“We assist the civil rights organizations and study denials of rights to Negroes. We are sort of a gadfly in the Government — sometimes we even criticize the Justice Department.”

He praised the state advisory committee to the commission as invaluable, nodding toward one of its members, Mrs. W. I. Schutt of Jackson. Medgar Evers of Jackson, state field secretary for the NAACP, and Dr. James Silver of the University of Mississippi also spoke briefly to the group. Dr. Silver has spoken out in defense of Meredith’s situation at the university.