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COORDINATING

COMMITTEE

[1960, May 13]

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The first meeting of the Temporary STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE was held on the campus of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, on Friday and Saturday May 13-14, 1960.

Mr. Marion S. Barry, Jr., of Fisk University was elected to serve as chairman, and Mr. Henry James Thomas of Howard University was elected secretary.

At the direction of the Coordinating Committee, Miss Ella J. Baker of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was asked to compile and send out this report of the proceedings of the meeting.

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First Meeting of
The Temporary STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia
Friday and Saturday, May 13 - 14, 1960

*** A T T E N D A N C E ***

Students:

Marion S. Barry	Fisk University	Nashville, Tennessee
Mr. David Forbes	Shaw University	Raleigh, N. C.
James E. Dyer	West Va. State College	Institute, West Virginia
Lonnie C. King, Jr.	Morehouse College	Atlanta, Georgia
Bernard Lee		Montgomery, Alabama
Clarence Mitchell, III	Morgan State College	Baltimore, Md.
Charles E. McDrew	S. C. State College	Orangeburg, S. C.
Mike Penn	Tenn. A. & I.	Nashville, Tenn.
Henry James Thomas	Howard University	Washington, D. C.
Virginus Thornton	Va. State College	Petersburg, Va.
James Williams,	W. Va. State College	Institute, West Virginia

Advisors:

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. - Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Rev. J. M. Lawson, Jr. - Fellowship of Reconciliation

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Miss Connie Curry -) National Student Association
Miss Donnah McGinty)
Herluff Jensen) National Student Christian Federation
Allan J. Burry)
Rev. E. A. Driscoll - United Christian Youth Movement
Miss Rosetta Gardner - National Student Secretary - YWCA

Observers:

Miss Ella J. Baker - Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Rev. Edward Brown - Congregational Church - Atlanta
Max Heirich - American Friends Service Committee
Len Holt - Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)
Rev. Wyatt T. Walker - Petersburg Improvement Association, and SCLC

A G E N D A

At the opening session Friday morning, the following Agenda was agreed upon:

- I. Functions of the Temporary Coordinating Committee
- II. Present Status of the Student Movement
- III. Implementing the Functions of the Coordinating Committee:

- * Coordination
- * Communications
- * Finance

- IV. Tasks Assigned by the Raleigh Conference:

- * Drafting a NONVIOLENT CREED
- * Compiling REPORT of RALEIGH CONFERENCE
- * Follow-up of RALEIGH RESOLUTIONS

N O T E : The Committee defined its functions in the light of the directives received from the Raleigh Conference. Through Reports from those present, the present status of the Student Movement was reviewed. Then the entire group was divided into three (3) subcommittees to deal with Coordination, Communication, and Finance. Reports from these subcommittees were discussed fully by the entire group and acted upon by the voting representatives.

The Raleigh Report was assigned to Miss Baker of SCLC to be compiled and mailed.

The Raleigh Resolutions were assigned to a committee for follow-up. Members of the committee are: Lonnie C. King, Jr.; Connie Curry, and Ella J. Baker.

The Minutes of the May 13-14 meeting will be made available through the secretary.

N E X T M E E T I N G of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee will be held in Atlanta on June 10, 11, 12.

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on COORDINATION

The recommendations of the Committee on Coordination are as follows:

- I. That the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shall have its office at S.C.L.C. headquarters;
 - a. That the address of the Coordinating Committee is:

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference
208 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia
 - b. That the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shall cooperate with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in all possible and appropriate ways, and shall establish liaison for cooperative work with other organizations which offer their help for specific aspects of the movement.
- II. That we procure a worker for the summer months to carry out the policies and work of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee between its meetings;
 - a. A consultative Committee of three (3) persons is to be named to assist our temporary worker in her work;
 - b. The worker is to be maintained from an administrative budget set up for this office;
 - c. Funds may be secured for this budget from friends and organizations in sympathy with the Student Nonviolent movement; and
 - d. That during these months, arrangements shall be made for the procurement of a regular staff person.
- III. That the temporary Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shall meet within one month, June 10, 11, 12, 1960, at Atlanta, Georgia;

- a. At this meeting the time for the calling of the next meeting shall be determined; and
- b. That representatives on the temporary Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee who find that they can not attend the next meeting of the Coordinating Committee will see that their states are represented by an alternate.

IV. That a permanent Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shall be established;

- a. That the temporary committee notes the need for further study of strategy and structure for the student nonviolent movement;
- b. That we feel the need for machinery to permanently coordinate activities of the student nonviolent movement, and that this subject should be put on the agenda of the next meeting; and
- c. That we further sense the need for letting our philosophy of nonviolence inform and direct our study of this problem.

V. B. Thornton, Recorder

Saturday, May 14, 1960

Recommendations on
C O M M U N I C A T I O N S

I. NEWSLETTER

(To be produced weekly)

A. Form

1. Mimeo Immediately - Long range, printed (Monthly)
2. Interpretive of Student Views
3. Sections or Departments, e.g.
(Techniques, Philosophy of Nonviolence, and Cartoons)

B. Distribution

1. Within Movement
2. National Student Christian Federation
3. National Student Association
4. Organs of Interest Areas
5. Inter-Group Organizations.

C. Personnel

1. Paid Staffer - Editing and Receiving News
2. N.S.A. Office - Mechanical
(Getting out Newsletter)

D. Newsgathering

1. Solicit Reports from protest centers by designated reporters. -
 - a) Hope pride in Movement will inspire Responsibility
 - b) Minimal fee for Reporters, if necessary. (To be determined and paid by local group)
2. Receipt of Newsletters from intergroup organizations.
(On their mailing lists)
3. Individual contact for related news
4. Requesting A.P. and U.P. drops
Negro News Services - Radio and Weeklies

E. TARGET DATE - June 15, 1960

II. FLASH NEWS

(To Alert Nation of Emergences, Serious Developments, and/or Special Events)

- A. Names, Addresses and Phone Numbers of Key People throughout nation.
- B. Budget for telegrams and phone calls.

III. REGULAR PRESS RELEASES ON STUDENT MOVEMENT

IV. PUBLIC AND INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS

This allows airing of crystalized sentiment

V. PUBLIC RELATIONS PAMPHLETS

(To be developed by Coordinating Committee)

- A. DO-IT-YOURSELF Press Techniques (Rudolph Flesch)
- B. Personal contact with news media
- C. Suggestions to reach mass mind of uncommitted
- D. Public Relations Personnel
- E. P. O. Box Address for Reporter

VI. REPORTORIAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

- A. List of Reporters - Leaders, State and Local
- B. Conference Reports

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Len Holt
Connie Curry
John Thomas
Ella J. Baker
Wyatt Tee Walker

Report of the Committee on

F I N A N C E

The full report of the Committee on Finance was tabled, pending direct consultation with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; The American Civil Liberties Union and the National Scholarship and Service Fund for Negro Students.

The following is submitted to suggest some of the areas explored:

I. Committee Fund Raising:

- A. It was recommended that the Temporary STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE be relieved of the necessity of raising funds for Legal Defense and Scholarship Aid.
- B. The Coordinating Committee should raise the necessary budget to carry out its program, staff and maintain its office.

II. Legal Defense:

- A. To look toward the NAACP to continue to make its legal services available to arrested students.
- B. To develop the necessary coordination and liason so that financial assistance for this purpose might be directed to the NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL Fund.

III. Scholarship Aid:

- A. To look toward the National Scholarship and Service Fund for Negro Students, to direct the efforts of relocating expelled students and other students who have chosen, out of conscience, to withdraw from certain schools.
- B. To work toward the directing of Scholarship Funds to NSSFNS to make this possible.

IV. Other Organizations:

- A. That we encourage such other organizations as may be interested in supporting the Student Nonviolent Movement, to continue their efforts as they see fit; but to ask them to coordinate these efforts, wherever possible, with the recommendations and suggestions of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

May 14, 1960

Mike Penn
Recorder

N O T E : A Committee composed of Students and Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. will attempt to meet with officials of the NAACP Legal Department, ACLU and NSSFNS before the next meeting of the Coordinating Committee

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA - Further evidence of the permanency of the Southern Student Non-violent Movement was revealed today.

After exhaustive sessions lasting through midnight Friday and carrying through late afternoon today, the Coordinating Committee of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee set up staff and headquarters in Atlanta. This meeting was a follow up of the Raleigh, N. C., Conference of April 15th.

In addition to becoming the coordinating center for information and programming, the Atlanta office will serve as a clearing house for a series of southwide institutes on nonviolence sponsored by cooperating intergroup organizations such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and The American Friends Service Committee (QUAKERS). Students are expected to attend the nearest nonviolence institute. Several such institutes will be held this summer.

Detailed plans were drawn for coordinating the many phases of the student protest movement and recommendations were made for the channeling of funds to the proper agencies for student aid.

The conferees and observers from ten Southern states and six intergroup organizations saw great significance in the opening of the Nashville lunch counters on an integrated basis. They see promise that through mass, nonviolent action, all lunch counters will be desegregated.

Marion Barry (Nashville student and temporary chairman of the Committee) said; "This breakthrough -- without court action -- demonstrates the rapidity with which mass action can bring about social change. This is only the beginning."

Asked if the student protest would continue beyond June graduation, Dr.

Martin Luther King, advisor, said, "I'm convinced that the student movement will continue and will move into other areas of segregation."

The philosophy of the movement was crystallized in the following statement recommended for adoption as the creed:

We affirm the philosophical or religious ideal of nonviolence as the foundation of our purpose, the presupposition of our belief and the manner of our action.

Nonviolence as it grows from Judaic-Christian tradition, seeks a social order of justice permeated by love. Integration of human endeavor represents the crucial, first step toward such a society.

Through nonviolence courage displaces fear. Love transforms hate. Acceptance dissipates prejudice; hope ends despair. Faith reconciles doubt. Peace dominates war. Mutual regards cancel enmity. Justice for all overthrows injustice. The redemptive community supercedes immoral social systems.

By appealing to conscience and standing on the moral nature of human existence, nonviolence nurtures the atmosphere in which reconciliation and justice become actual possibilities.

Although each local group in this movement must diligently work out the clear meaning of this statement of purpose, each act or phase of our corporate effort must reflect a genuine spirit of love and good-will.