

SNCC West Coast Regional Conference....Sunday Workshop....Nov. 13th-15th  
Teacher Organizations

CFT (California Federation of Teachers) and CTA (California Teachers' Association) are concerned over their role in the Freedom Movement, especially as it pertains to the South. Among some of the activities of the former have been:

- a) Sponsored schools in Virginia
- b) Sent teams of people, representing various locals, down South for community work.
- c) Disseminated civil rights information across nation.
- d) Published magazine called INTEGRATED EDUCATION (in Chicago)

CTA is making efforts to unify the Negro and White factions of the organizations, which have existed historically divided up until this time.

These accomplishments are considered insufficient, as is the teacher participation in the movement. The general consensus is that teachers have classroom-tunneled vision, consciously avoiding involvement in out-of-school issues. It is thought that these people might be more sympathetic to the southern situation than to that of the North, simply because the former is more removed. However, there is an honest concern for re-educating these teachers for their role in the North, in and out of the classroom. Perhaps concern over one area, either North or South, will serve as incentive for concern in the other. Condescending attitudes towards non-white children on the part of teachers is a focal point for attack. Likewise, condescending or negative attitudes towards teachers on the part of their superiors is stirring up concern.

A change in attitude seems to have permeated the air to the extent that the need for action is now generally recognized. The question is no longer "if"; but "when". At least some teachers are answering with a vociferous "NOW".

Immediate material aid is suggested, such as paper, texts, "drugs for freedom," for Greenwood, etc. (also money, of course).

As far as informing people about the South, and about civil rights in general, it is thought that the usual employment of speakers (esp. from school situations) and films still are valuable. In urging people to fight down in Mississippi, honesty as concerns the danger is a MUST. With regard to fighting in the North, honesty again is urged concerning the responsibility carried by all of us, but specifically by teachers.