

REPORT ON THE WORKSHOP ON FORMING NEW COMMUNITY SNCC GROUPS

The following topics were discussed by the members of SNCC community groups already established:

I. Partial list of sources used by S.F. SNCC group in compiling a mailing list:

Church and synagogue lists
California Democratic Council

Political clubs - Young Democrats, etc.

No one on Proposition 14 asked...they refused to give out any list of workers but other groups might be willing to do so.

II. Roles of local SNCC groups were defined as:

- A. Fund raising
- B. Education of the community as to direct action in the South
- C. Collection of articles to be sent South, such as books, clothing, etc.
- D. Political pressure in local and state government
 1. Through established political groups such as CDC;
 2. Individual letters and telegrams;
 3. Immediate pressure via phone call chains-

III.

San Francisco experiences

- A. First general meeting - church, labor leaders and others invited; very large mailing sent out.
- B. Partial committee structure
 1. Education and freedom schools committee - to educate the public about work in the South in the freedom schools.
 2. Special events committee - for money raising events such as concert series.

IV . Santa Clara Valley Friends of SNCC experiences.

- A. Group headed by executive chairman, corresponding secretary, with supporting committee structure.
- B. Incorporated as a non-profit group; valuable as protection against lawsuits, arising from cars being driven south, ease of obtaining solicitation license, listing with the Better Business Bureau; and obtaining special library rate for shipping books at the post office (to the south). (special rate is \$.04 for first pound, \$.01 for each succeeding pound).
- C. All mailings sent at bulk rate with return requested - enables mailing list to be kept current.
- D. Obtain a listing with the city chamber of commerce - in which case they give you a listing of all the other city service groups. SNCC can then send information to these groups.
- E. Although not especially approved by Atlanta SNCC, this group keeps 10 to 15 % of their money in the bank in case they need it for bail for arrested workers in the South or for starting special community events.
- F. Compiling their mailing list-signup list at fund raising events, newspaper clippings on community leaders possibly interested in SNCC, and lists from groups such as CDC, Council for Civic Unity, Women's League for Peace and Freedom.

V. Friends of SNCC groups do not participate as a SNCC group in direct action in their communities; only individuals from the group do so.