

FALL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee recommended that the Fall Conference emphasis be on a working Conference stressing a small number of intensive workshops and specific recommendations from them and ways to carry these out, rather than a number of speeches or more generalized activities. With this in mind, the Committee talked about focussing on two particular areas (i. e.) the specific organization of the student protest movement itself and new areas of direct action, such as A T & T and voter registration work. In carrying out such a Conference names were suggested such as "BLUE PRINT FOR A STUDENT MOVEMENT"; "STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOCIAL ACTION"; "ORGANIZING FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION", and etc. In discussing the number of workshops, it was agreed that we could not and did not want to cover all the areas of interest in the protest movement, but rather selectively pick five topics and that the conferees would remain in these workshops the entire day and therefore, hopefully be able to return to their individual communities with techniques and specifics.

Prior to the opening day of the Conference it was agreed to set up for an entire day, a briefing and training session to help those assuring leadership of the Conference. Those included in this workshop would be (1) The discussion leaders from the individual workshops (2) Recorders from the workshops (3) Observers and participants and (4) Resource persons. In addition, the various committees working and planning for the Conference. Some of the necessary functioning committees that were named were (1) Committee on Recommendations (2) Committee on literature and displays (3) Registration Committee (4) Housing Committee (5) Hospitality Committee (6) Public Relations Committee (7) Transportation Committee. A Business office and Public relations office should be set up. (8) Hardship Committee (to help with deciding questions of subsidy of students). It was thought that the Conference would start on Friday afternoon at 3 P.M., with a Business Meeting - which should consist of:

- A. Report of the past years work, including a discussion of
 1. Program; 2. Personnell; 3. Finances; 4. Problems
- B. Focus of this Conference, including a thorough discussion of
 1. Process of the Conference; 2. Conference Emphasis
- C. Recommendations for the Future. This discussion to be used as a sounding board for the ultimate recommendations that the Conference will be making.
- D. Appointing of a Committee On Recommendations. This Committee will function throughout the Conference sitting in on the workshops, helping summarize the decisions of the discussants and work on the final process of recommendations to the Conference.

6:00 P. M. - Break For Supper

8:00 P. M. - Keynote Address of the Conference - also the opening rally of the Conference. Suggestions as to the main speaker focussed on someone who would give some theoretical understanding and the larger social and p-olitical implications of the movement. Names indicated in order of their approval were

1. Prof. Thomas Pettigrew - Social Psychologist of Howard University.
2. Rev. Coffin of Yale University Divinity School.
3. Rev. C. T. Vivian of Nashville, Tennessee.
4. Dr. Carol Holman of the Atlanta Inquirer Newspaper Co.
5. Rev. Kelly Miller Smith of Nashville, Tennessee.
6. Dr. Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

The Saturday morning session to begin at 9:00 A.M. with an over-all session for the entire body devoted to a discussion of Non-Violence and the role it has to play in the student movement. Suggestions here for such a discussionist were Dean Steward of Howard University and Rev. Glenn Smiley of the Fellowship Of Reconciliation, Nyack, N. Y.

From this we would go into the five workshops on

1. Voter Registration
2. Direct Action in Public Facilities - Stand-Ins, Sit-Ins, Freedom Rides, Etc.
3. Organization of S.N.C.C. - with discussion on:
 - a. Projecting a Student Protest Image
 - b. Internal Organization and Structure
 - c. Financing and Public Relations
 - d. Relationship with other Organizations
4. Direct Action In Employment
 - a. Program of Telephone Companies
 - b. Creating new techniques and methods
5. Non-Violence and its relationships to action in - 1. Voter Registration
2. Desegregating public facilities, employment, and etc.

It was the feeling of the Committee that the first 4 workshops should be discussed in terms of its relation to the nonviolent philosophy. Since we should like to keep the number of participants in each workshop to between 15 to 20 persons it is estimated that we will be holding 2 or 3 workshops on each of these 5 areas concurrently.

12:00 P. M. - Lunch

2:00 P. M. - 3:30 Participants will go back to their same workshops and continue discussions. The last half hour will be used to summarize their discussions.

3:30-7:30 P.M. Free time and Supper

During this time the Committee On Recommendations will meet with the Group Leaders of the workshops and their recorders and summarize an over-all report to be made on the discussion of the workshops. A panel will present these summarized findings at the evening session. The panel will consist of group leaders and members of the Committee.

7:30 P.M. - Evening Session

Panel discussion of the findings of the workshops and a lengthy discussion period.

After the evening session the Committee On Recommendations will write out a full report and mimeograph it stating the recommendations of the Conference. This will be presented to the full body for their approval on Sunday morning.

Sunday - 10:00 A.M. - Morning meditation led by a student.

10:30 - Business Report made by a student appointed from the Committee On Recommendations and summarizing and pulling together all of the work, suggestions, and recommendations of the Conference. This would be an attempt to tie-up all the work and thinking of the Conference.

Lunch 12:00 - 2:00 Business session at 2 O'clock voting on the specific recommendations of the Conference. Recommendations to be approved on

1. Organization of S.N.C.C.
2. Action emphasis during the following year.