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**BOOKS**

**\$10,000 Awarded To Authors Of Book On Right-Wing Extremism**

Judges, including psychologists Kenneth B. Clark and Robert Coles, awarded a prize (which has existed for two years but has never been awarded) for the first time to the authors of a book analyzing right-wing extremism from 1790 through 1970. The Gunnar Myrdal Prize, which includes a \$10,000 cash award for books of distinction, was presented to Harvard government and social relations professor Dr. Seymour Lipset and San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council Executive Director Earl Raab for their book, *The Politics Of Unreason*, to be published Oct. 7 by Harper and Row. The book analyzes the movements of right wing extremists beginning two years after the drafting of the U. S. Constitution to contemporary figures, such as Alabama Gov.-elect George C. Wallace.

**Book On Southerners Who 'Stand Steadfast'**

A book portraying Black and white Southerners who resisted racism in the South and determined to keep their roots there was published recently. The book, *A Mind To Stay Here*, features text by John Egerton, a staff writer for the Race Relations Information Center in Nashville, Tenn., and photography by Al Clayton, cited for his study of Biafra. The book features Black civil rights

champions John Lewis, former chairman of SNCC (Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee); Fannie Lou Hamer, founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party; civil rights Atty. U. W. Clemons and Black college champion Lucius Pitts, president of Miles College in Birmingham, Ala. Whites who stayed in the South and continued the struggle are also featured in the book, including John Howard Griffin, author of *Black Like Me*. Described as a series on "people who live in the South, who love it, and who believe in racial reconciliation," the work is published by Macmillan Company.

**Millions Can't Read Well, Louis Harris Poll Shows**

A Louis Harris Poll measuring the ability of persons over 16 to write and read well enough to apply for a Social Security card, a driver's license or welfare aid without another person's assistance, found that 13 percent or 18.5 million of all Americans over 16 lack these basic survival skills. The poll found that "survival literacy" percentages were lower among Blacks than whites and higher in urban as compared to rural areas. The South had the lowest rate of "survival literacy"—regarded as a more pragmatic yardstick of survival potential than "functional literacy," which rates adults with less than five years of schooling as illiterate—while the Western states had the highest survival skills rate.