

Statement from certain teen-agers in Ruleville Mississippi

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Problems in Mississippi

- (1) Negro Children in Mississippi don't have any recreation.
- (2) No jobs for the Negro high school graduates.
- (3) We are born in Mississippi and can't get jobs.
- (4) Police protection
- (5) White citizens rule the town.

There is a necessity to communicate with the whites
The White man is in control of the economic structure

- (6) Police should study the Constitution

- (7) Freedom of religion

- (8) Freedom of speech

- (9) Freedom of assembly

- (10) Freedom of Press

- (11) The young people's job in Mississippi is getting the older people to vote.

- (12) When the old people start voting they can put someone in office who will provide economic welfare for the people.

- (13) Summare of 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments

Amendmeht to abolish slavery

Amendment saying that if you are born within a state you are a citizen; no state can take away the protection of the laws

Amendment 15 says that no person should take away your right to vote and no State can take away your right to vote.

Problems in School

- (1) Wee need more activities

- (2) new books

- (3) better library

- (4) free lunch program

- (5) we want to know where the money goes that we raise every year.

- (6) we are paying funds for school uses

- (7) we raise approximately \$2,000 every year and don't know where it goes.

- (8) If you don't bring the money to the class they ask you to go out in the street.

- (9) It seems very clear what the authorities of our school are interested in.

- (10) When things go wrong at school things that the principal is abll to do himself, he calls the police in.

- (11) The teachers will force you to do things.

- (12) Students that work in school should be paid. ~~Much~~ Much of the Janitor's work is done for free. What he does and how much he gets paid are also important questions.

- (13) We buy and furnish the things in the lounge, but we can't use it.

- (14) We furnish the Homemaking department with its goods.

- (15) The teachers with the smaller children badly. There are 70 people in the high school Aglebra class. The 12th grade English class has not gone beyond concentration on grammar.

- (16) The teachers will not explain things to the students.

- (17) One of the solutions to these problems might be a student government.

- (18) Why is the school run by all white.

- (19) If having a good education or good experiences means getting with the whites then that is what we want.

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