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STATEMENT OF THE SNCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The "stall-ins" are a necessary development of the failure of established leadership to deal effectively with the problems of the urban ghetto.

To the extent that these problems are not ameliorated, tactics such as the "stall-in" - and others - will be employed by the discontented Negroes of the North and South.

Criticism of this, and other tactics, is useless without meaningful alternatives for action.

It is incumbent upon those who criticize - both civil rights groups and the white liberal community - to pose other methods and techniques which will result in meaningful victories for Negroes across the country, who one hundred years after the Emancipation Proclamation, find themselves half slave in the South and half free in the North.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee is committed in our practice to the use of any tactic or strategy which is non-violent, and which will dramatize the plight of numbers of Negroes in the ghettos of the North and South, so long as these actions do not endanger lives nor cause the destruction of property.

As long as injustice and racial discrimination exist in this country, demonstrations will continue.

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