

Contacts - Gene Guerrero

- Samuel P. Starks - Business Rep. for Carpenters Local 1667 in Biloxi. Very sympathetic to our work and very sensitive to problems of Miss. and the South. Doesn't want to lose his influence in Biloxi but will not compromise his basic principles. Mr. Starks is from old Biloxi family and is on the city planning commission. Gave us several contacts. Address is 419 Reynoir St. Phone ID 6-4732
- Martin Cruse - Has a new charter from N MU (?) with which he hopes to organize fisherman and cannery workers in this area. He is retired and this work is voluntary. Has great deal of respect among those he hopes to work with. However seems to lack the energy and daring ~~xxxxx~~ required for his difficult job. Talked with three of us for a couple of hours. Doesn't seem to be any chance of working with him.
- Jerry O'Keefe - Former X state legislator from this area. Mr. Starks regards him as a statesman rather than a politician. He was open to talking with us but unwilling to give us any help. Seems to be at least a little sympathetic. Possibly he would help if we called on him for something specific which did not require sticking out his neck. Address is 317 E. Howard Ave. Phone 432-7018
- Bob Dolese - Resident planner for the city. Is employed by a New Orleans planning firm. He is friendly but was unable to give us much help on this visit. Should be of some help when contacted for specifics. Office is on third floor of city hall.
- Leo Krapo - Owner of furniture store on West Howard Ave. Resident of city for 19 years. Originally from Mass. Open to talking but very little help. First contact of mine to argue states rights. Seems to feel insecure because of his Yankee background and is going to extreme to compensate.
- Bob Dyer - Contact through the Unitarians. Is in training at the base. Willing and capable to help in any way. Very fine guy. Has worked with CORE on the West Coast. Could be useful with complaints to the Justice Dept. about the base.
- Julia Bohanan - Contact through Unitarian. Ran for legislature and apparently put up a good fight. Lost however. Native of the state.
- Claude Ramsey - state president of the AFof L-CIO. Very fine contact. Knows what is happening. Did not give any encouragement to our working with him in any way. Said we could be of help by getting wayward Negro locals to affiliate ~~xx~~ with the state organization.
- Davenport - Teamsters representative for area. Home in Gulfport. Very tight-lipped. Of no help to us.
- A.H. Lambright - Unitarian minister in Gulfport. Not dynamic but aware and very much on our side. Congregation seems to have average attendance of about twenty.