

## LOUISIANA CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

We must take on ourselves the responsibility of meeting the needs of the whole community. Thus our expansion must not only be geographic but also one of scope and depth of program. Such a program will branch out variously into economic, political, educational and legal actions and projects.

- I. Political
  - A. Voter Registration
  - B. Community Organization emphasizing formation of voters leagues at community, parish and district levels.
  - C. Election
    - 1. sponsoring Negro candidates for party leadership position
    - 2. sponsoring Negro candidates for political office
  - D. Challenges based on exclusion of Negroes from voting rolls
    - 1. of party elections
    - 2. of elections to political office, including Congress
- II. Economic
  - A. Statistics on no. of jobs, kinds of jobs
  - B. Discrimination in employment and labor unions
  - C. Unemployment
  - D. Special problems
    - 1. Federal surplus food distribution program
    - 2. Sweet potato market in St. Francisville area
    - 3. Other Federal programs on job training, farm subsidy, etc.
- III. Social
  - A. Desegregation of public facilities and accommodations through testing, legal action and negotiation. (The negotiation with national concerns.)
  - B. Direct action
- IV. Educational
  - A. Community Centers: to be outlined in detail.
  - B. Freedom Schools: to be outlined in detail
    - 1. Young people
    - 2. Adults--literacy; leadership training
  - C. Leadership conferences at college and community levels
- V. Legal Action: suits and injunctions
  - A. segregated public facilities and accommodations
  - B. public and private conspiracies
    - 1. intimidation by law enforcement officials and parish or state authorities
    - 2. private acts of harassment
    - 3. school desegregation

In order to begin work in the areas mentioned above, we must first of all survey each parish through personal conferences and research; secondly, outline a long-range program on a parish-by-parish basis to meet the community needs, and thirdly determine from our survey the minimum needs in manpower and financial resources. In short, our program will emphasize community demands rather than a program priority of our own.