

PRESS RELEASE

SCLC MARCH ON MONTGOMERY

Meeting for Future Action in Selma

A meeting was held in Baptist Church, March 23 to discuss follow-up action in Selma attended by both representatives from Selma and other parts of the country. At the request of Rev. Cecil Williams, of the Glide Foundation, San Francisco, California, Selma citizens expressed concern for present conditions and told of future plans.

Preston D. Chestnut spoke of a cooperative super market, which is urgently needed due to economic sanctions now in force. The Attorney General of Alabama will permit building only after 6,000 dollars has been pledged. The figure is now 1500 dollars. A clothing factory was proposed by Mrs. Boynton, to employ 100 to 150 people. Equipment has been requested but so far nothing usable has been forthcoming and funds are urgently needed. The fact that facilities are desperately needed to aid the Selma Negroes to earn a living was repeatedly stressed.

The need for funds to repair the churches and parsonage were also needed. Months of freedom fighting has left its scars. Education was stressed both in the call for people willing to teach and prepare citizens for voter registration; and, in the need to make higher education available to capable students. Recreation equipment for the local school children is also desired.

Several people then spoke of losing jobs when the demonstrations began. It was stated that Mr. Ernest Colley had been fired at this time from a Federal installation in Selma. It was suggested that money be raised to send Mr. Colley to Washington, D. C. to see President Johnson or Vice-President Humphrey about this and to inform the public of the tragic events in Alabama. At this time a collection was taken and 205 dollars raised for the trip.

It was strongly urged that people talk to groups in their areas and attempt to raise money to aid the Selma projects. All money is to be sent to: Dallas County Voters' League  
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