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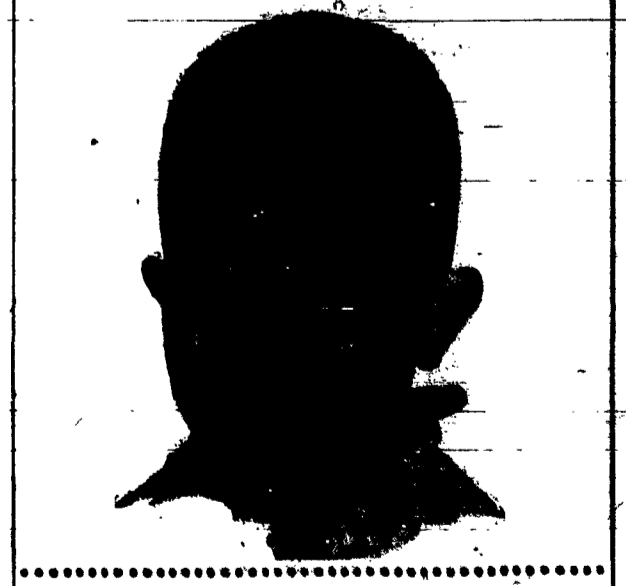
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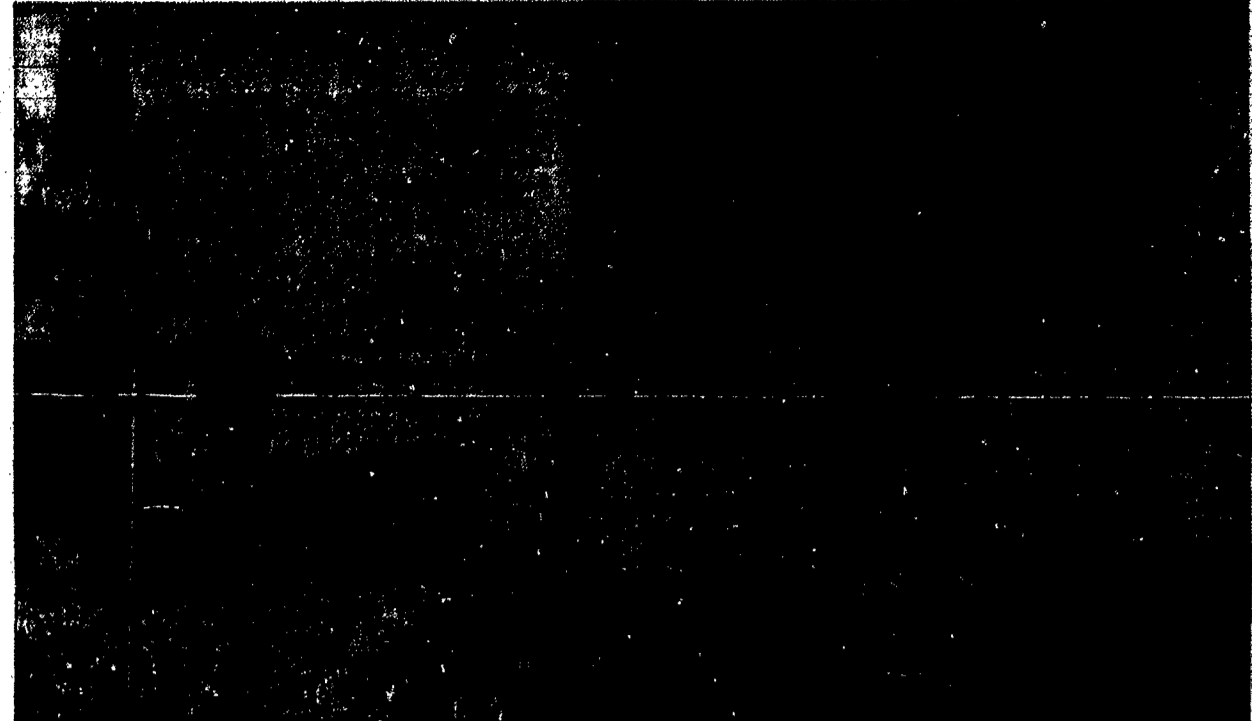
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Bitter Summer Ahead in Mississippi

(The author of the following article is managing editor of the Mississippi Register, newspaper of the Natchez-Jackson diocese and director of the diocesan Bureau of Information.)
 By FATHER BERNARD F. LAW
 Jackson—(NC)—It is axiomatic that this will be a hard summer for Mississippi. And all indications are that it will be particularly hard for the churches, which appear headed for a showdown on the race question.
 This was pointed up on Easter Sunday in a series of incidents and arrests involving attempts to breach the segregation barrier in several Jackson Methodist churches.

IN THE LARGEST incident, seven white Methodist clergymen, all seminary professors, were arrested for attempting to enter a downtown church in the company of two Negro laymen. When they refused to move from the church steps after being told by an usher that they could not enter, a policeman was summoned and he arrested them.
 After two days in jail, the group was found guilty of disturbing public worship, fined \$500 each and sentenced to six months in jail. The sentence has been appealed with the case scheduled for hearing April 13.

Meanwhile two visiting Methodist bishops attempted to enter the largest Methodist church in Mississippi, Calvary Memorial Methodist. They were Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston and Bishop Charles Golden of the Methodist Central Jurisdiction, which embraces the Negro Methodist community in this state. Bishop Golden is a Negro.
 An usher met them at the front of the church and stated that they could not enter. A request by the bishops to see the pastor was denied and the two churchmen left without further incident.
 In still another incident, at a smaller Methodist church, an Indian woman who is a visiting professor at Integrated Tougaloo (Miss.) College was ejected from the congregation. Observers assumed that her association with the school—a favorite target of segregationists—made her undesirable.

Jackson knee-in demonstrations have developed rubrics of their own. An integrated group presents itself in front of a church. Ushers are there to bar the way. If the group refuses to leave, the usher summons a policeman. (There are an abundance of these in Jackson, and they always seem to be available when needed for this type of thing.) The policeman asks the group to move on, saying if they do not he will have to arrest them. The charge is disturbing public worship.

THE CATHOLIC churches of Jackson are integrated. The Easter Vigil service at St. Peter Cathedral was integrated, as were the Masses on Easter Sunday. There has been no interference with the policy in the part of city officials.

After their release from jail, the Methodist ministers arrested in Jackson were asked their reaction to the local criticism that they were "outside agitators," a term of deep contempt in Mississippi. They answered that "it is impossible for a Christian to be an outside agitator in God's world, least of all in the Church of Jesus Christ."

Acknowledging that in their own localities the racial situation is not ideal, they added that there is "nothing comparable" to the state of affairs in Jackson. "When you get into Mississippi you feel you're in a police state. Nothing has changed that impression during our five days here," they said.

One of the seven had been in Mississippi some weeks before addressing a conference of the Methodist Student Movement, an organization similar in scope to the Newman Apostolate. He said the program included nine seminars of important issues of Christian faith in our time, yet none was devoted to the race issue. This, he feels, is a measure of the lack of vision and concern of a large portion of Mississippi Methodism.

Of the students he commented that he has never seen "as brain-washed and fearful a group of students in America—fearful of the truth, the Gospel, the American Constitution, the Negroes and each other."
 Although they recognized that local Methodists will probably not be changed positively by their action, the ministers felt they had to press the issue at

the church. "It was necessary to go as far as we did. Our purpose is to alert the Methodist Church to the depth of the problem and the need for decisive action," they said.

Asked if their opinions of Jackson is now more benign, they were quick to say no. "It's worse, shocking, incredible, the degree to which Mississippians are captives of illusions, the absoluteness of their isolation."
 Acknowledging the harshness of their blanket indictment, they added it is only in terms of those with whom they had met and discussed the matter.

There were two bright spots in their Mississippi stay, however. One was a meeting with Jackson Negro clergy, whom they praised for the "courage, ability and honesty of their leadership."
 The other was a visit to them in the jail by two Catholic priests. One of the ministers was particularly appreciative of the prayer which a priest said with them.

Pope Cautions Curia Critics

Vatican City—(NC)—Pope Paul VI has urged the faithful to love the Church and the papacy and cautioned them against "blindly" and "passionately" looking for faults.
 In his usual Wednesday audience, April 22, at St. Peter's basilica, the Pope stressed the comfort which the presence of so many thousands of Catholics from all over the world gave him as head of the Church. He said their loyalty "is our joy, our hope amid many apprehensions, many needs and many sorrows which as you may well believe make our apostolic service so grave."
 Citing the example of St. Catherine of Siena, whose feast day was to be celebrated the following day, the Pope noted her love for pope and Church.
 "This is perhaps the lesson which many moderns who yet call themselves Catholics, do not understand well. Intent as they are, and almost passionately looking for faults in the Church and in the Roman Curia (the Pope's administrative council), formulating criticisms which are not always calm and at times not objective," he said.

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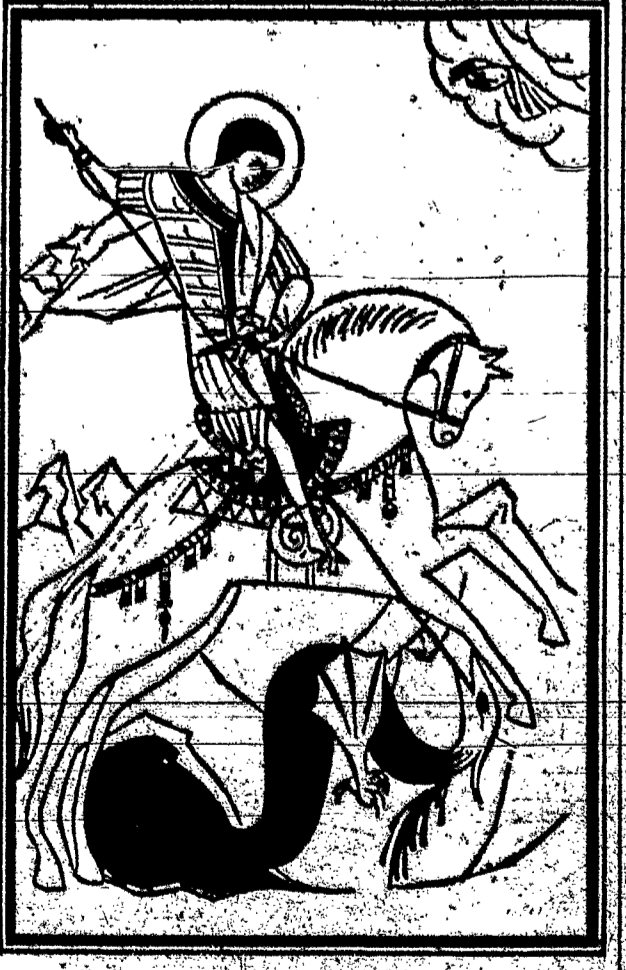
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