Racial Killing

he tried to buy some beer In Joe's Place, a white-owned tavern near the river, Aug.

checking on," said Mitchell.

home in Milbrook (Elmore County).

of her home with blood on his shirt, and told her that her son had been In a scuf­

he woke up, he told her. everyone was gone.

not at Smith's funeral last Tuesday, and could not be reached for comment.

Heve Smith would not make It home.

a 22- year- old NegI'o from Montgo mer y

Su nday in a ravin e near the Al aba ma River in nor th

"He had three other brothers' pictures In his wallet."" said Mrs. Smith.

"The man said yes.

the river on Highway

He did, I dldn't see him," Welch also said he didn't see

"My son asked a white man outside could he get beer,"

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Negroes scattered throughout all

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tendent Raymond E. Faught said this

approach to integrate the school.

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enrollment was two whites fer every

One white parent who has worked

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school, he didn't want to talk about the

"When It opened Aug, 29, Lowndes

The maneuver probably didn't fool

Lowndes County school officials,

parents, and students came up with sev­

said. "The board has been working se­

leading to court-ordered freedom-at-choice plans.

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It was a little hard to see how

the board's mind about desegregation.

in the county's new, private academy.

of their bus which was too full, he boarded another,

"It looked as though

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several hundred white stu­

when they were too busy laughing at the

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by Norman Warren

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COTTON FIELDS
Part One
Photographs by Jim Peppler
FORT RUCKER IN THE WIREGRASS

Last Stop on the Way to South Viet Nam

BY PETER CUMMINGS

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First Day SCLC Worker Convicted
In Unusual Libel Trial
In Barbours
(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

In an unusual libel trial last week, a court
sparked by events and the closing argument of the
plaintiff's attorney. The trial was over in less than
an hour, with the defendant, Rev. Alonzo A. Smith,
convicted of libel.

Smith, a barber and black leader, was
convicted of libel in a $10,000 libel suit brought by
Barbour County authorities. The case involved an
article in the Montgomery Advertiser, which was
titled, "Barbour County's Most Unsavory Man." The
article contained statements about Smith's
activities and character, which the court ruled
were libelous.

The trial lasted only minutes, with the
plaintiff's attorney, L. P. Martin, making his case in
under two minutes. The defendant's attorney, W.
Cooper, did not make a closing argument.

The court ruled that Smith had defamed the
plaintiff by publishing the article, which contained
false and defamatory statements. The court
awarded the plaintiff $10,000 in damages.

This is the first libel trial in Alabama in
which a defendant has been found guilty of
libel.

Football
Booher T. Washington High School
vs. Hudson High
Cramton Bowl—Montgomery
1:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 1966

In Atlanta, Negroes and whites are fighting mad at unfair employment...
Pro Team for B'ham?  'People Overcame Too Much,' Says Laugher

By Mary Ellen Salt

��手 Night -- Twenty Negro leaders gave the Bullock County com-
missioner some food for thought at their last meeting two weeks ago.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Negro leaders--including
Miss Yolanda King--were in attendance to present the Negro leaders' opin-
ions on the city's football team situation.

"The people in the city, including the mayor, the city councilmen,
and the people in this community, are all concerned about the possible
of a football team in Birmingham," said Mr. King.

"We feel that the city should be given the opportunity to become a pro-
team center. This would not only benefit the city, but also provide
opportunities for the Negro youth to become involved in the sport.

Furthermore, we believe that a Negro-owned professional football
team would be a significant step towards achieving equality and
reverse discrimination.

"We urge the city leaders to consider this proposal and take action
the earliest possible to ensure a successful start for the team.

The Negro leaders also suggested that the city should form a
committee to explore the feasibility of starting a professional football
team in Birmingham.

"This committee should include representatives from various sectors
deliberately chosen to ensure a diverse perspective.

"We believe that the city of Birmingham has the potential to
host a professional football team and we are ready to work
partnerships and collaborations to make this happen.

The Negro leaders met with the city officials and presented
their proposal, urging them to take the necessary steps to
establish a professional football team in Birmingham.

The city leaders acknowledged the proposal and pledged
their support to further investigate the possibility of
starting a professional football team in the city.

The Negro leaders expressed their gratitude towards the
city officials for considering their proposal and promised
to continue their efforts to ensure a successful start for the team.