

**MICHIGAN'S STAKE IN THE  
FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

The Democratic Party of Mississippi has consistently opposed the best interests of the Citizens of Michigan and the nation.

Legislation which Michigan's representatives in Congress have proposed on behalf of Michigan constituents has been openly opposed by representatives of Mississippi.

Mississippi's disenfranchised citizens wish to participate in this country's two-party system effectively. If they continue to be denied a voice in national government and a legitimate place in the Democratic Party, they will be forced to go it alone with their party.

It is vital that a large segment of people in this country who wish to exercise their rights as regular Democratic Party members be given this chance.

The loss of their votes is a loss to the Democratic Party.

We cannot afford this loss!

**Help Free Mississippi!**



**MISSISSIPPI  
FREEDOM  
DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY**

The Democratic Party in Mississippi which supports the National Democratic Party Policies.

Sponsored by Council of Federated  
Organizations (COFO)  
NAACP, CORE, SCLC, SNCC

## WHAT IS THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

The Party was established as a challenge to the traditional Democratic Party of Mississippi which has made it impossible for Negroes of the state, or white people who consider all people to be citizens, to participate in the Democratic Party.

Mississippi citizens who are in sympathy with the goals platform and national candidates of the National Democratic Party cannot support them within the party as it is now constituted.

The regular Democratic Party of Mississippi is in direct opposition to the national party.

The regular Democratic Party of Mississippi has stated in party literature that it is not a part of the national party.

The regular Democratic Party of Mississippi has not supported the Democratic presidential candidates in the past.

Therefore, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party was formed to serve as the party in which all citizens of the state who wish to support national Democratic Party policies can participate.

The Council of Federated Organizations, a coalition of national and local civil rights groups in the state, aided the local citizens in setting up a Democratic Party Structure.

## FREEDOM PARTY REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Groundwork for the Party is laid in a statewide unofficial Freedom Registration whose purpose is to register the estimated 400,000 disenfranchised citizens of Mississippi.

The Party is open to citizens of both races. Registrars in each county register applicants who fill out a simple form, the Freedom Registration Form, based on the voting applications used in several northern states. No literacy test is applied. The only requirement for registration is that the applicant be 21 or over and a legal resident of the state.

Meetings of the Freedom Party throughout the state and the selection of party candidates to the National Convention parallel the meetings of the regular Democratic Party of Mississippi and follow the pattern stipulated in the Election Laws of Mississippi as closely as possible.

Freedom Registration books will be used for the unofficial freedom elections to be held at the same time as the official Democratic primary and November general elections.

The Freedom Democratic Party is designed to show that thousands of citizens of Mississippi who are presently denied the right to vote and participate in the regular Democratic Party would do so, if they could.

## CONVENTION CHALLENGE

The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party plans to challenge the seating of the regular Mississippi Democratic Party at the National Convention in August.

### Grounds for the Challenge:

The delegates of the regular Mississippi Democratic Party are chosen by undemocratic means.

The Mississippi Democratic Party has been consistently disloyal to the National Party.

The regular Mississippi party organization did not support the national convention's nominees in 1960 - John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

The regular Mississippi party organization repudiated the national convention's platform in 1960, and has stated that "Both national parties are enemies," and "The Mississippi Democratic Party is completely free of both national parties, and is solely an instrument of the citizens of this state."

The Mississippi Democratic party stands in violation of the national party policies and principles. These are sufficient grounds to withdraw recognition of the state party according to national Democratic party rules.