

A CALL FOR SUPPORT

of the YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI

In Their Attempt To Get A Charter From The Young Democratic Clubs Of America

Negro and white young people have taken the risks and organized to work politically for basic improvements in Mississippi. Thus far, the Young Democratic Clubs of America have turned us down twice in our attempt to get the official state charter. We know that with your support we will be successful in obtaining our rightful charter this October 12-16 in New York City where the Young Democratic Clubs of America have their annual convention. Use this book to guide your work.

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- A PERSONAL, UNOFFICIAL OPINION. THIS BOOK
DOES NOT PRETEND TO SPEAK FOR THE YDCM.

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HISTORY OF THE CLUBS

August 9, 1964 over 300 local Mississippians met at the Baptist Seminary in Meridian in convention as the Young Democratic Clubs of Mississippi. These young people ratified a Constitution in conformity to the national Young Democratic Clubs of America (YDCA) Constitution, and elected the following officers: Melvin Whitfield, President; Willie Clay, Vice President; Delmas Henderson, Secretary; Malcolm Taylor, Treasurer; Larry Jones, National Committeeman; Roscoe Jones, Vice National Committeeman; and Thelma Eubanks, National Committeewoman. All the officers were elected as delegates to the YDCA national convention in Atlantic City. The only civil rights workers who helped were Joe Morse (CORE) and Tom Harris (COFO volunteer from Virginia). We failed to get our charter at the YDCA convention August 21-23 mainly on the grounds the Mississippi regular Democratic Party had not certified us. However, the YDCA Constitution provides that if the regular state party did not support the national presidential ticket, then that requirement is waived. We had proof on the Chairman, Bidwell Adam, (see documents below) but it was not accepted. We came back into Mississippi and campaigned for LBJ and HHH, sometimes getting harassment as if that constituted civil rights work. However, there was a new national atmosphere which greatly involves us. The Mississippi Summer Project of SNCC and COFO and the Freedom Democratic Party convention challenge (with its very significant victory requiring the state regular party

to desegregate) had created such great pressures that the national and state power structures were beginning to be forced to give in some to the civil rights movement. But at the same time, the liberal community was tired of being in the back seat in the Movement to SNCC, CORE, FDP, and COFO, and they wanted to run the show as they were used to before the Movement got going in these recent years (see the first two documents following). The NAACP announced that they were going to run a separate summer project from COFO (rumored to be with the national Democratic Party and the AFL-CIO as part of the drive to isolate and kill SNCC, COFO, and FDP). The "Movement" had gotten too strong and had gotten too much (the '64 Civil Rights Bill, the upcoming voting bill, etc.) and now had to be slowed down. The NAACP was willing to be "responsible and happy to criticize the direct action/ local people forces. The new voting bill especially is going to create a large chunk of voting power which all types of people want to control. While these conservative moves were going on with the power structure and the liberal establishment, the national Young Democrats were also working. The YDCA President, J. Albert House, is from North Carolina and he appointed Spencer Oliver, a former Texas YD leader to head up a committee to "handle" the situation for him. There were several high level meetings in Washington with the National Committee of the Democratic Party. In addition, the former President of the Mississippi Young Democrats (YDs) when it was an entirely white group, Robert Oswald, made a statement (see documents) to Oliver which shows the great and similar concern over the Young Democrats and the Freedom Democratic Party. It seems that these "liberals" just can not stand Negroes leading or predominating in any important group which has influence in the white community - nor can civil rights be a main feature. Spencer Oliver was appointed in March to "handle" us as Chairman of the Membership Practices Committee. There was no membership practices issue in Mississippi (no one is claiming that Negroes or whites can't join, etc.) but there is in Alabama, where the white state group wouldn't give a charter to the Negro Tuskegee chapter. Oliver used the Alabama situation as an excuse to then "cover the other deep south situation also". The YDCA Constitution only mentions the Credentials Committee as having any relevance to charter issues. Oliver then set up a meeting in Jackson April 4th without consulting the only group who was applying for a charter (our group) as to who and where the meeting should be. It was held at the AFL-CIO office and it was clear that Claude Ramsey, Mississippi AFL-CIO President, was the "leader" we all were to accept. Our group (called the Whitfield group) was supposed to voluntarily drop our application to the Kansas City meeting and fall in under the direction of Ramsey, Oswald, and the Ol' Miss. group, headed by Ransom Jones (who seems to be sincere), and the civil rights man for the state was Charles Evers, of the NAACP. (Interestingly enough, both Evers and Ramsey are too old to be Young Democrats). No one from any other civil rights group would have been there if Whitfield had not brought me along. No one from FDP had been invited. After refusing Whitfield's offer of working together, the meeting ended with Spencer Oliver vowing to fight our charter application.

Next, we went to Kansas City to the YDCA National Committee meeting. There Oliver ran the show against us, and had the help of Evers, Ramsey, et al. After our second defeat, we came back and organized the Hinds County Chapter. This time the NAACP, instead of attacking us, came with a prepared slate of officers to take us over. They were quite successful, although the end result is good in that the NAACP will not go so easily against our state charter application now. (Johnny Frazier, a NAACP National Board member, is Vice President). Then we had a state planning meeting May 2nd at Tougaloo. Whitfield's group got no official nor direct notification of the meeting, but I found out fast enough to get a lot of Negroes there. Claude Ramsey brought a lot of white men there, including Hodding Carter III from Greenville, who along with Ramsey, tried to railroad the meeting, spoke without bothering to be recognized by the Chairm, and pushed the idea of college chapters, which Atty. Rosenthal forcefully pointed out was supporting segregation given the Mississippi school system. A planning committee (chapter Presidents, R. v. Ed King and myself) was set up for another state meeting June 4. It is interesting to note that while we have gotten almost absolutely no help whatsoever from the national Young Democratic Clubs (the only exception is that the College Vice President Dale Wagner has sent us some college applications), the President J. Albert House called up the Ol' Miss. President and offered to send him help, which he did. Spencer Oliver and Rozak came down and talked with Claude Ramsey and then the Ol' Miss group, but not with any Whitfield group people. They then got in an automobile accident and so couldn't make the meeting. In addition, Cleveland Donald, whom our opposition is heralding as proof that the Ol' Miss group is integrated and that we are a segregated all black group, had resigned with an excellent letter (see documents) attacking the Ol' Miss. group, but Spencer Oliver talked him back into rejoining.

More recently there have been meetings around the state and in Washington with old line Negro "leaders" from Mississippi with national Democratic Party big shots. They seem to plan to kill FDP and our Young Democrats by building up the status and power of certain select Negro "leaders", like by means of the poverty program and Operation Headstart, and then by organizing a counter FDP called the Mississippi Democratic Conference. Sunday May 23 I was refused entrance and the acting FDP Chairman and local COFO director were kicked out of one of their meetings in Meridian. Mr. Charles Young of Meridian was elected President and Atty. Carsie Hall temporary Secretary. Others there including Rev. R. L. T. Smith, Atty. Jack Young, and interestingly enough, Claude Ramsey, Mr. Knight, Mr. Charles Evers, and Robert Oswald - who were so interesting in seeing the YDCM not get their charter. The next meeting of the Mississippi Democratic Conference is in Jackson, June 20th.

Our next step is to have a good state convention, apply to the senior party officials for certification (I suggest both FDP and the regular since there is that dispute) and then try to get our charter at the national convention in New York October 12-16. Let us not fail this time because of lack of lobbying and national support.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUBS

The purpose of the Young Democratic Clubs of Mississippi is to deal politically with the issues of the state: labor, education, poverty, culture, economics, etc., without being limited by Mississippi's traditional racism. We can consolidate some of the hard work we have done in the state. Now that Negroes and civil rights people have created a situation wherein Negroes have great potential political power, why should just the old line existing power structure be able to run the show. Besides just registering to vote, why not be organized to use that vote to make needed change. The main point is that if we don't work to help Negroes organize politically to use their vote, others will - like the Liberal Establishment. Let me put it in the form that Byron Montgomery from Durant asked me:

Q: What is the purpose of the Young Democrats?

A: To provide a way for young people to get together politically to change Mississippi.

Q: How can young people change it? Run for office?

A: 1. We can get political information and education from the Young Democratic Clubs.

2. We can have this action program:

A. Voter Registration.

B. working with the Freedom Democratic Party.

C. running and supporting candidates

D. working in the Young Democratic Clubs of America

(1) we can add 3 people to the YDCA National Committee, which now has only one Negro member.

(2) we can introduce and work for civil rights and other resolutions which would have large impact coming from the national organization.

(3) we can help in other states such as Alabama with our officers.

3. Leadership training and experience.

A. having county, state, or national offices and committee positions.

B. working with Mississippi whites in a joint political context.

Q: Are the Clubs affiliated with the FDP or the regular party?

A: The Clubs are an independent organization. We get our charter not from any state group but from the national Young Democrats. Several state groups support the FDP, and we are as free as they are. Our position is that we are loyal to the platform of the national Democratic Party as opposed to the state regular party.

Q: How old do you have to be to be a member?

A: between 16 and 40. Over 40, people can be honorary members.

Some people have asked if the Young Democrats are not part of the Establishment and therefore bad. Here is my answer. Since the white people let the charter die, and left no one having it for Mississippi, we can organize and get the charter. Therefore WE will be the establishment. It is like having Mrs. Hamer as chief of police. It has been a goal of the Movement to either influence (like by demonstrations) or take over (by running candidates or challenging) the power structure, so that we can change things. When we have a chance to run something, it will be as good as we make it.

We should be aware of the fact that many whites, some pretending to be very liberal, and many Negroes, suddenly pretending to be civil rights oriented, are going to try to take us over. It may be that the Young Democrats will end up being so moderate it will be like token desegregation at a school, instead of full integration. In addition, civil rights action independent of any political considerations must continue and under strong leadership. And as Mississippi becomes less beastial, less militant people will be willing to work within the framework of the platform of the national Democratic Party and workers for basic humanistic change may well have to concentrate again on independent groups, such as SNCC, for vehicles of action.

HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUBS IN MISSISSIPPI

1. Organize county-wide chapters first, because our purpose is to organize the state into one group. If we don't organize the county chapters first, someone else might well, and then we would have to contend with that. Don't organize segregated chapters. This means that high school or college chapters should not be organized since Mississippi schools are still segregated. (exceptions will be made for integrated school chapters). City chapters should come second and should coordinate their programs with the county chapter.

2. Publically announce "The Organizational Meeting of the Young Democratic Club of _____ County", and include the date, time, and place, and words "Public Invited". Make reasonable attempts to get this announcement into the white and Negro communities by means of newspaper ads, radio announcements, leaflets, church announcements, and posters. If a white newspaper or radio station will not accept your ad, keep a copy of a letter written to them requesting the ad.

3. Write the YDCA National Officers and National Membership Committee (see the list at the end of this book) and the state YDCM office (P. O. Box 2251, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205) including a report of the meeting, the list of members (with addresses and phone numbers). THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO PROVE THAT WE EXIST.

4. Adopt as your program action on voter registration, helping with political education and organization in your county, learning about the government and officials, and civil rights, civic, and community work.

5. Send in articles for our state newsletter and chapter reports.

6. Do not let any group or individual person take over or run your group. There are areas where conservative Negroes or slick white people will try to boss you or influence you by pretending to be nice. Get advice from the Freedom Democratic Party people, the COFO people, or best, from your state office.

7. Be aware of tricks that others use to hurt or control us: we must learn parliamentary procedure to be able to fight for our rights in meetings; we must not let white people get up and speak without being recognized from the chairman and trying to dominate the meeting; we must learn to put out our own political propaganda of the truth to counter the lies and distortions of our many enemies; we must learn to write letters to the national YDCA and heads of organizations to get aid; and we must learn to keep accurate records (such as certified mail receipts) to prove our case.

SECTIONS OF ROUGH MINUTES OF A MEETING CALLED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO DISCUSS THE MISSISSIPPI PROJECT, SEPTEMBER 18, 1964 People Present: Gloster Current, Jack Greenberg, Joe Rauh, Bruce Hanson, James Farmer, Anna Hedgeman, Al Lowenstein, Jack Pratt, Andy Young, Robert Spike, John Morsell, Courland Cox and Mendy Samstein. (the BIG SHOTS)

Current: I would like some evaluation of the Summer Project, for instance, the role of the Lawyers Guild. I object to Johnny-come-latelies. Let's us settle around the table where we are going in 1965. Let's determine the extent of cooperation. NAACP has 1/4 million tied up in Mississippi.

Spike: Mississippi is no longer a local problem. Tension is created between those who are moved by local considerations and those who must heed national considerations.

Current: The Freedom Democratic Party is a delusion. It causes confusion among local people. FDP units are developing in several cities around the country -- and wherever they are there are suspicious characters. In Jackson Charles Evers has rapport with downtown. So there and in Biloxi and Vicksburg will have little resistance to registration.

Farmer: Decision making in COFO is nub of problem. Confusion exists on how decisions are made.

Morsell: Question of making the right decisions. MFDP challenge at Atlantic City was important, but it was weakened in the end.

Rauh: But I would like to drive out the Lawyers Guild. I think it is immoral to take help from communists.

Lowenstein: I agree with you but we must maximize cooperation... We need a definite structure. We need to draw up a constitution. It is true that SNCC was main source of funds and resources but this is no longer the case. Now students, labor, other groups, so these must have say. We must strike balance with people of Miss. in decision-making.

Morsell: We must consider our national responsibilities, and this is the problem. Decisions, no matter how democratic, if injurious to our national interests, we must have way out.

Thomas: Unreal as far as Miss. is concerned for ad hoc group to meet in New York and determine what should go on.

Rauh: Freedom R gistration bridge to regular party. Basis for caucus in regular party and files are useful for organizational work.

Lowenstein: Question of decision making. People are excluded or not notified of meetings, like Rev. Smith.

Samstein: Rev. Smith is not a member of the FDP Executive Committee. Exec. Comm. chosen by the district caucuses about a week before the state convention.

Lowenstein: I was called by two Negroes in Mississippi and told that they couldn't understand what was going on. Rev. Smith considers himself a member of the FDP executive committee.

Current: Need summit meeting of different groups to evaluate whole situation.

Cox: Need for low level meeting. Next meeting should be in Mississippi with people from Mississippi and based on interpretations from them.

Current: The more I listen to Cox the more I know we need a top level meeting. I have been listening to crying of people from Mississippi for 17 years. I don't want to listen to Steptoe. We need high-level meeting we we can cut away underbrush.

Morsell: You want us to listen to people in Mississippi; we don't want to be attacked.

America's mighty Liberal Establishment is coiled and ready to strike at "Snick - the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, those saints and irresponsibles of the civil rights movement... The movers and shakers of the liberal coalition are: Charles Evers, Mississippi field secretary of the NAACP; Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive director; James Wechsler, editorial-page editor of the NEW YORK POST; Joseph Rauh, former chairman of ADA and former lawyer for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party; Allard Lowenstein, author, professor, and chief recruiter for the 1964 Mississippi Summer Project; and Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers union... Evers has oriented his middle-class followers towards integrating the restaurants and motels of Jackson. But SNCC, under the humanistic grass-root influence of Bob Moses, has worker with the pauperized menials and illiterate sharecroppers, who couldn't care less about the plush motels of the capital... Wilkins... January 6 in New York charged publicly that "Chinese Communist elements" had infiltrated SNCC. Reuther's criticism of SNCC... is that SNCC is inefficient, disorganized, and bereft of democratic procedures. Rauh, who is a braintruster of Vice-President Humphrey, is most distrubed by SNCC's "irrationality and bitterness." Lowenstein... believes it is "NSCC's hostility to coalition with less militant civil rights groups" that is at the root of the liberals's winter of discontent....

Lawrence Guyot, the 25-year-old chairman of the SNCC-organized Freedom Democratic Party, says: "We will accept help from anyone, but we will accept guidance from no one. The only coalition I am responsible to is the Negroes of Mississippi." Says Bob Moses, "The liberals getting upset at us was inevitable. We are raising fundamental questions about how the poor sharecropper can achieve the Good Life, questions that liberalism is incapable of answering."....

The Liberal Establishment... stood before the FDP delegation of tenant farmers, janitors, and domestics on the second day of the Atlantic City convention and pleaded for acceptance of the compromise... But the 68 FDP delegates ... unanimously voted down the compromise... The rejection of the compromise confounded the liberals who thought they could influence the FDP.

The leadership of SNCC was equally bitter because they felt that Wilkins, Rauh, Reuther, and the others displayed more compassion for Humphrey's ambitions than for the Negroes of Mississippi. SNCC was further outraged by the series of attacks aimed at them in the press immediately following the convention. They suspected these assaults were inspired by the Liberal Establishment. Evans and Novack, columnists for the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, who are often privy to "leaks" from the White House, charged "communists and left-wingers had infiltrated the FDP" and that Bob Moses had "Black Muslim sympathies." The liberal James Wechsler, writing in the NEW YORK POST, bitterly assailed the irrationality of the FDP and Moses....

In January, the FDP's challenge to the seating of the five congressmen from Mississippi reopened all the scars inflicted during the convention fight.... If the liberals attack (SNCC), they will have the backing of the unions, the press, the funding foundations; and the Johnson Administration.

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YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

TO JOIN - read and then answer the questions (or have someone help you). Mail this form to YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI, Post Office Box 2251, Jackson, Mississippi, if you agree with what it says.

ANY PERSON ABOVE THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS AND UNDER THE AGE OF FORTY WHO PROFESSES AND DEMONSTRATES ALLEGIANCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY SHALL BE ELIBIBLE FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE: TO STIMULATE IN YOUNG PEOPLE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF POPULAR GOVERNMENT, TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE THE IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR THE CANDIDATES OF OUR CHOICE, TO HELP ACQUAINT VOTERS WITH THE ISSUES AND THE CANDIDATES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OUR PEOPLE THROUGH ITS ADMINISTRATION THE HIGHEST DEGREE IF JUSTICE, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND HAPPINESS.

- Sign here if you agree: _____
- 1) Write today's date: _____
 - 2) Print your full name: _____
 - 3) How old are you today: _____
 - 4) What county do you live in: _____
 - 5) What town do you live in: _____
 - 6) What is your address: _____
 - 7) What is your telephone number (or neighbor's): _____

GET YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, CHURCH MEMBERS, FELLOW WORKERS, and CLUB MEMBERS TO JOIN. ORGANIZE COUNTY CHAPTERS OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, RELIGION, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. CONTACT THE STATE OFFICE FOR HELP, and WRITE US ABOUT YOUR PROGRESS. Young Democratic Clubs of Mississippi, P. O. Box 2251, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205

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...Chairman McMahon announced the problem of whether to recognize the delegation present from Mississippi as the duly accredited representatives of the Young Democrats of Mississippi. No group from Miss had applied for a charter at the Law Vegas convention. Application from current group seeking recognition received by President House on August 20; material received included a copy of their constitution, minutes of their Convention held in August, a list of officers, and the requisite \$100.00 charter fee. No certification, as required from Senior Party officials, was received. Miss McMahon read the two sections of the YDCA National Constitution that covers the chartering of clubs by the committee. (Section 3(a), (b)). Credentials Committee chairman McMahon authorized by Committee to appoint a sub-committee to hear testimony on the matter. Members of the sub-committee: Mr. Schumann (Calif.), Mr. Farley (Colo.), Mr. Shuval (Texas), Miss Schaaf (Ill.), and Mr. Badley from Washington to serve as Chairman. Sub-Committee met, reported back to Credentials committee, split 3 to 2. Cred. Comm. received both majority & minority reports. Motion by Schumann to accept the minority report failed; the majority report denying the charter to the Mississippi group was adopted. Chairman McMahon moved the adoption of the majority report (2nd from the floor) with a notation that the following documents had been received from the chair: "We the undersigned (representatives of 13 states) express our disapproval of the majority report of the Credentials Committee and are in favor of the minority report recommending seating of the delegation from the State of Mississippi." Mr. Schumann moved to substitute the minority report for the majority report (2nd from the floor)....

Chairman announced that one-half hour had been apportioned for the discussion of the Credentials committee report. Appointed timekeeper: V. P. Oliver Ocasek. Mr. Schumann (Calif.) first speaker for substituting minority report. Schumann stated that there was no chartered Miss delegation, so this proposed chartering would unseat no delegation. No other Miss group had applied for a charter. There being no question about the materials presented, only the lack of the required signatures of the Nat'l Committee man and National Committeewoman for State Miss. Chairman. Lack of Nat'l Committeewoman in Miss. noted; testimony given that Nat'l Committeeman Brady did not support the Democratic Ticket in 1960; opinion given that Nat'l Committeeman Brady did not support the Democratic Ticket in 1960; opinion given that applying YD group from Miss. would probably be only Democratic LBJ support in Miss. Mr. Schumann used 5.5 minutes. Majority proponents, having but one spokesman, would have the right to close. Richard Kaplan (Ore.) read resolution passed by Policy Committee of the College Young Dems supporting the seating of the Miss. group (present) in the YDCA. Signed by all Comm. members.

The chair recognized John O'Malley of Mass., who compared the seating and chartering of the Miss. group with the analogous situation re Alaska at the Law Vegas convention, and stated that the same arguments that were valid re Alaska were still pertinent in the Miss. case. The Miss. groups' support of LBJ, its not being contested as the official YD group by other Mississippians, and the obvious impossibility of their obtaining the requisite signatures were also cited as telling points in favor of granting the group the charter for Miss. YDs.

The chair recognized Josiah Beeman of Calif., who reported the hard trail to organize the Miss. YDs; declared there were 18 clubs representing almost 1000 members, 65 delegated at the State YD convention, who voted to seek a charter from the YDCA. Beeman stated "the same people are now vigorously defending the virtue of the (YD) constitution who tried to rape it in Law Vegas". Beeman cited Sr. party Miss. declaration stating and re-affirming (in 1960) its belief in "segregation of the races", and that Miss. Sr. Party declared "that we reject & oppose the platforms of both national parties and their candidates." Lack of a legal Sr. Party Nat'l Committeewoman was cited, as well as FIR, Jr's noontime speech to the YD luncheon.

The time for the minority presentation having run over (Mr. Shuval granted Mr. Beeman a minute of his time), the chair recognized Mr. Shuval from Texas to present the only defense for the majority report. Mr. Shuval opined that it was inconceivable to expect a Sr. Party member to answer a letter in one week's time; lack of a National committeewoman was agreed to, but writing only one letter in an attempt to get two signatures was considered insufficient. Lack of testimony before sub-committee, and time to verify testimony were cited as reasons for not allowing chartering of Miss group at this time. Re: Alaska analogy: in Las Vegas, Alaskan YDs seeking charter had telegrams reputedly from necessary signators, but no such telegrams presented from Miss. group. Shuval stated it wasn't an issue between integration and segregation,...We don't know that the (Sr. Party) people down in Mississippi even know that these people (the YDs seeking the Miss. charter) exist, and this is a different question." Mr. Shuval digressed about Texans, and how Texan YDs were liberals who supported public accommodations laws. Lack of signatures was again cited as adequate reason for refusal of charter, and need for Sr. Party approval mandatory for Young Dems to exist and "have banquet downstairs". Sr. Party people would not let many state YD organizations exist unless they had control over it. "They (Sr. Party) let us exist...because they have a control, and this is the thing of essence...If they (YDs) come with this proof (of Sr. Party disloyalty) I will be the first one to seat them, but they have not come with this proof....Everybody's heart in this room goes out to the people in Mississippi, but I say to you stand up and be responsible Americans and responsible Young Democrats.".....(in addition the Resolutions Committee recommended and the National Committee passed a resolution which "urges Democratic Platform Committee to include in its Civil Rights plank praise for the courage of the civil rights workers in Mississippi.")