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WHO'S THE BLAME?

Every human being is the same,                      Every man should have some aim;  
Matter not his color or his name,                  Rich or poor he shouldn't be ashamed  
If it's Little John or Big Kings,                  Because God made all humans the same.  
He has been born, and who's to blame?          Man has been born and who's the blame?

Pastella Taylor (17) Mt. Olive Freedom School, Mississippi (1964)

Dear Stamp Contributor and Friend of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee:

In one of Brecht's plays Galileo says to the Little Monk (he is talking about people bound by the society in which they live, barely existing, galled by injustice, but who feel that their condition is unalterable) "I can see their divine patience but where is their divine fury?"

We have seen that fury in Cambridge, in Newark, in Detroit. A fury born of hundreds of years of our inhumanity and predicted by many including John F. Kennedy with few ears to hear.

Again the executioners blame the victims; while they match their genocidal war in Asia with plans for one at home. The usual committees are formed, the usual commissions are appointed and the usual pious platitudes are coupled with attacks on SNCC and its leaders.

"Who's the Blame?" A recent writer to the S. F. Chronicle tells us clearly: "The most dangerous people in America are people like you and I, who burn no houses with our own hands. The most vicious people in America are people like you and I, whose white shirts are clean and whose minds are filthy with self-righteousness and hypocrisy. The most violent people in America are people like you and I who hire assassins in uniform to murder children in the ghettos." And he tells us why: Because "you and I created the culture of affluence that uses the culture of poverty as its sewer system."

In 1964, James Baldwin writing of the dreadful realities we have imposed upon the black people in this country wrote, to you and to me: "People who shut their eyes to reality simply invite their own destruction, and anyone who insists on remaining in a state of innocence long after innocence is dead turns himself into a monster."

We, the community of whites, have to a great degree lost our chance to work with those blacks who represent the conscience of this country. We have not lost the privilege of supporting and understanding them as long as we consider human life more valuable than property. Every attempt by black people to wrest justice from this society has been met with a loss of "friends." It is heartening to know that new friends appear at these times of crisis and that support of the stamp program continues to be substantial. But it is not enough.

We ask you for your own soul's sake to step up your contributions to SNCC and to the stamp program. Some people send us all their stamps.

Thank you for your fine letters. Too many of you, too few of us to acknowledge.

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PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO 5 OF YOUR FRIENDS MOST LIKELY TO RESPOND.

This is not a chain letter.

Dear Friend:

Dr. Ben Mohr Herbster, president of the United Church of Christ, says in a UPI dispatch, "I have one great concern at the moment. I fear that many church people will use the militancy that has developed in the Negro community as an excuse to withdraw from the Civil Rights effort. There has never been a time when our help was so needed." Dr. Herbster continues, "UNLESS WE ARE ABLE TO STAND HERE, WE WILL NOT BE WORTHY OF STANDING ANY PLACE ELSE."

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee needs our support. We of the white community need to give it if we are to, in the words of James Baldwin, "end the racial nightmare, and achieve our country, and change the history of the world."

Will you stand here?

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