

SNCC OFFICE REPORT

The office of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee working for the past month to carry out the directives of the July SNCC Meeting, Baltimore, report the following:

A. The Advisory Committee met and decided to contact Mr. Bob Moses further concerning the Mississippi Voter Registration. It was the thinking of the Committee after communications were received from Mr. Moses that he would sever any previously announced staff position with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, return the check to SCLC, and make it clear to the SCLC Director that he would work only as a SNCC representative. It was the decision of the Advisory Committee to inform Mr. Moses that, under those stated conditions, we would inform Mr. Moses that we would supply him with personnel and grant the position of Special Field Secretary on Voter Registration in McComb, Mississippi, at a \$35.00 per week basis.

The office sent Jesse J. Harris of Atlanta, Reginald J. Robinson of Baltimore and John Hardy of Nashville down to work on the Voter program.

B. The office sent communications to every SNCC Executive Committee Member on July 21st, requesting their particular station at this time. Only three replies were received. They came from: Miss Gwendolyn Green of Washington, David Forbes of Raleigh, N. C., and Jim Monsonis of the National Student Christian Federation. Miss Green reports that she will be committed to the hospital and cannot make the August meeting. Mr. Forbes reports that he is working in New York state for the summer and cannot make the meeting. He further states that his activities were curtailed by the Student Council of Shaw University last year; his reason for not working with SNCC. Mr. Monsonis reports that he will attend the meeting. The office received a return letter from Miss Priscilla Stephens of Florida, that she had moved and left no forwarding address. The Florida A & M University did not know where to contact her since she had moved from her previous home address, Belle Glade, Florida. The office failed to contact Mr. Mark Hannah of Texas. He no longer resides in Denver, Colorado. The office wrote to Mrs. Daisy Brown of Kansas City, Missouri, Advisor of the Student Movement, requesting a representative for the Executive Committee from Missouri. No reply as of August 9th. The office received from Mr. Hayward Henry of New Orleans, that he could not be present at this August meeting in view of his working for the summer in New York state. The office found out that Mr. Alfred Cook no longer resides in his home state of Michigan. He moved and left no forwarding address. The office was unable to secure any contact in the state of West Virginia.

The office was able to have Mr. Robert Warren represent Florida in the absence of Miss Stephens. Mr. Warren is no stranger to the Committee, for he has been active with the protest movement at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee. The office was able to have Mr. John Hollie of Houston represent the state of Texas in the absence of Mr. Mark Hannah. The office was able to have Mr. Jerome Smith of New Orleans represent the state of Louisiana in the absence of Mr. Henry. Mr. Smith is quite active in the movement and went on the Freedom Rides to Jackson, Mississippi. The office contacted Mr. Ezell Blair, Jr., Greensboro, N. C., Mr. Nathaniel C. Lee, Birmingham, Ala., Mr. Lomie C. King, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. Charles Black, Atlanta, Ga., and Reginald Robinson, Baltimore, Md., who promise to attend the August meeting. The office did secure a sum of \$250.00 for travel scholarship to assist SNCC Members in getting to the August meeting.

The office would recommend that the above named persons representing states within the jurisdiction of SNCC in the absence of former Committee Members, be named to replace other said non working Members.

The office contacted the Mississippi Nonviolent Movement of Jackson, and they promise to send a state representative to replace Mr. Alfred Cook of Tougaloo.

C. The Field Foundation of New York was written requesting a grant in the amount of \$500.00 to aid SNCC in making available to Conference Delegates, current authoritative educational material on Race Relations and etc.

Reply: Wish to know if SNCC has obtained Federal Tax exemption.

The American Federation Of Labor and Congress Of Industrial Organizations were written for a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 to aid SNCC in providing room and board for student delegates. No reply as of August 9th.

The Taconic Foundation of New York was written for a grant in the amount of \$1,200.00 to aid SNCC in travel scholarships to student, discussion and resource leaders. No reply as of August 9th.

The Reynolds Foundation of New York was written for a grant in the amount of \$1,200.00 to aid SNCC in travel scholarships to student, discussion and resource leaders. No reply as of August 9th.

The Phelps-Stokes Fund of New York report on our request for a \$2,000.00 grant to aid the SNCC Conference on room and board, state that "our request will be taken up the latter part of August, upon arrival of Dr. Patterson, President of the Fund, from the Congo".

D. The resolution requesting financial support to SNCC from the National Shriners, was prepared by the administrative secretary and sent to Mr. Paul Brown of Atlanta.

E. The administrative secretary arranged for SNCC to have one-half time to present their oral argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing August 15th, in Washington, D. C. Mr. Moody informed the office on August 8th, that he, Miss Smith and Mr. Thomas have to be in Jackson, Mississippi to stand trial, and will be unable, as previously planned to represent SNCC. The office sent to Mr. Harold D. McCoy, Secretary of the I.C.C., that in view of the above, either the administrative secretary or one Member of the Executive Committee would definitely been in Washington on August 15th.

This meeting must decide this since is thus limited.

F. Mr. Charles Sherrod, SNCC Field Secretary, made a field work trip into Terrell, Georgia. A report to be given by him as this meeting.

Mr. Sherrod met with the Advisory Committee and stated that he would have to resign from the position of Field Secretary at least for the month of August, since he planned to attend the Leadership Training Institute in Nashville, Tennessee. It was the thinking of the Advisory Committee that since the entire Executive Committee had hired Mr. Sherrod, we could not act on this entirely. However, we were able to get Mr. Marion Barry to work during this period and we decided to follow through as stated. Mr. Barry has conducted an extensive field trip into Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, in order that we might secure better representation at the Fall Conference. Mr. Barry will give a special report at this meeting.

G. The administrative secretary has been in contact with Mr. Parker Health, Director of The Knapp Testimonial Fund, Sullivan Harbor, Maine, whose interest rest with student publications. In view of this, Mr. Health was written concerning the possibility of SNCC receiving a grant in the amount of \$4,900.00 for the "Student Voice". This amount would cover a salary for the Editor, printing and mailing cost for the nine month school year. No reply as of August 9th.

H. The Advisory Committee met with Mr. Bob Zellner of Mobile, Alabama concerning his working for SNCC on this special project to involve white students in the sit-in movement in the South. Funds are available in a round figure of about \$5,000.00 for nine months. The interview gave to us the opinion that Mr. Zellner had given serious thought and made definite preparation for this job.