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FACT SHEET ON LEFLORE COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI is the county seat of Leflore County, located in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, in the Second Congressional District (see arrow.)

Negroes are 64.6% of the county's population.

There are 23,841 persons of voting age in the county - 10,274 whites of voting age and 13,567 Negroes. In 1960 there were 472 Negroes registered to vote, according to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.

In 1960, 57.7% of the county's labor force was Negro. 83.8% of the farm workers in the county are Negro.

In a recent publication, the U. S. Department of Labor offered little hope of continued employment for those who look to farm wages as their primary source of income. Most seriously affected, the department said, are employment prospects in the production of cotton. The county is in the heart of the cotton producing area of Mississippi.

In 1960, only 2.6% of Leflore County's Negroes 25 years old or over had completed high school, and only 9.9% had completed eighth grade.

28.6% of the whites in Leflore County 25 years old or over had completed high school and 38.4% had finished eighth grade.

During the 1960-61 school year, Leflore County spent \$88 per Negro pupil and \$201 per white pupil for instructional purposes.

In 1960, 87.3% of the Negro families in Leflore County had incomes of less than \$3,000 per year.

Fewer than 25% of the white families had incomes of less than \$3,000

97.5% of Leflore County's Negro families had incomes under \$6,000.

The county provides a total of 168 hospital beds; 131 are reserved for whites and 37 for Negroes.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) began a voter registration drive in Leflore County in August 1962.

SNCC now works under the auspices of the Council of Federated Organizations - a coalition of civil rights groups in the state.

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