

PARENTS MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, LOS ANGELES AREA

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NEXT MEETING

Time and Place to be Announced

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SLAIN CR WORKERS

Memorial services for Michael Schwerner, James Chaney, and Andrew Goodman, slaughtered heroes of the Mississippi Summer Project, will be held on Sunday, August 23, at 5:00 P.M. in the Holman Methodist Church, 3320 West Adams. Ironically, these tragic deaths quite possibly served to protect our own children from greater harm than they have suffered. Our presence, and that of our friends, at services honoring these young men will demonstrate not only our deep sorrow, but our determination that the aims for which they died will be our foremost concern until freedom for every American is achieved.

THE SACRAMENTO STORY (An improvisation on "My Fair Lady")

We did it, we did it . . . we said that we would do it and indeed we did . . . They said that we would rue it, they doubted that we'd do it, but succeed we did.

Present at the 1964 Convention of the State Democratic Central Committee last weekend were seven newly-returned student volunteers from Mississippi, led by our own Chris Wilson and Bob Newbery, and four parents, including Los Angelenos Adele Siegel, Richard Wilson, and Judy Newman. Chris and Bob highlighted the testimony before the Resolutions and Platform Committee which resulted in the final -- and unexpected -- tumultuous passage on the Convention floor of a resolution for the seating of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party delegation at the National Convention, rather than the "regular" Mississippi delegation. Because of California's significance on the national scene this year, the importance of such a victory cannot be overestimated. Mastermind of Convention strategy was master-strategist Paul Albert, of the Californians for Liberal Representation, to whom all California parents of Mississippi volunteers owe a vote of thanks. The Reverend Harold Johnson, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Glendora, is the Los Angeles Parents Committee's representative to the national Democratic Convention this week. He will testify to for the seating of the Freedom Party delegation.

WHAT TO DO

1. Wire the Honorable David E. Lawrence, Chairman of Credentials Committee, National Democratic Convention, at 216 Executive Office, The White House, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gunsett, co-chairman of the Committee, at the Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey (c/o the California Delegation to the National Democratic Convention.) Ask for support of seating of the Freedom Delegation from Mississippi, to which the California Delegation is morally committed by the actions of the California State Convention.
2. Wire Assemblyman Thomas E. Bane, and Mrs. Virna Canson, at the Ambassador Hotel address, with similar expressions. These are our California representatives to the Credentials Committee of the National Democratic Convention -- they need strong indications of our wishes, and of our support, if the actions of Sacramento are to be carried to Atlantic City. THE SEATING OF THE FREEDOM PARTY DELEGATION IS THE ONLY MEANS BY WHICH ALL THE CITIZENS OF MISSISSIPPI CAN BE GIVEN A POLITICAL PARTY THROUGH WHICH TO WORK. This will be the culmination of the Mississippi Summer Project, for which so many have done so much.

MEMORANDA

Ron Bridgeforth, son of a member of the Parents Committee of Los Angeles, is out of jail and his case has been transferred to a Federal court. Characteristically, while his mother was worrying in Los Angeles, he was already on his way to Atlantic City to continue the work for which he went to Mississippi! Will we ever keep up with the young?

The Parents Committee has received responses from Congressman Thomas Kuchel and Senator Pierre Salinger to requests for assistance with problems arising from arrests and harrassment of civil rights workers in Mississippi. They have been helpful in our efforts to protect the student volunteers who have been in jail this Summer.

SEND THOSE WIRES!