

From the 3rd. week.

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NOTES TO THE ONCOMING MINISTERS

These sketchy notes are prepared in order that we may share with you some of the things we learned during our stay here in Hattiesburg for the Ministers project. It is hoped that they may be of some help to you in the weekend transition.

I. PICKET LINE

Don't wear you placards while walking to the Courthouse
In line walk in single file
Don't consort with the police or especially Mr Photographer King
The police will harrass the SNCC workers more than you; don't worry they're used to it
You can talk pictures as you will
Usually at the end there will be a song--you may be asked to pray

II. CANVASSING

We've been doing this mostly in the afternoons
SNCC will tell us where to go.
Be sure your SNCC coworker has 1. The Registration form, 2. The Constitution sections, and 3. The Interpretation of it.
Write the house numbers down and the names of those contacted or not.
Keep telling those who have registered to get others to.
Those who registered the first week can start calling in to find out if they passed.
Read the Federal Court order injunction/directive to Theron Lynd.

III. MASS MEETINGS

These begin at 7:30 each evening at different churches
Some of you will be called on to speak
The SNCCs will lead them
At the end, join hands in singing "We Shall Overcome." One of you will be asked to pray. Do it loud.

IV. RELATIONS WITH SNCC

During the first two weeks relations with SNCC workers were much closer because we lived in SNCC Headquarters. We drank beer and danced together.
This last week it was decided ^{by the ministers} that such might leave us open for arrest, and such arrest would be for the wrong reasons, even though we would all like to develop these closer personal relations
Spend as much time as possible with the SNCC People.
The leaders (paid, when paid) are mostly 21 and older. The SNCCers (as we called them are the younger SNCCs--usually high school. Many are staying out of school or have dropped out;
Most all of these people are living on a shoe string. Some--usually the unofficial SNCCs will ask for financial aid. Give it, but be careful.

3rd week yet 4th.
The SNCCs are rightfully disenchaned with the Church and God. What we are and do will say more than a million sermons

V. PREACHERS' MEETINGS

In everything try and get agreement on strategy and tactics before you act. Probably we wouldn't have had the nine arrests if we had worked out a plan before hand, *With the lawyer.*
Everyone should attend these meetings

VI. NEGRO COMMUNITY CONTACTS

John Cameron--leading young Negro Minister. Top Man. Offered a \$12,000. a year job but felt he should come here. He makes less than \$50.00 a week.

Mr. Fairly--President of local NAACP. Owns the TV shop in which he has housed us.;

Mr. Damer--VP of NAACP. Biggest Negro cotton farmer in the Negro community. Will take people to meetings, e.g. the Band Concert to speak.

VII. WHITE COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Rev. Cox--Northern ULS. Presby. Minister here who may be having qualms of conscience. He effected a meeting with the Mayor and attorneys.

University Contacts

Louis Farmer--Southern Baptist Campus Pastor. *On Non-committal but more our way*
Father Mercier--R.C. A liberal who sees the inefitability of it. Lived in the North, ~~LST~~ St. Paul, Minn.;

Brister Ware--US Presby. LChaplain. Bible quoting, interrogating, fundie.

See: Denson Napier, Methodist Chaplain

Dr. John L.F. Nau who is professor and religious coordinator. We heard on good authority that he is a vocal liberal who has had run-ins with the school's President. ~~Think~~ *Think* he's older.

The Socilogy Profs

The Methodist Minjsters in town have been visited

Suggestion--Those of you who are Rotarians, etc. find out when the meetings are and go!!! The Rotarians meet on Wed. None of us have gone.

VIII. THE LAW

The Lady Judge--Smiling lecturer. (*Mildred Norriss*)

Mr. Dukes, Prosecuting Attorney who pours on the Southern accent in Court
To him, we are "so-called ministers."

The Chief and the Honchos--use them against the Juvenile Cops.

The Juvenile Cops are brought on at expense to the City to control us and the Red-neck Crackers. They love to curse at the SNCCs and try to rill them up.

While we were here, one night they arrested five SNCCs on trumped up charges like failing to carry their Selective Service Cards, burglary, intimidating an officer, etc. Guyot is in jail for the most trumped up charge of all: "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" he didn't even know.

The Cops (Roaches, Ants, Fuzz, etc.) will drive around and harrass people at all hours of the night.

IX. PERSONAL CONDUCT

Always try and have someone with you when you go out.

Wear clerics if you have them.

When in doubt consult our "Legal Eagle" and Chairman.

Try and do all your buying in the Negro Community.

Eat at the Whirly-bird

X. ON CARS

Lock them at all times. The cops would love to plant a bottle in it.

Try and limit your driving to Voter Registration Business and Mass Meetings which we should always try and attend.

XI. IN GENERAL

We didn't do it, but appoint someone to keep a daily log which can be kept and passed on to the next group.

Start a filing system to keep affidavits, etc.

Go to the Newspaper Office and buy back papers and to send home.

Get someone to clean up the Johns and sweep the place; this a daily assignment.

When taking a shower only let it trickle, otherwise the room will be flooded.