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# AFFAIRS <sup>3/5/64</sup> OF STATE

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## REBEL UNDERGROUND

In the past few days, the mails have brought to this desk copies of the Rebel Underground. . . from Millsaps and from Ole Miss.

At the risk of disturbing sacred cows, and we do mean even to the legislative meadows, we cite that something must be terribly wrong that students feel themselves impelled to risk expulsion to defend in their own ways, their alma maters from integration.

Names are called in the two underground publications.

But, here we will at this time call attention only to initial paragraphs of the publications. These should be signal enough of the concern in the hearts of real Mississippi students.

"In this issue we intend," wrote the editors of the first issue, "to inform you of the aims of the Rebel Underground Millsaps Division.

### 'STUDENT EXPLORE'

"The Rebel Underground, Millsaps Division, is composed of students who wish to expose to the people of this and other states the atheistic beliefs that are being planted by members of the faculty into the minds of students at Millsaps College.

"Prolonged exposure to these beliefs has caused ministerial students to question much of the Bible (God's giving the Ten Commandments to Moses; the Virgin Birth; the Resurrection; etc.).

"Ministerial students are not the only ones affected by these beliefs, as we intend to show you at a later date. The Rebel Underground also intends to expose Millsaps faculty and student relations with Tougaloo College, and its pro-negro attitude in general.

"We know we will receive criticism from all sides. Innocent students who are criticized of association with us may be expelled; this is the price we will pay to expose scalawags at Millsaps. . ."

### OLE MISS

And, the prelude to the latest edition of the Ole Miss Rebel Underground publication says:

"Once again, the ugly face of tyranny has visited the sacred grounds of our beloved University of Mississippi. We will, as always, hold to our theme the words of Thomas Jefferson, that "resistance to tyranny is obedience to God. And, with this in mind, we will bring you the truth, and the truth shall make us free.

"The negro sit-in that occurred week before last on the