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From: Jane Adams, Federal Programs

r.e.: PEP rallies

This memo is a bit late gettin out, as several rallies have already been held. However, there are several coming up.

To explain what they are, let me quote from a newspaper article:

The schedule of 15 additional area PEP (Programmed Economic Progress) rallies have been announced by Henry Harris of West Point, chairman of the Miss. Economic Council committee in charge of conducting the series.

He termed the first four rallies held in south Miss. as being "highly successful" and said the series will continue through January until a total of 24 sessions had been held.

At each rally, a cross section of citizens in the areas hear fact presented on three topics relating to the state's economic development, and then discuss the topics from a local level. The subjects are: property tax assessments, trade, technical and industrial training, and county road administration.

"Any person interested in the economic development is invited to attend the rally of their choice," the chairman said. "Especially invited are legislators, local officials, students, and men and women in civic clubs."

The listing of places and dates follows:

November 10, Tuesday: Meridian, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;
Holiday Inn No. 2; W.B. Crooks, Station WTOK-TV, area chairman;
counties of Clarke, part of Newton, and Lauderdale.

Thursday, November 12, Louisville: 4:30-8 p.m.; Lake Tiak
O'Khata; Charles Fair, atty, area chairman; counties of
Attala, Choctaw, Kemper, Neshoba; Noxubee and Winston.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, Columbus: 9:30a.m. to 1 p.m.; Hogarth Student
Center, MSCW, C. L. Mitchell, Mitchell Engineering Co., area
chairman; counties of Clay, Lowndes, and Monroe.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, Mathisoh: 4:30-8 p.m.; Wood Junior College;
R. V. Taylor, Natchez Trace Electric Power Assc., area chairman;
counties of Calhoun, Chickasaw, and Webster.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, Corinth: 4:30-8 p.m.; Cannoneer Motel; C.R.
Caviness, National Bank of Commerce, area chairman, counties
of Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah and Tishomingo.

Thursday, Dec. 3, Tupelo: 9:30 am to 1 p.m.; Community Center
at Fairgrounds; Jack R. Reed, R.W. Reed Co., area Chairman;
counties of Itawamba, Lee, Pontotoc and Union.

Thursday, Dec. 3, Oxford: 4:30 p.m to 8 p.m.; Downtowner Motel;
Will Hickman, atty., area chairman; counties of Benton, Lafay-
ette, Marshall, and Yalobusha.

Staff and local people are strongly urged to attend. Some of the facilities receive Federal funds--will check into that if there is interest from you. There might be a test case set up: white workers go--well dressed, etc. (in disguise), and then, separately, Negro workers and local people go. Rather in reverse order, so if they use peaceful means (sorry, we're full, etc.), we'll have a case. Please write a full report on proceedings--what was said as well as how you are treated--and send a copy to the Jackson office. ja