

STATEMENT: WHAT FREEDOM SCHOOLS WILL MEAN TO LOUISIANA

It has become evident to the CORE Task Force and others working in Louisiana that one of the chief needs of the economically and culturally deprived segment of Louisiana's white and black population is a moral, cultural and educational awakening. The means to accomplish this are either non-existent or unexploited within the present educational system. The alternative is the establishment of a Freedom School system.

The Freedom Schools are being established in individual depressed Negro communities throughout the state. The initial appeal will be to the Negro people for obvious reasons but continued and tireless encouragement to attend will be extended to the area's Caucasian residents also.

The curriculum of the schools will vary according to the individual needs of the community: but the main emphasis will be on social studies such as Negro History, American History, World History, The Nature of Prejudice, etc. There will be an attempt to have classes in any subject the community desires.

It is only through this educational process that the oppressed and the oppressor can have their self respect and human dignity restored.

Freedom Schools will be set up whenever possible and information relative scope of courses is now available.