

STUDENT NONVIOLENT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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REGINALD ROBINSON
FIELD SECRETARY

Reginald Robinson was the second field secretary of the SNCC. He joined the staff in August, 1961 on SNCC's first voter registration project in McComb, Mississippi.



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Since then, he has directed SNCC projects in Alabama, North and South Carolina, and was instrumental in the formation of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee of Cambridge, Maryland.

Robinson was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1939. He became active in the civil rights movement through the Civic Interest Group (CIG) of Baltimore while he was a student at Cortez Peters Business School, and was CIG's representative to SNCC in 1961.

After working on SNCC's pilot Mississippi project, Robinson worked in Birmingham, and toured Southern states helping student groups to organize protests. He returned to Maryland to coordinate Northern protest against discriminatory public accommodations on Route 40, and entered Cambridge, Maryland in December, 1961.

There he and SNCC worker Bill Hansen, now director of SNCC's Arkansas Project, helped develop the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee and coordinated Freedom Rides into Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Leaving Cambridge in March, Robinson helped student groups in Louisville and Frankfort, Kentucky to organize protests.

He joined SNCC's growing Southwest Georgia staff in the late summer of 1963, and worked on voter registration in Terrell, Lee, Sumter and Dougherty Counties.

He then traveled with SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman to Cairo, Illinois, Charleston Missouri, Fayette County, Tennessee (Tent City), and throughout the Delta of Mississippi.

He did preliminary survey work in September, 1962 for a SNCC project in Selma, Alabama, that has developed into a major project for SNCC.

He rejoined the Cambridge, Maryland movement in November, 1962, and went from there to South Carolina where he spearheaded a voter registration project from December, 1962 through April, 1963.

Robinson also headed a SNCC voter registration project in Raleigh, North Carolina.