

Summer 1961

July, 1960: Moses goes to work for SNCC Atlanta ~~(July)~~. Field trip to get people to Oct. conf. Gets Aimsie Moore (Amzie Moore?), plans Voter Regi. project.

July 4, 1961 Moses officially SNCC Staff (acc. to application, but really August)

July 10, 1961 Moses arrives McComb in Pike County.

Early Aug. 189 Riders out on appeal, Aug-14-19 Riders back in Jackson set appeal date Aug. 22 Appeal trials start Jackson

Aug. 1961 - CC Bryant, head NAACP Pike Cy, had read in Jet of Moses plan, wrote him suggesting pike Cy. Moses went to see him in McComb, decided on schools there and in Walthall & Amite.

John Hardy (Nashville), Reggie Robinson (Baltimore) arrived soon.

Aug. 7, 1961 SNCC school opens

August - Moses says hired in McComb when staff hired staff.

Anne: Jane S. left fall, 1960. Ed King alone in office

June, 1961 Louisville meeting, SNCC depressed, no money, Tim Jenkins came late to meeting. Diane called Belafonte, asked him go on Freedom Ride.

All went up, conferred with Belafonte, apparently eventually got money thru him to hire first staff, enabling people to quit school.

TIM { Tim told June meeting money available if go into Voter Registration. Feeling negative. Tim said: "This will sweep the South like a tidal wave". He said: "For the first time we have a commitment from the federal government that they will act on this".

Connie Curry said yes, this is drift off future.

But people were cool and it was left hanging.

TIM July 1961 Baltimore meeting (Anne not here). Heard money and draft exemption offered for people going into voter registration. Estelle Wyckoff said student movement was being bought and paid for. ML King here, for the voter registration drive.

Decision postponed until August meeting.

-IM { Meanwhile, Tim Jenkins organizing training seminar Fisk August: Ella Baker, Sherrod, others. Very very useful.

(Aug. meeting before middle of August, Ann recalls)

TIM August 1961 meeting at Highlander. Nashville group mostly - Marion Barry, Diane, others, plus Ed King, for direct action.

Jenkins, Sherrod, McDew, Jones, for voter registration, said political structure basic.

Ann had mixed feelings.

Chuck chaired.

Ella smoothed what might have been split, reconciled two factions.

Compromise: two sections, Jones heading voter reg, Diane heading direct action.

Vep money not available until spring 1962.

Forman wanted to come South to write. Neither he nor Bob at Highlander.

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Diane: (799-7504) Brought Forman to meet Bevel & Lafayette at McComb.
Paul Brooks was from Nashville, student at Amer. Baptist Theol. Sem.
Forman, when in Fayette County, would come to Nashville, talk
to Diane, Paul about strategy. Lester McKinney also came to McComb.
Ed King not at McComb.

Ed King left around Sept. 12-13. So nobody in office for two weeks.

Diane had started Feb. 61 working for Nashville movement.

At Highlander: Diane afraid of getting too close to administration.

Jim Bevel did join SNCC staff, stayed until Spring 1962, then to SCLC.
Diane worked for SNCC until 1963.

Staff hired first:

- Bevel
- Jones
- Moses
- Sherrrod
- Jones
- Diamond
- Robinson
- Hardy
- Lester McKinney
- McDew
- ~~Max~~ Diane?
- Forman
- Zellner

Bunch hired in McComb, then a few in Atlanta.