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Dear Friend:

"We are not going to sit back and permit our rights to be negotiated away by a group of Jewish priests, bluegum black savages and mongrelized money worshippers... We will buy you a ticket to the Eternal if you insist."

-- from a leaflet distributed in Mississippi on election day by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

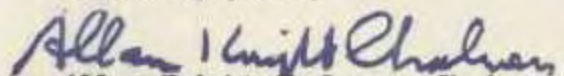
It was demonstrated that the above statement of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was not an idle threat when, on December 4th, the F.B.I. arrested Sheriff Lawrence A. Rainey of Neshoba County, and twenty others for their part in the murder of three civil rights workers. The F.B.I. charged, according to the New York Times, that Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price "had set up the crime," and "turned the victims over to a lynch mob of which the deputy was a part."

Sheriff Rainey and Deputy Sheriff Price, free on bond, are today functioning as law enforcement officials from their offices in the county courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi. While, prosecution of these men is not our responsibility, but that of the federal and state governments, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund must protect innocent citizens in this atmosphere of lawlessness.

Throughout the summer and today our lawyers have provided legal protection for Negro and white citizens harrassed by the police and unjustifiably arrested in their efforts to protect the constitutional rights of Mississippi's beleaguered Negro citizens. We are presently defending hundreds of men, women and young people charged with crimes ranging from "loitering" to "criminal syndicalism." The enclosed REPORT tells a part of the story.

The costs of the legal struggle to secure the constitutional rights of Negro Americans in Mississippi and throughout the South must be met by the voluntary contributions of concerned citizens. We have already spent \$120,000 in Mississippi alone. Costs of cases now in the courts in that state will come to at least \$100,000. We need your help to establish the rule of law in Mississippi. Please send your tax-deductible contribution today. It will be put to use immediately to assure justice to a fellow-man now unjustly charged.

Sincerely yours,


Allan Knight Chalmers, Chairman

Dedicated to the Creation of an America of Justice and Equality for Our Negro Fellow Citizens

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