

PRESS INFORMATION

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE OF THE
STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE(SNCC)

Theme: "FOOD AND JOBS"

Washington, D. C.: Andrew Rankin Chapel of Howard University
6th and College Streets, North West

November 29 Through December 1, 1963

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Friday, November 29:

SNCC Chairman JOHN LEWIS will open the Conference at 10:00 A. M.

JAMES BALDWIN, noted Negro author, will deliver the keynote address.

NORMAN THOMAS will consider the economic condition of the Negro, manipulation of the local and federal government by power interests, along with a discussion of such trends as the industrialisation of the South and the movement of industries out of the United States.

Robert Moses, head of SNCC Mississippi project, will discuss the economic and political power structure of the South.

Workshops will be held with resource persons and SNCC staff members.

Later that evening, the group will hear SNCC's own Freedom Singers.

Saturday, November 30:

Dan Schulner of the Manpower Development and Training Agency will discuss unemployment retraining and area redevelopment.

Helen Johnston of the Migrant Health Section, U. S. Department of Health, Welfare, and Education, will speak on federal health programs for the South.

Fay Bennett, National Secretary of the National Sharecroppers Fund, will cover the status of the small farmer in the South and programs available to him.

Jack Conway, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO (UAW) will discuss the role of labor in the changing South.

Question and answer periods follow

Sunday, December 1:

Stanley Aronowitz, Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union, will deal with problems of the national economy.

BAYARD RUSTIN, Deputy Director of the August 28th March on Washington, will discuss new perspectives on civil rights.

SNCC Chairman, JOHN LEWIS, will close the Conference.

Workshop Resource Personnel include:

JAMES FORMAN, Executive Secretary, SNCC

Clay Cochran and Jack Conway : Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO

Lewis Carliner, United Auto Workers

Norman Curland and Peter Labossi of U. S. Civil Rights Commission

Tom Kahn, Workers Defense League

Ben Segal, Education Director, International Union of Electricians, AFL-CIO

(A Press Conference will be held Friday, Nov. 29, at 11:00 AM at the First Congregational Church, 10th and G Streets, NW, Room 206; NA 8 4317. A Press Room will be held open throughout the Conference in the basement of the Andrew Rankin Chapel, 6th and College Streets, NW.) /.....more

INFORMATION ABOUT SNCC

- ... The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee grew out of the sit-in movement which swept across the South in early 1960.
- ... In August 1961, SNCC launched its first voter registration project in three black belt counties in southern Mississippi.
- ... In October, SNCC workers went to Albany, Georgia and surrounding counties and precipitated the protests of the Albany Movement.
- ... By the summer of 1963, SNCC had initiated and participated in direct action in 49 cities and in 13 states.

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SNCC's staff is comprised of 96 field secretaries and field workers, and 12 Atlanta office staff -- who are paid subsistence wages.

SNCC's staff is augmented by more than 100 full time volunteer workers, and thousands of local people with whom they live and work.

SNCC's Coordinating Committee is made up of representatives from 20 affiliated local protest groups and student groups requesting affiliation, from Maryland to Texas.

SNCC's Executive Committee is composed of local leaders elected to the Co at the Annual Spring Conference.

SNCC's program, while concentrating on voter registration and direct action, also includes work-study projects at two southern colleges, and a structured adult literacy program in Mississippi.

SNCC's northern support comes chiefly from 12 officially organized "Friends of SNCC" groups in cities from Boston to Los Angeles.

SNCC also maintains itself as a student organization by having campus support at over 100 colleges in the North.

SNCC is developing a program for widescale contact with Negro and white colleges in the South.

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MAJOR FIELD PROJECTS ARE LOCATED IN:

- *Central Alabama (Selma and Gadsden), directed by Worth Long.
- *The Arkansas Delta Area (Pine Bluff), directed by William Hansen.
- *Southwest Georgia (Albany and Americus), directed by Charles Sherrod.
- *The five Congressional Districts of Mississippi (with bases in Batesville, Biloxi, Clarksdale, Cleveland, Columbus, Greenville, Greenwood, Hattiesburg, Holly Springs, Jackson, Laurel, McComb, Meridian, and Vicksburg) directed by Robert Moses.
- *North Carolina (Raleigh), headed by Reginald Robinson
- *Southside Virginia (Danville and Farmville), directed by Avon Rollins.

Executive Secretary: JAMES FORMAN Chairman: JOHN LEWIS

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"ONE MAN - ONE VOTE!"