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MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM LABOR UNION

STATE OFFICE

Dear Friends,

We are sending you a report about the MFLU. We hope to send these reports out fairly often. If you know people who would like to get these reports, please let us know.

The state headquarters of the MFLU is in Shaw, Mississippi. The union began there in April and is now in about 10 Mississippi counties and is also in about 4 in Tennessee. The MFLU wants \$1.25 an hour for all people who work because most farm workers in Mississippi only get \$.30 an hour and this includes many children and some workers, particularly the maids, don't even get this.

We struck in the spring when the people were chopping cotton, and in the summer we had some people to strike at the restaurants and motels. Now we are trying to get more organized at the state headquarters and to get better communications with the locals. And now we are working hard to get more members and more people to strike against the slave wages of Mississippi and other places in the south.

If you want to help the union, you can either help one local or you can send things to the state headquarters. Please don't send things to individuals, even if they ask you to. The union is trying to help all the people on strike and it isn't just welfare.

The address of the state headquarters is: MFLU, Box 547, Shaw, Mississippi, 754-9781. If you want to send things to a local send it to: MFLU, care of the local Chairman (see the list inside). Please let the state headquarters know if you send something to a local. And anyone raising funds is supposed to have a letter from the state chairman.

Also some of our records of money people sent in were destroyed. If you sent any money to the union please write us and tell us how much you sent and when.

If you have any questions call or write the state headquarters. If there are things you think people should know about the union, write to us and we will try to answer them in the next report.

Keep in touch.

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