

Name 1st Michigan Negro To Industrial Corps

Naming Detroit mortgage banker and realtor James Del Rio to the Industrial Ambassador Corps of the State of Michigan, Gov. John Swainson made the 36-year-old businessman the first Negro to hold such a position. Del Rio, who virtually pulled himself up by his bootstraps into a position of prominence, was also the state's first Negro to gain membership in the National Assn. of Real Es-



Del Rio (l.), Gov. Swainson.

tate Boards and the first to achieve FHA approval as a loan correspondent for the public bank. In the new capacity he will inform firms of business opportunities in Michigan and help solve problems affecting local industry.

Miss. Lynch Victim's Jail Holds Freedom Riders

Fined \$250 each for breaching the peace in Poplarville, Miss., Freedom Riders Alice Thompson and Patricia Smith of New Orleans and New York engineer Frank Nelson, white, were escorted out of town by police when they indicated they would appeal. Arrested in the white section of the Greyhound bus station, the two girls and Nelson, who came to their aid, were held in the same Pearl River County jail from which Mack Parker was dragged and lynched in 1959.

Suggests Dropping 'Drop Outs' From Welfare

Offering a suggestion to combat the school drop-out problem, Cook County (Ill.) Welfare Dir. Raymond Hilliard said he favors cutting families off relief rolls if their children refuse to go to school. Addressing 400 Chicagoarea principals, Hilliard declared: "We're going to have to take Johnny by the scruff of the neck and tell him: 'Either you learn or you don't eat.'" He added: "We've got to stop these kids from wrecking their futures."