

TO ALL TEACHERS: POSTER PARTY FOR MFDP INSTRUCTIONS

On Saturday afternoon, July 25, we in Hattiesburg will be holding Precinct meetings of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. We have only 10 days between now and then. VR people will be canvassing and organizing, but we need additional massive publicity. We expect to have a notice in the newspaper and spot radio announcements. (We are prohibited by local city ordinances from using loud speaker systems.) We especially need many, many posters and notices. Some will be for churches and stores, while others can be taken home or tacked wherever a poster will go.

Please:

1. Explain, especially within the next two weeks about the MFDP; particularly discuss it with the adults.
2. Try to enlist the aid of the children to reach parents. When the children make posters in school, have them take several home, or to neighbor's homes, to be posted in the homes. These need be large. Or, involve them in slogan campaigns (at Mt. Zion each child makes and wears each day a different "Registration" slogan).
3. Have a "Poster Party" sometime before Friday July 17; Thursday July 16, in the afternoon from 2-4 was suggested. We need posters of all sizes and colors, as they will go in all sorts of places--from stores and churches to houses and living-rooms.
4. Make two kinds of posters: a set to tell generally about the MFDP, and some to announce the Precinct Meeting. The more the better. Hopefully, the general MFDP set will go up immediately for the "Registration Drive". The Precinct Meeting announcements should be up by the beginning of next week (June 19). Where posters are placed in churches, the announcements of the Precinct Meetings MUST be up by Saturday July 18.

FOR THE MFDP TO BE SUCCESSFUL POLITICALLY AND VALID LEGALLY,
WE MUST HAVE WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY.

Some general information for poster messages: (see also the printed pamphlet on the MFDP with the picture of the meeting on the front.)

- The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is for ALL Mississippians. (Always spell out the MFDP.)
- Do Eastland and Stennis represent you? The MFDP does!
- See your own MFDP in TV in August.
- The MFDP will represent you in Atlantic city! The MFDP will try to take Senator Eastland's chair at the the National Democratic convention there.
- The MFDP can help choose the Democratic Candidate for President.
- From _____ to Atlantic City, from your Precinct Meeting to the Democratic National convention, support the MFDP, your party.
- Have your SAY in Mississippi--come to the Precinct Meeting...etc.
- Make democracy work in Mississippi, come to the Precinct Meetings
- Display as graphically as possible the information about the chain of meetings(Precinct, County District and State, to the National convention. Stress that the Precinct Meetings are the most important link in the chain.)

You and the children can be much more creative with the exciting material that the MFDP and the challenge in A.C. provide. If you have any questions, ask a VR person.

All Precinct Meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m., July 25 (Saturday) There will be four meetings in the Hattiesburg area. Make posters for your area only. You and your students will be responsible for blanketing your respective area. Equipment can be picked up at the office on Mobile St. after 6:00, Wed. July 15.