

SOME ASPECTS OF BLACK-WHITE PROBLEMS

AS SEEN BY FIELD STAFF

1. Fears (that Negroes have of being associated with an inter-racial group in Mississippi. This varies per area and depends upon the sex of the whites in some areas.)
2. Insecurities (skilled vs. unskilled - whites tend to have superior educational background and tend to get in command posts.
3. Deep Feelings (past racial incidents that still are "bugging" people. Very deep, emotional, not easily gotten at by talking, etc.)

Some problems in staff - trying to get white staff members to understand these feelings - and the whites' inability to do so.

4. Growing up hating white people. Many people have grown up in isolated communities where the whites have killed their friends and relatives and have seen only whites beating or interrogating Negroes.
5. Role of whites in the Movement - Do you want whites visible in places where people have not learned to trust Negro leadership? Question of where you want white people in the movement.

Missionary attitudes are really resented.

6. Do I have competent black leadership which I can aspire to and emulate and admire?

What does it mean for a white person to come down and work on projects?

White people do come down without grappling with their own feelings about Negroes.

7. Obsession of Negroes with whites (the problem).
8. Conflicts between hating whites and having to cooperate with them, knowing that much of the movement depends upon them -- and having to differentiate between good whites and bad whites.
9. Sometimes whites are an unnecessary risk. Other places/^{where}they can be better used.
10. Problems the whites in the movement feel.
11. Sexual problems that racism produces.

12. Different motivation between white and black being in the movement.
13. Public Relations Aspects
14. White's reactions to Negroes feelings about whites.
15. Degrees of experience.
16. Who sets the rules, - use of facilities, etc.
17. Whites who try to become Negroes? Motivations, etc. for being in the movement.
18. Field Staff Problems - Intra
19. Learning from Negro community --
20. White community needs to be changed first