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HOUSTON, TEX., NOV. 18 (AP)-A MISSISSIPPI NAACP LEADER SAID TODAY FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AGENTS IN SOUTHERN STATES ARE GENERALLY NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH CIVIL RIGHTS.

"I.LL GO FURTHER THAN THAT. J. EDGAR HOOVER HIMSELF IS NOT IN TUNE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS, " SAID AARON HENRY, A CLARKSVILLE DRUGGIST.

HENRY, HERE TO ADDRESS THE HOUSTON PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, MADE THE REMARKS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH NEWSMEN. HE SAID THE FEELING AMONG NEGROES AND CIVIL RIGHTS SYMPATHIZERS IS THAT FEL MEN WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST "THEIR FRIENDS" IN LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

"THIS ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR INEPT ACTIVITY," HE SAID. "NOW, THEY CAN FIND A PUMPKIN CONTAINING MICROFILM ON A 40-ACRE FARM OF WHITAKER CHAMBERS THAT CONVICTED ALGER HISS, BUT THEY CAN'T FIND THE MURDERERS OF THREE BOYS IN PHILADELPHIA."

HENRY WAS REFERRING TO THE DISAPPEARANCE AND DEATHS OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS IN MISSISSIPPI AND THE FAILURE SO FAR TO APPREND ANY SUSPECTS IN THE CASE.

HENRY, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT GOAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS IN MISSISSIPPI WAS FULL SUFFRAGE FOR ALL CITIZENS.

HE S'AID A PRESENT ONLY SIX PER CENT OF THE NEGROES QUALIFIED TO VOTE ARE ABLE TO REGISTER IN HIS HOME COUNTY BECAUSE OF A MISSISSIPPI LAW REQUIRING A VOTER TO SATISFY A CIRCUIT CLERK'S QUESTION ABOUT ANY SECTION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

"THERE ARE 286 SECTIONS AND HE CAN ASK YOU ABOUT ANY OF THEM," HENRY SAID. "IF WE GET SUFFRAGE, WE CAN HANDLE THE REST OF IT (RACIAL PROBLEMS) OURSELVES. WHAT WE WANT FIRST IS ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE."

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