

... now with your hand,
pull the lever down.

Council Of Federated Organizations

1017 LYNCH STREET,
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
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TO: NORTHERN OFFICES
FROM: MURIEL TILLINGHAST
RE: PERSONNEL SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI/FINANCE SITUATION

All new entries into the State are being stopped as of a recent decision of the COFO State personnel committee. This decision thereby should bind all national members (organizations) to honor it; this includes the Student Nonviolent coordinating Committee, Congress of Racial Equality, and National Council of Churches among others. Please, the reasons are broad and important and you should consider them so.

- a) We're re-evaluating out of state programs.
- b) We have neither the finances nor the program to support new entries.
- c) Other projects areas, of various kinds are being neglected by continuing "summer volunteer-type" publicity.
- d) We currently have over 200 staff members in the state and in terms of what needs to be done, the number is sufficient.

On finances: Members of the Mississippi staff have been requested to stop all individual solicitations, regardless of type, to contacts in the North. This has been generally to no avail. I am therefore asking that Northern offices give us (in Jackson) the names and contacts of principal "fundraisers" from the State and we will deal with the persons from here. No COFO people are to solicit outside the state.