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FDP CONFERENCE SAT. APRIL 24

[1965]

THE CHALLENGE

Over AUDANO Negroes of Minimippi are denied the cight to vote by an oppressive system of officiall runner thank runner. For a century now our Coupress has accepted the pretent that the men from Minimippi who sit among them are corresponditives of the prople.

The Challens of the Monistry Freedom Democratic Party sake of this Congress and of the American purple, to put an end in the mockery; so say that the prople of Mississippi are not now represented in the United States Congress and will not be until the alleged representatives are unscated and free and open elections are held. As Representative James Removed said on the opening day of this Congress, "they count win 'elections' based on market said then classes the right to govern free men."

On December 1th, in accordance with a Federal States of which governs procedures for controlling congruence at chertions, representatives of the Mississippi Frenches Democratic Party served proper Notice of Challenge on the five Mississippi Congruences and to the Octa of the flours claiming those congruences detailed were illegal by fact of systematic discourses and torrows by the use of terror, violence and torrows.

On the opening day of Congrue 151 member, only 75 votes less than a majority voted against a motion to sent the distribution who were sented tentatively pending the contract of the Challenge.

Since that time over 125 volunteer lawyers from throughout the Nation went into Membergal and collected testimenty from over 700 miles and state and Citizens' Council officials. This impressive body of evidence proves concludively the about total discontract beautiful that exists. The Mindsupple congruence have been able to submit no oridine who to refute this tentiment.

In July the House of Representatives must again vote on the Street of the Minimiselppians to six. The Negroup of Minimiselppi who have risked much in participation this challenge, will be waiting energy for the redict of the Congress. The evidence of man terror nomic slavery and police violence is conclusive.

It will be up to us, the American people through our congression will continue to sit in Congress or whether the Congress will call upon the haid free and demonstrate chartens for those seas.

FREE ELECTIONS IN 1965

Places METROPOLITAN A.M.E. CHURCES

Timet 8:30 A.M. Conference Registration

PROGRAM

MORNING SESSION: REPORT PROM THE SOUTH

Minimippi's New Image; Myth and Roality. Reports will be given on evidence gathered by the MFDP for the Challenge, including testimony of former Governor Ross Review, Attorney General for Patterson, and olficials of the White Cation's Court. Diameter of the clevelupments of political activities in Minimippl and throughout the South, and the implications of the Civil Rights Bill in terms of voal political demonstrations.

AFTERNOON SESSION, MAKING WITTEG LEGISLATION MEANINGFUL

How strong will the voting legislation passed in this Congress be? How can we ald in its implementation to crease that the right to register and to freely over cise the vote will be a reality in the Souths. How can we aid the Southern Negro in organizing politically for long-weeked social change. How is the effects of the voting legislation and the Challenge relevant in the Notilium Glietto?

ORGANIZING FOR THE VOTE AND THE CHALLENGE

Obscurding groups, on regional basis, to discuss organizing in the north for FREE ELECTIONS IN 1965. How do we mobilize and focus that atoused conscience of the aution so that the shock of Sulma, Management and Mississippi will be translated into aution in their hope communities.

EVENING SESSION: CONCREMINAL REPORT

The Challenge and Voting Legislation are now before Congress. Those leading the fight will report on activities and developments.

SPEAKERS

JAMES FARMEIL, Excustive Director, CORE
JAMES FORMAN. Executive Secretary, SNCC
OR ROBERT SPIKE, Director, Coomission on Race
& Religion. National Council of Churches

MFOP REPRESENTATIVES

LAWRENCE GUYOT MRS. VISTORY GHAY MRS. FANNIE LOU HAMER MRS. ANNIE DEVINE

THE CALL

The Mississippi Freedom Damouratic Party issues this Call to the American people of all communities; the Civil Rights Movement, the Churches, the Unions and to individuals interested in contributing to the effort to bring the segressionist South into the Political Community of America.

The Conference is planned to be a meeting of North and South so that interested people from both regions and discuss the implications of the Voting Rights Rill and the Challenge and what these arts will bring to the politically deprived and powerless people among us.

The Conference will provide a forms and an opportunity for groups and individuals to join with as in evolving practical and effective programs in communities and in the Congress to bring about meaningful perlicipation in the decisions governing their lives by the people presently excluded from this process.

Among the programs to be discussed are included national efforts to secure new and democratic elections in the South as soon as the people who have been previously bacred from participating in those elections are to be registered, and to ensure that newly registered voters are not kept by violent mathods from exercising that right.

The final national effort to unsent the Mississippi Congressmen, and what this Challenge will mean in terms of bringing truly free and open elections throughout the South will be discussed.

Together we can learn and do, and in the works of President Lyndon B. Johnson "We Shall Overcook."

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