

COFO

COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS

This organization which consists of NAACP, CORE, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), SCLC, and the National Council of Churches, is sponsoring students who have come to Mississippi to work with members of the Negro community in Laurel on the Mississippi Freedom Summer.

This summer COFO is working on two main areas: (1) voter registration --political education, and (2) Freedom Schools.

Voter registration is designed to get more Negroes to register as a major step toward first-class citizenship. With your vote YOU can decide who your mayor, police chief, and other officials are by registering and voting. Political education is needed to get a better understanding of how powerful and important a force your vote can be.

The Freedom Schools are particularly for those of high school age and have a two-part purpose. You know that Mississippi's educational system is the poorest in the nation. Therefore we will establish (1) classes to improve English (reading, spelling, and writing), and mathematics, and (2) classes which will stimulate the minds of the students such as Negro history, the Constitutions of the United States and Mississippi, and political science. Our goal is to get the young people of Mississippi to ask basic questions about their state and offer some direction for them to effect changes upon its oppressive condition.

There is no public library for Negroes in Laurel. We have BOOKS and with your help we can start a library. There will also be folk dancing, Freedom Songs, and arts and crafts. Only with YOUR help can this project be a success!!

COFO WORKERS

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