MISSISSIPPI NOTEBOOK
By TOM ETHRIDGE

IN OUR MAILBOX
R. L. Grissom, 944 Madison St., Jackson, submits a reproduction from the front page of the Sept. 30, 1962 issue of The Worker, the most official publication of the Communists in the United States, quoting:

"Communists Urge Action! Gus Hall, Benjamin J. Davis and James E. Jackson, in their telegram to the President of the United States, said:

"The defiant rejection of the admission of the heroic James Meredith in the University of Mississippi places Governor Ross Barnett, avowed member of the terrorist White Citizens Council and other Mississippi State officials in open rebellion against the United States.

"Nothing less than full executive and armed authority of the President is necessary to put down Mississippi secession, compel admission of Meredith and restore constitutional authority in the state."

BAYONET DEMOCRACY
Dear Mr. Ethridge:

The Clarion-Ledger reported that Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy said in a broadcast to foreign countries Tuesday night that "What the world saw in Mississippi was a democratic nation putting its house in order."

As I have always understood it, the Voice of America is broadcast to countries behind the Iron Curtain, telling people of the American Way of Life, so that eventually they will rise up and overthrow their oppressors.

Kennedy pictures to these people a democracy where the will of one man is imposed upon the entire people of a law-abiding state, where the President will send an army three times the size of the one in Berlin to put Negro in the University.

People behind the Iron Curtain have had that kind of "democracy" for two generations now. A dictatorship with a Har- vard accent is still a dictatorship. Why should they bleed and die to overthrow what they have, in order to get the same thing?

JOE MEADE
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RIOTING IN GEORGIA

Dear Mr. Ethridge:

Our noble Ralph McGill went on national television to condemn the people of Mississippi, but he failed to discuss the violent rioting at the University of Georgia when it was forcibly integrated in January last year. Georgians can also be emphatic in protesting the NAACP crusade to conquer the Southland.

Two Negroes, Charalynne Albert Hunter and Hamilton E. Holmes, were forced into our University by federal power and all hell broke loose on the campus at Athens when hundreds of students demonstrated their resentment.

A large band of rioting students besieged Charalynne Hunter's dormitory and University officials had to expel both Negro students for their own personal safety. A federal court put them back in the University, but Ralph McGill could have told his nationwide television audience that his own state is far from being passively meek in the integration campaign.

More power to Mississippi and God bless your courageous Governor Barnett.

MRS. F. V. COOPER
Waycross, Georgia

LADY REPENTS

Dear Mr. Ethridge:

When we follow the advice of the Oxford clergy and bow in prayer, I suggest in all sincerity that those guilty beg forgiveness for the great mistake of voting for a Kennedy.

I regret my own foolishness in over-rating his morality and statesmanship and under-rating his devotion to political expediency and thirst for power.

I truly repent voting for this man and viewed him not as he really was but as I hoped and prayed he would be. I saw him as a leader of high idealism. I was right about the "ism" but wrong about the ideals. In this I am truly repentant.

FRANCES HAIRSTON
Silver City, Miss.

VOICE FROM OHIO

Thousands of voters in this section of the country still believe that we are living under a democratic form of government, and they have strong convictions that the laws of this country affecting education should be enacted by Congress.

Members of Congress are elected by the people and not by the Supreme Court or any other court the members of which have never been elected by the people to any office.

If the big city politicians of the populous eastern states and the Kennedy Administration continue to try to force their views on people without their consent, the country is headed for serious trouble which can develop very rapidly.

There are many staunch Americans who are not willing to permit the development of Communism and dictatorship in this country while fighting it, with words at least, overseas. I am not so sure the Kennedy Administration is assured of victory in its fight with Governor Barnett of Mississippi. Like Governor Patterson of Alabama, I think Barnett of Mississippi is right.

Homer G. Zimmerman
Columbus, Ohio

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"CONQUERED PROVINCE"

Dear Mr. Ethridge:

It is with a profound sense of sorrow and indignation that we here in Texas have witnessed the treatment of our beloved sister State of Mississippi tantamount to that of a conquered province.

Students of American History have long noted that our founding fathers recognized that man's greatest peril lay in the tyranny of governments. For this reason they instituted a system of checks and balances that would assure men of equal rights: this was our Federal Constitution.

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