

R A L P H A B E R N A T H Y The man second-in-command at SCLC headquarters spoke to Selma citizens last week, having flown to this city following the arrest of the Reverend F. D. Reese, President of the Dallas County Voters League. Dr. Abernathy assured the community that it will have the continuing support of the Conference. The speaker was given a standing ovation, --indeed, has was given several.

L E T ' S R U N Confident Negro leadership in Selma is already speculating about the day when they will be running for, and elected to, high office. The Reverend Harold Middlebrook declared himself last Wednesday and on the evening of the same day, the Reverend L.L. Anderson announced his candidacy. The Reverend Mr. Anderson is interested in the office of Mayor of this city. He is minister of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Selma.

The Reverend Mr. Middlebrook is Project Director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a leader popular among the people of the Negro section of the Selma community. He has expressed his interest in running for the office of State Senator from Dallas County.

Now that we are Registered, let us listen and learn about politics, education and law.

H O W M A N Y ? How many projects are in operation in Dallas County under the supervision of SCLC? We asked Jack Holliwell at the Franklin Street office. Following is the answer:

- I. THE WARD SYSTEM in Selma. Every Negro citizen is invited to participate democratically in one of six Wards.
- II. THE COUNTY SET-UP. SCLC staff members are responsible for organizing County towns such as Sardis, Orville, Tyler, etc.
- III. NINE COMMITTEES working in the following areas...
 -Fair Employment Practices Committee, Willie Jones, chmn.
 -Federal Housing, Amos Snell, chmn.
 -Small Business Administration, Richard Smiley, chmn.
 -Poverty Committee, Jack Holliwell, chmn.
 -Recreational Facilities, Bill Miller, chmn.
 -Welfare and Social Security
 -Transportation
 -Telephone and Food
- IV. ORVILLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, Finiss Payne, chmn.
- V. INFORMATION COMMITTEE on Civil Rights and Community Development, Willie Gordon
- VI. FREEDOM SCHOOL for all ages.
- VII. CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL. Classes start September 1 for adults. Location: The Northern Heights Presbyterian Church, 6-8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday.
- VIII. VISION program for high schoolers.
- IX. UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST presence.

Martin Luther King to be in Selma on Monday at Mass Meeting, Browns Chapel AME Church

M A S S M E E T I N G S One of the most important projects of the Voters League and SCLC staff is the conducting of Mass Meetings. At the shrine of the civil rights movement in Selma hundreds of people gather to be informed and inspired. Come on Monday and Sunday nights!

E-D I-T-O-R-I-A-L Selma is a symbol. It is a symbol which must not be broken. There are those in Selma trying to shatter this national symbol of resistance to brutality and oppression. They are the ones who have arrested us. They are the ones who, though they handcuff and jail a Christian minister, neither handcuff, jail nor punish those who murder in the night.

Continuing resistance in the name of all that is good and all that is American is called for. Such resistance requires UNITY.

Let the world know we stand together --- as we have shed our blood and wept and laughed together! --Harold Middlebrook, SCLC

The Ward meetings represent Democracy in Action. Attend every meeting on Thursdays...

NEWS ITEMS Ward 4 raised \$7.10 Thursday night for David McNeil who is in jail in Selma. & & & Lula Crosby is the office secretary for SCLC. & & & The Citizenship School always welcomes new members. See article on page two. & & & The staff of SCLC meets each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7 a.m. & & & A pictorial account of the Selma beatings and of the March to Montgomery has been published by the Unitarian Universalist Association. It can be purchased for 75¢. See Mr. Webb or the ministers who succeed him, the Reverend Leon Hopper or the Reverend James Hobart.

DAY CAMP Administrative Assistant in the SCLC office, Jack Holliwell announces that a Day-Camp is to be started for 12-year old children. Needed to help at the project are one adult and two girls and two boys from each Ward who can swim. The Camp will be located at Moss Park. For further information, see Mr. Holliwell.

IMPORTANT INTERVIEW A five-member committee chaired by the Reverend Ernest Bradford visited the superintendents of Dallas County and Selma schools. It is reported that Mr. Frank Ernest of the County school system did not answer any of the questions asked by the committee of concerned citizens. The committee included two ministers and three mothers whose children are in County & Selma schools. ...The superintendent is to make arrangements for a meeting of the committee with the Board of Education.

The committee was cordially received by the Selma school superintendent, J. A. Pickard. Mr. Pickard explained in a helpful manner the "freedom of choice" plan. The Selma system is to integrate grades 1-4. ...The committee expressed concern about the self-perpetuating Board of Education and asked if a current vacancy is to be filled by a Negro. The superintendent explained that the post has been filled and that the new member is not a Negro. ...The Board of Education is entirely white and controls a school system in a community, half of whose population is Negro.

It was made clear to the superintendent that there is a decided inequality in the amount of facilities available and in use for children in the two high schools of the city.

Members of the committee are Mrs. Nancy Anderson, Mrs. Louise Shelton, Mrs. Clara Walker and the Reverends T. R. Harris and Ernest H. Bradford.

ITEMS The Reverend Mr. Middlebrook says: Meeting of Ward Captains and block leaders Wednesday night, 7 p.m., Browns Chapel. And.. All persons who have registered, please leave names, addresses, tele. numbers & Ward numbers at SCLC