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Dear Friend:

You were probably aware that the public school systems in the South were, in general, inferior to those of the rest of the nation, but perhaps you did not know that worse than anywhere else were the school systems of Mississippi. As measured in significant terms: education requirements for the teaching license, teacher-student ratio, course offerings, counseling services, valid accreditation, education for white students in Mississippi ranks behind every other state - and education for Negro students ranks behind that: only 7 of the 227 Negro secondary schools in the state are accredited.

This summer the Council of Federated Organizations, whose members include the NAACP, CORE, and SNCC, has called for the establishment of Freedom Schools, a crash program to provide remedial and enrichment curricula presently unavailable in the Mississippi schools. They have appealed for qualified personnel and the UFT will answer that appeal. This summer, as they did last summer in Prince Edward County, Virginia, New York teachers will serve as volunteers, again contributing as educators to the cause of human rights.

We ask your help to sustain this project. The need is desperate: in a democracy, every mind in darkness is a burden shared by all. The enlightenment of a single individual marks a step in human progress.

Every \$300 will support a teacher in Mississippi for the entire summer. We urge you to contribute - all that you can - to:

The Mississippi Summer Project  
United Federation of Teachers  
300 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York 10010

Very truly yours,