

ITEMS ON CURRENT POLITICS IN MISSISSIPPI

The COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS is pleased to present this full report on politics in Mississippi, written by R. Hunter Morey, a SNCC Field Secretary COFO worker. His report constitutes a small book of his own opinions on the Young Democratic Clubs of Mississippi, the Freedom Democratic Party, the state and national Democratic parties, and politics in general. The views expressed are his own, and do not necessarily represent those of COFO.

The entire civil rights Movement has broadened so much nationally and in Mississippi that now many differences of values and method are coming out in the open, which have all along existed. The various civil rights groups appear as one monolith only when conditions are extremely brutal and the fighters are few. Conservative, liberal, political or legal differences in emphasis come out when there is more freedom to operate and when more resources and people are attacking injustices and racism. Negroes, after all, differ individually just as much as white people do - look at all the "white" organizations. What racism can't stand, is that the maturing Movement, instead of fragmenting, is strengthening itself through division of labor, use of previously inactive resources, and recruitment of more and more institutions of society into the struggle.

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