

PARENTS MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, LOS ANGELES  
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At the first meeting, June 30th, of the Parents Mississippi Emergency Committee, realizing the urgency of preventing further violence from occurring in Mississippi, an "ad hoc" Steering Committee under pro tem. Chairman Mr. R. Hunn was formed. Meeting July 1 and 2, the Steering Committee decided that the following critical points be immediately brought to your attention.

1. There will be a meeting of parents and friends on July 6th at the Brills, 2558 Thames Place, Los Angeles. We urge your participation and that of your interested friends. It begins at 8 p.m.

2. In the name of the Parents Mississippi Emergency Committee, Los Angeles Area a wire was sent to President Johnson urging that Federal laws be implemented to protect the civil rights workers in Mississippi from violence and harassment.

3. As this goes to press, Dr. Carstens is contacting Gov. Brown in regard to his sending a personal observer to Mississippi. Dr. Carstens will report on this at the meeting and, should it be necessary, we shall make arrangements for a delegation of parents to call on Governor Brown.

4. Petitions to Washington officials must be brought to the July 6th meeting to accomplish their purpose.

5. It is of the most immediate importance to write the President, appropriate federal officials, Gov. Brown, news media and particularly your Representative and Senators. Be brief and observe the following points:

- a. Urge that the existing laws regarding the protection of citizens engaged in the exercise of their civil rights be immediately enforced.
- b. Emphasize that they use their powers and influence to deter violence in Mississippi.
- c. Ask for their outspoken support of the Summer Project and mention your relationship to it and the Parents Committee.
- d. In instances where some action has been taken, express your appreciation.
- e. Postmaster General John G. Gronowski should receive protests regarding Mississippi mail violations.
- f. Please urge your friends to assist us with similar letters.

WE NEED MONEY - HELP - FUNDS.

This mailing has been sent to all California Parents of Mississippi Summer Project Workers.

