



Big Man

PLAYER-COACH—Bill Russell, 6-9, 220 lbs. basketball star and first black coach for any major league team says he is looking forward to his visit at MSU.

Bill Russell Speaks On His Celtics Career

Bill Russell, former Boston Celtics player-coach, will speak at 8 tonight, March 10, in the third program of MSU Lectern series, '69-'70. Tickets will be on sale only at the door for \$2.

In a telephone conversation this week, Russell said that he was looking forward to speaking in Mississippi, since this will be his first visit in the state. Last week he spoke to an overflow crowd at the University of Arkansas.

The Boston Celtics became the greatest basketball team of all time after Russell joined them. He followed the most successful coach in basketball history, Red

Auerbach, at the Celtics peak and became the first player-coach in Boston history. Bill Russell is the first Negro ever to manage on a full-time basis in a major league of any sport.

Although his topic for Tuesday night will be "Career with the Celtics," Russell has a definite philosophy on all phases of life in America. A question and answer period will follow Russell's talk, and a closed reception will be held later in the Faculty Lounge of The Union.

High school basketball players will be admitted at a special rate. Season tickets are still good.

'State' Holds Annual Scholarship Program

Mississippi newspaper editor and world traveler Oliver Emmerich of McComb is the scheduled feature speaker at Mississippi State University today for the annual Scholarship Day observance.

Some 2,000 students who were on the Dean's and President's Lists for academic achievement during the fall semester will be honored along with their parents.

The event is sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi national scholarship fraternity.

The traditional military parade will not be a part of the agenda this year, according to Dr. Charles R. Aiken, chairman.

The convocation is set to be-

gin at 1:30 p.m. in Lee Hall auditorium, where Emmerich, editor and publisher of the McComb Enterprise-Journal, will speak.

Honor students and their parents will be recognized during the convocation. A reception with MSU President William L. Giles will follow at 2:45 in the Union ballroom.

Classes will be suspended from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for all students. In order to permit attendance at a reception by President and Mrs. Giles, students on the President's and Dean's Lists will not be required to attend classes for the remainder of the afternoon.

Judge Issues Restraining Order Against Trustees

Evers Visits Campus

Audience Gives Standing Ovation

By LOWELL HINE

OXFORD—District Judge William Keady issued a temporary restraining order against the Mississippi Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning yesterday which would allow Fayette mayor Charles Evers to speak before Mississippi State University Young Democrats.

The hearing was held after MSU Young Democrats filed suit against the college board for trying to overrule a campus review committee's decision to allow the former state NAACP field secretary to speak.

The review committee voted four to one last week to allow Evers to appear at MSU when YD's appealed the college board's decision to instruct President William L. Giles to rescind the student group's invitation to Evers.

Last Year

Last year a three-judge federal panel, headed by Judge J.P. Coleman of the Fifth United States Circuit Court of Appeals, declared an old speaker ban policy at state institutions unconstitutional and transferred responsibility for speaker clearance from the college board to the administrative heads of each institution.

Appeals would go to a campus review committee and then directly to court, bypassing the college board entirely.

"The board does not have the power to override what the court says...and it may not do so in this case or any other," Judge Keady stated during the hearing.

Board Secretary E.E. Thrash asserted that the college board has constitutional authority to deal with anything affecting state institutions of higher learning. He said he felt the board could

override the court in unique circumstances.

In testimony, Giles said freedom of speech and students' right to the first amendment were the issue at hand.

Thrash cited Evers' 1966 involvement at Alcorn A&M College as grounds for overruling Giles' decision to allow Evers to speak. Giles contended that conditions at MSU now are not the same as those at Alcorn four year ago.

Giles Said

Giles said Evers has spoken at the University of Mississippi, at Mississippi College, at Memphis State University, and twice at Millsaps College without incident.

Keady refused to review a motion for contempt filed by Greenville attorney James Robertson on behalf of MSU Young Democrats against board president M. M. Roberts and others on the board who voted to override Giles.

The judge said that although the board infringed on the rules, they have now adopted them. Keady said he felt the motion for contempt should be heard by a three-judge panel.

By M. B. STACY

Charles Evers, mayor of Fayette and former field secretary of the NAACP, last night addressed a crowd of four hundred blacks and whites in Dorman Hall auditorium. Evers was a guest of the Mississippi State University Young Democrats.

Evers told the audience, "We must get rid of bigots on both sides.... Elect men who care about every man. Not the John Bell Williams kind; not the Stokely Carmichael kind." Evers then challenged Mississippi's govern-

ment to "Try to start thinking—try to stop pretending." Evers went on to complain about high prices and taxes. "Don't talk about peanuts," he admonished, talk about millions. John Bell Williams, why did you rob us of six million dollars?"

"Black folks won't take oppression anymore. We had rather die three times over than not be free," Fayette's mayor continued. He then re-emphasized that America cannot survive on a racist philosophy, whether the racist were black or white. Evers was interrupted by applause several times in his speech and received six standing ovations.

To the administration of MSU Evers remarked, "You've gotta have pepper with your salt. Have more black teachers on your faculties." To state students he commented, "Don't let bigots destroy our state."

To the Negroes in the audience he said, "Politics and economics are our best weapons. Be concerned, be prepared."

Evers stated that blacks, also, have a right to knowledge. He thought that if the Mississippi Valley State College students would "get rid of" President J.H. White and establish a stronger student government, the school would improve "one thousand percent."

Evers lamented that there is no acceptable old folks home for the poor blacks or whites in the state. He followed this up with the charge to state officials to, "Stop trying to run California's business; state officials run ours right."

While Evers spoke, armed security guards stood at the exits and security patrol cars circled the building.



First Appearance



Fayette Mayor Charles Evers expressed pleasure when the audience of about 400 blacks and whites gave him standing ovations during his speech last night in Dorman Hall auditorium. This was Mayor Evers' first appearance at Mississippi State.

