

**SCEF** is a Southwide, interracial organization with roots in Southern history that go back to 1938. Over the last few years we have been bringing increasing numbers of white people into the freedom struggle in the South. Our main job is to help poor and working white people to see that their problems are the result of an economic system that puts profits ahead of people—and to realize that they will have to join their strength to that of the black movement to change their situation.

In the Deep South, SCEF staff helped to build a union of black and white woodcutters who launched a 12-week struggle against the paper companies last fall—and won. In the Southern mountains, we are working with insurgent coal miners, victims of black-lung disease, and other groupings of jobless and dispossessed people.

SCEF's monthly newspaper, the *Southern Patriot*, and a regular news service help spread information about grass-roots movements. In addition, the SCEF press publishes pamphlets and other material, and our staff wrote and produced the *Appalachian People's History Book*, to help people in the mountains rediscover their own history.

Because of SCEF's efforts, white people who have supported George Wallace—and in some cases been members of the Klan—are working to create alliances with black people in union struggles, tenants' associations, and around the war and the draft.

It can be done. The white South does not have to be organized by George Wallace. It can be done by the freedom movement.

The speakers described in this brochure are available to speak to Southern organizations, on campuses, etc. Their schedules are tight—so arrangements to have them come and speak should be made as far in advance as possible.

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## SCEF SPEAKERS:

### BILL ALLISON

Bill Allison is a movement lawyer who has been practicing across the South for the last two years. He has defended GI organizers, black GIs fighting the racism of the army, draft resisters, and other political prisoners. Allison recently represented members of the Black Panther Party who won a major victory in Memphis; and he is one of the lawyers for woodcutters in the Deep South who are bringing a major suit against the giant paper companies. Last summer, he travelled to Chile for two weeks.

### ELLA BAKER

Ella Baker is a veteran of four decades of work in the Southern freedom movement. She travelled extensively through the South for the NAACP in the forties—a time when NAACP membership was considered a threat to the “Southern way of life.” In the late 1950’s, she coordinated the first Southwide project of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and set up SCLC’s office in Atlanta. From this base she organized the April, 1960, conference of sit-in leaders, from which SNCC was born. She was an advisor and participant of SNCC during its lifetime. She helped found the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Miss Baker has been a consultant to SCEF for several years, and last year she spoke at campuses across the South in support of Angela Davis, in a SCEF-sponsored tour.

### ANDREW BATES

Andrew Bates is a woodcutter from Forest, Miss., who was a leader in the massive strike that began in September, 1971, and spread to include 4,000 black and white Mississippi woodcutters before it was won. Bates helped to build black leadership in the woodcutters’ association during the course of the 12-week strike. He is now a member of the staff of SCEF’s Deep South project—which had been working for two years to help organize woodcutters and build the unity between blacks and whites that won the strike.

### ANNE BRADEN

Anne Braden is the editor of the *Southern Patriot* and former executive director of SCEF. She has been active in the Southern movement for more than two decades. In 1954, she and her husband were arrested for sedition because they helped a black family buy a home in a white Louisville suburb. In 1967, they were charged with trying to overthrow the government of Pike County because SCEF—which they headed—was actively fighting to end strip mining in Eastern Kentucky. She is the author of *The Wall Between* (about the Louisville sedition case), *The Southern Freedom Movement in Perspective*, and *HUAC: Bulwark of Segregation*.

### CARL BRADEN

Carl Braden, information director for SCEF, has been active in the labor movement and in work for civil rights and peace for 40 years. Between 1930 and 1954 he was a writer and editor for some of the largest newspapers and magazines in America. He also edited labor newspapers and did public relations work for the CIO. He served nine months of a 15-year sentence for sedition (after he helped a black family buy a home in one of Louisville’s white suburbs) and later served a year in federal prison for telling the House Un-American Activities Committee that “my beliefs and associations are none of the business of this committee.” He was charged with sedition again in 1967, but a federal court threw the statute out. Braden was co-director of SCEF from 1966 through 1970, and now heads TIPO—the Training Institute for Propaganda and Organizing.

### VIRGINIA COLLINS

Virginia Collins, mother of black draft resister Walter Collins, has been a leader of the peace and civil-rights movements in New Orleans for 30 years. She is currently a vice president of the Republic of New Africa, and was until recently a member of the national board of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). She is national coordinator of the International Committee for Black Resisters. Mrs. Collins has spent most of the last 18 months travelling across the U.S. to publicize her son’s case and build a national campaign for amnesty for all who oppose the war and the draft.

### HELEN GREEVER

Helen McPhail Greever, SCEF’s executive director, was born in rural North Carolina and graduated from college there in 1966. She joined SCEF’s Mountain Training Program in Appalachia in the spring of 1968. Later, she moved to Louisville to work in the SCEF office and during 1971 was administrative assistant to Anne Braden, whom she succeeded in January, 1972, as executive director. During the last four years, she has worked closely with community organizing projects around the questions of housing, workers’ rights, welfare rights, and in the women’s movement.

### MIKE WELCH

Mike Welch became involved in the Southern Student Organizing Committee in 1966 and was executive secretary of SSOC from 1967 until 1969. He returned to his home town of Memphis to work as an organizer for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), then took a job in an electrical plant, where he worked to build a coalition of black and white workers who had taken leadership of the union local. He was active in efforts to build a Committee to Free Angela Davis and a coalition of peace and freedom forces in Memphis. He came to Louisville in January, 1972, to serve as administrative assistant to SCEF’s executive director.

### BOB ZELLNER

Bob Zellner became SNCC’s first white field secretary in 1961 and during the next three years he was jailed more than 25 times in struggles across the South. After two years at school in the North, he and Dottie, his wife, returned South to set up SCEF’s Deep South project:—Grass Roots Organizing Work (GROW). During the last four years the GROW staff have reached Klansmen and Wallace supporters and helped bring them into struggles with black people around common goals, concentrating mainly on a strike at the Masonite plant in Laurel, Miss., in the late 1960’s and the recent woodcutters’ strike in Southern Mississippi.