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[SNCC Executive Committee Notes
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Radio Station: Educational--needed to be looked into.

III Community Center

Libraries now are set up in Americus (8000 books)
Albany (6000 books). Film program now under way in
Americus. Films are shown at mass meetings etc. Foreign
films with sub-titles are used in citizenship classes
and for reading.

- a day care
- b library
- c dietary program
- d citizenship classes

Now we have Day Care Centers and Community Centers in Albany
which are operated by local organizations and are not
competently managed.

IV Voter Registration

20,000 registered voters in 2nd District. More than 20,000
in 3rd. There are 2 teams of people per district. They
are constantly travelling. They stop in a town for 2 or 3
days, set up machinery for local people to carry out programs.

Staff

Most of the staff is not competent to do the needed job.
Training sessions are needed for the staff. Skilled staff
is needed to train or sent in to do specific jobs. 20
people are needed for proposed program.

King's Campaign

RUBY DORIS: 10 cars can be gotten from Miss. more are not
available. Suggested to rent a fleet of cars (10).

COX: suggested place an advertisement in the paper for 3 days
in 5 cities, stating the platform. Lawyers if possible.

SHERROD: suggested getting Randolph Battle out of jail.
He is essential to campaign since he knows the 19 cities
we will be working out of.

Marion Wright is looking into Battle's case and also the
lawyers.

SUGGESTED 4-Point Program

RUBY DORIS: suggested Research Dept. go to S.W.-Americus
to look into Stevens Industry and other labor possibilities.

F.D.P: Possibility of organizing a party.

Moses: suggested purchase of a building to be used for
training people (political-community center, etc.)

Ruby Dorris is checking into the possibility of a building
today.

If Freedom Party concept adopted, staff would be needed for
office.

4 people needed for labor and unemployment.
6 people needed for Community Center.
6 people needed for Voter Registration.
? people needed for Mass Media?

6 cars needed for full project

Project Director not decided. No suggestions from Don

Staff remaining: Perdue, Best, McMillan, Joyce Barrett.

ARKANSAS BILL HANSEN:

Working for election in November. (3) Independents running.
Concentration on V.R.

Projected Programs

- I. Continued work on V.R. and Nov. campaign.
- II. Dialogue with some local people about newspaper.
- ~~III.~~ There is no Negro paper that circulates throughout the state. \$500 a wk. is cost of paper for 5000 copies.
- III Community Centers
- IV. Civil Rights Bill in terms of employment.
- V. White College Students work in Ozarks. Similar program as SNCC.

Staff 4 people.

Bill Hansen resigned as Project Director. Jim Jones is temporary Project Director. 30 people needed if Miss. Summer Project concept is instituted.

Cars: now have 2.

Radio Station: can be purchased at \$30,000. It reaches 50 miles in each direction.

A Negro may run for Mayor.

(Marion Wright will give to each project the voting laws and interpretations. Also C.R. Bill and Poverty Bill)

MISSISSIPPI BOB MOSES

Projection Eastland Campaign

Person to run against him has to be put on ballot in the fall of '65. Need to search for people to run campaigns. People who do this should run in for offices in '67. Training sessions needed to be set up.

Exec. Comm. of F.D.P. has to be continued. For its functioning staff is needed.

COFO

Structure of coalition of C.R. organizations should be changed. Should work for coalition of local groups.

Ex. Community Center being built in Holmes County can serve as central base for Holmes County organization.

Key-

Key problem in building organizations is for people to operate them and be able to identify with them.

Plans of Nat'l Council of Churches is not exactly known.

Work shops can be held in Community Center being built in Holmes County.

Legal---Temporary Legal Comm. set up summer.

Consider what channels there are for funneling money from Fed. programs into the South.

Honest Negro leadership

Key Question SNCC's role within COFO as major staffing. How it views that role. Fund Raising.

Bernard: Difference between and relationship of SNCC/COFO/MFDP.

BOB; SNCC has no program in Miss. apart from development from COFO. MFDP is political unit.

Bill: What about decision making structure?

Bob: MFDP has an Exec. Comm. Decisions are made there. As for COFO, decisions made by the staff--SNCC + CORE. Exec. Comm. of COFO is mostly staff too. Whole question of what kind of decision making apparatus of COFO will have to be worked out in coming year. In Holmes County there is a meeting to work it out there. Conception is county groups amalgamating into COFO. Whole question of decisions--now feeling is to lodge it in the staff. Summer discussions indicated bringing in local people on Exec. Comm. of COFO.

Bernard: What kind of form is there in the counties for selecting people for MFDP?

Bob; Precinct meetings. There are now essentially the same people (local) in leadership positions of COFO & MFDP, but overlap there eventually will make them somewhat separate groups--some people on C C's etc. and some on political organizing.

Bernard: How does CORE relate?

Bob: Good--CORE-people-in-Miss. Good CORE people in Miss. they are trying to work out system of some degree autonomy with national office. Problem arises from national office---Trying to get Southern section of something.

Bill: What if what exists in Miss. i.e. COFO were organized in all 4 states? What then happens to SNCC organizationally--how would it work?

Bob: SNCC is staff of organizers. What happens is retaining

identity among people who are SNCC staff.

Bill: If you have 2 organizations with identical programs, I can see time in the future where decision making body of SNCC will differ from COFO. I think eventually SNCC will wither away.

Ruby: Not so concerned with SNCC withering away. It wasn't until late summer that sncc's role was publicized.

Cox: Can we proceed with specific questions on Miss. and then take up black belt project.

Marion: Will position paper be written on Atlantic City? What happened? Recommend it be done.

BLACK BELT PROJECT

Consist of 4 areas

- 6 programs
- a V.R.
- b FDP
- c Comm. Centers
- d Freedom Schools
- e Fed. Programs'
- f Unionization Programs

Training Program for staff--development of staff to put program into effect.

If we want to form concept of FDP-COFO in other states? Also other 5 programs?

Marion: Should deal with specifics.

D. Harris: Do we want to sxtend COFO or COFO concept.

Courtland: Want to extend concept.

Frahk Smith: Will Miss. staff-have- who have knowledge of these programs move into other areas?

Moses: Training in programs. Organizers can go into areas where needed.

Staff looked at Church that is for sale. Price \$150.000

Possible uses of building

1. educational programs
2. office space
3. student voice
4. dormitory
5. othrs==Forman has list

Question--can we fiancially undertake purchse of building.

Forman: Outline of financial status
approximately \$165,000 in N.Y.
" \$ 26,000 in Atlanta.
\$8,000 marked for State Conferences
\$10,000 for Africa Trip.
Most fund raising recently has been geared around Miss.
Summer Proj.
\$18,000 Ferman-added from add in N.Y. Times
\$124,000 roughly from direct mailing

From this should be creative in ways of raising money.
There is a need for people to engage in Fund Raising only.
This type of creativity has to be continued. Reserve Fund
should be established.

Ruby Doris: 1963 auditing Report should be published and
distributed.

Motion: That we put aside 50 thousand dollars in reserve
fund and direct treasurer to place 10% of all incoming funds
into the Reserve in Atlanta ACCEPTED

Suggest Reserve Fund be located in N.Y.

Q: Procedure for drawing money. who administers?

Should be used for emergencies. If needed EXec. Comm. should
authorize withdrawal.

Ruby Dorris: suggested monthly statements mailed to Exec.
Comm. in funds in Reserve Fund and other accounts.

Moses: suggested meeting and work shop on how to best
manage funds.

Marion: funds now in N.Y. are in checking account. Should
be moved to savings account (165,000)

M. Wright: suggested operating Expense budget be drawn up.
Allowing for flexibility. Will also get someone (stock
expert) to discuss possibility of investments.

Courtland: Decide if building meets our need. If we desire
the building, appoint a committee.

Forman: \$3,200 now paying for rent. \$6,500 could be paid
in rent this year.

Educational Program looking for place to rent. Bring rent up
to \$10,000 a year.

Building used for:

1. educational program
2. state conferences-\$8,000 now set aside for
3. EXec Comm. meetings, staff meetings, public meetings-
mid-summer orientations
4. FDP workshops
5. programs for students in Atlanta

Ways of Raising Funds:

1. educational program
2. foundations (contribute)

3. unions (contribute) may want to set up some programs
4. freedom bonds--sold mostly in Southern states

Q: Is church auditorim large enough for conferances?

Evaluation of conferences

who comes?

need to bring together staff, and southern students

how much is accomplished?

Decided that there is a need for building

Q: do we need this particualr building?

M. Barry: would be hasty to accept this building. Should look around for others.

F. Smith: suggested appoint a committee to investigate possibilities also zoning laws, tax exemptions, insurance costs, second mortgages, fire insurance, etc.

J. Minnis: again suggested appointing a committee. Expressed willingness to feed information to Comm. and to questio-answer questions raised.

B. Hansen: suggested that EXec. Comm. meet again in 30 days to discuss buying of building.

Prathia: suggested that Comm. investigate. Give findings to Ex. Comm. in N.Y. (special meeting called in N.Y. for Tues.)

M. Wright: suggested that Jack Minnis call real estate agent tonight.

COMMITtee formed:

1. Jack Minnis
2. Ruby Dorris Smith
3. Howard Moore
4. Betty Garman
5. Jim Forman

Personnel--Courtland Cox

Miss: people definitley staying

8 people questionable--as to returning to school.

Ala. John Love and Terry ~~Shaw~~ Shaw (2)

\$W Ga. 4 definite and 3 possibilities.

Atlanta 24

Cambridge 1

outside in SNCC offices 20 people

109 volunteers expressed desire to stayon but need subsistence.

Approximately 200 volunteers who want to stay.

Questions raised at last night's meeting

subsistence

sstatus

Concept of Freedom Core
for those who need subsistence it would try to meet their needs.
They would be responsible to SNCC. Volunteers who came in
the summer would come into Freedom Core.

Work-Study people (50)

Ala

12 in Ala. from work-study

8 from Lincoln University, also Ed Brown

Over-all staff 144

Qualifications for being on staff need definition. Should
work-study people be regular staff?

Ruby Dorris has about 18 applications from persons who
want to become staff.

Ruby Dorris: Q's: what kind of staff we want to have?
Racial composition, local people and outsiders? Staff
should be evaluated. Need for Southern campus recruitment.
Criteria for hiring staff should be established and all
possible efforts should be made to meet these.

M. Barry: suggested that most of staff should be Negro.

Bernard Lafayette: Recommendations by project director.

Ruby Dorris: Policy should be set up to force Southern
recruitment. Limitations should be put on northern volunteers.

F. Smith: Decisions should be made about Black Belt Proj.
Can we supply staff for this proj, white or black?

Bob: When we make commitments to projects, we need people
people who are committed for 2 or 3 years.

Chair: We should recruit Negroes from north and south
for long-term commitments.

Ed Brown: We have got to have people to see that those who
are recruited carry out their commitments.

Jim: It's relevant to raise the question of a northern
recruiter.

Bob: We have key jobs that have to be filled--make the
knowledge of these specifics available. People who have
been involved in the movement and have ability to do the
specific job should be gotten.

Billy Stafford: The problem of shifting people around once
that becomes quite a job. SNCC to define the jobs
in the B.B. I don't understand what we mean about Negro
leadership. Do we understand the So. student mentality?

Ed: So. students mentality may not be any different from
others. We have got to train students for leadership roles.

Frank: We can recruit from Northern Negro young people. We may not have the money to go to schools.

Billy Stafford: (campus recruiter) I am going back to school.

Bob: We have people from South who can go to Negro campuses to speak for purposes of recruitment.

Jim: Since Ruby has a passion for recruiting Negro southern students, she should be campus coordinator. We have other positons that need to be filled.

Prathia: Must make this job(s) præerti priority and find people.

Marion: inept once we have people to leave the person in that job---don't pull them out to anothr task.

Black Belt proj. tommorow

Jim report on building

~~Beckers #150,000~~
~~Beckers Realty Company --- building for \$150,000~~
~~Beckers #a #a~~