I VOTED"

By Mary Ellen Ga...
I now--among their unconscionable and uncommitted neighbors, Northern blacks in the South appear to be mostly silent--for the moment. But the most unfortunate thing about a riot is that it means trouble for equality. But the right moment is long past, and the struggle can't wait for them any longer.

Negroes must, buy from the right-hand grocer. Negro leaders make their voices heard--but Northern blacks in the South are mostly silent--for the moment. Few of them have done them little good as it is. There was no more brotherly love displayed because of alienating white support. Negro leaders of civil rights activity. For the first time, they can eat and vote and sit wherever they want to. But the travel manager, who said that the hotel was not to be had, and had a new one this way. But he didn't have any trouble finding it. The hotel was a very run-down place. Women and men in the North have had a much easier time than Northern blacks in the South.
ROOTS DAY

GORDONSVILLE—"In Africa we don't dance for the sake of dancing," announced Makeda Mkyorka, an African student studying in America. "All our dances have meaning: to pray to God, to celebrate a marriage, to mourn a death."

And with her explanation out of the way, Makeda Mkyorka began a wildly moving and highly rhythmic African folk dance before an audience of 400 curious onlookers at Ellah Logan's farm near here.

"What's she doing that for?" cried a young girl. "She's crazy," said another. "Look at her go," yelled a man.

Roots Day had come to Lowndes County. "A race without the knowledge of its history is like a tree without roots," said the posters advertising.

Lowndes County Negro residents reacted to the presentation with curiosity, interest, and amusement. A flatbed trailer in the middle of an open field served as a stage for African songs, dance, stories, even a fashion show.

"I liked the African fashions a lot. I'd like to have some," said one woman. "But the dancing, now!" said other people, seeming to like the Afro-American Folklore Troupe best—especially their short folk tale about how woman, though weaker than man, came to rule her life.

SNCC head Stokely Carmichael was there too. He spent most of his time talking and playing with children.

Photographs by John Phillips
STAR School Teaches Adults

Reading, Writing, and 'Something Else'

By PETE CUMMINGS

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ASCS: ‘A Gut Issue’

BY RY L. LUCICTINER

The ASCS committee met one time in 1965 to give the county government $1,000. But in 1966, the committee was disbanded.

In the 1960s, ASCS meetings were held in various locations, including homes and community centers. The meetings were led by local ASCS representatives and often included discussions on topics such as crop allotments, farm programs, and commodity loans.

By the end of the 1960s, the ASCS had become a powerful voice in the agricultural community, and its influence continued to grow throughout the 1970s and beyond.
Voter Registration Lags

SOUTHERN COURIER
Covering Race Relations in Alabama

They're Reading Us In:

By GILLIAN EVANS

"MB when Job Mile Mu Warren, president of the Pike County Voters League, went out to be sure everyone who had moved into the area was registered for the four-day period, she found only 15 people had registered. "It's just an excuse," she explained. "There are more people coming to the area than we have registered." Pike County, one of the few counties where the Democratic candidates have worked harder than the Republicans, has seen the number of registered voters increase from 5,000 to 6,000. But the Democratic leader, Mrs. Warren, is not satisfied. "We need to get more people registered," she said. Mrs. Warren, a member of the Democratic Conference, has been working hard to increase the number of registered voters in the area. She said she has been going door-to-door, talking to people about the importance of registering to vote. She also said she has been meeting with local leaders to discuss strategies for increasing registration. Mrs. Warren is concerned that many people who have moved to the area are not registered to vote. She said she is working to change this and is confident that more people will register in the future. She is also working with the Democratic Party to ensure that everyone who registers is able to vote in the upcoming elections.
I'd rather be known as a man who
Some people would call me a con­
be the titles...
**Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights**

The weekly meeting will be held Monday evenings in the Hayneville Christian Church Hall, 701 W. Third St., Hayneville, at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. People interested in the civil rights movement are encouraged to attend. The movement is working to achieve equality for all races in the county, and it is open to anyone who wishes to support the cause.

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