

The Steering Committee held an emergency meeting, with five members present, at Mrs. Siegel's home on Wednesday, August 12th, at 3:30 PM, Mr. Arthur Carstens acting as Chairman in the absence of Mr. Robert Hunn.

Secretary Adele Siegel reported hearing from various other Parents Groups regarding sending a delegation of observers to Mississippi. The project will be dropped, due to lack of support, and Mr. Bob Moses expressed by telephone his disappointment.

Miss Donna Leslie, representing the Student Coordinating Council of UCLA, asked permission to use the Parents Committee's name in sending out letters of appeal for the "Adopt-a-Mississippi-worker" Plan. The students will do all clerical work involved. Questions were discussed as to who would administrate the funds collected, whether or not COFO would approve, and whether or not this could be started by the present Parents Emergency Committee, which might be dissolved in the very near future. Mr. Carstens favored the adoption program, provided we have sanction of the National COFO organization and a statement from them that makes clear the administration of funds, they assuming the responsibility for money administration. Mr. Dick Wilson moved (seconded by Judy Newman and carried) that on the basis as outlined and clarified by Mr. Carstens, we agree to lend our name as the initial push for this program. Mr. Wilson agreed to be the parent contact between the Committee and the student group "for the time being".

It was suggested that the Secretary ask Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Brill to represent, and report back to, the Parents Group at a planning meeting of the Hollywood-Los Feliz Jewish Community Center, in answer to an invitation from their Human Rights Committee.

Due to lack of funds for this purpose, it was decided not to send a second delegate to the Platform Committee hearings, either in Washington or Atlantic City. Secretary Siegel was directed to write to the Northern California Parents, asking that they share half the \$400.00 to be raised toward sending our delegate, Mr. Edwin Wilson, who will represent both groups at the Platform meetings.

Mrs. Judy Newman reported on her attendance at a planning meeting, on Wednesday morning, of the religious and civil rights groups, regarding a fitting memorial service for the three workers killed in Mississippi. (Mr. Harold Johnson, our designated representative, was also present at that meeting, but absent at the Steering meeting). Due to the difficulties, if not impossibility, of co-sponsorship by these groups, the final decision was that the memorial service set for Aug. 23rd, will be sponsored by the united civil rights groups, including NAACP, Urban League, CORE and SNCC. Spokesmen for the churches offered the support of their interfaith groups, in lieu of co-sponsorship, and at some later date would ask support of the civil rights members at a service under church sponsorship. Mr. Carstens proposed that the Steering Committee recommend our members be publicized and encouraged to attend and that this be placed first on Monday night's general meeting agenda.

After discussion, it was recommended that Mr. ^{Saul} Stahlberg, of Long Beach, who plans to work in Mississippi during September, be referred to COFO for financial assistance. However, certain individual bail funds of the Parents Committee, offered if unused, will still stand in reserve for Mr. Stahlberg.