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YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI met at Tougaloo Friday and elected committees for the state convention to be held between mid-July and mid-August. Negro and white young people urged organization of county chapters and a large convention in Jackson. Get more information from Hunter Morey, P.O. Box 2251, Jackson, Mississippi.

FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE CLAUDE CLAYTON has issued a temporary injunction against an antidemonstration ordinance in Shaw. He intends to make the order permanent in 30 days.

OVER 1700 LABORERS are out on strike today from a number of Delta plantations. They are demanding \$1.25 an hour, an 8 hour day, social security and insurance. Indianola reports about 600 not working, 60 on the official strike list which enumerates striking members of the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union. About 400 from around Greenville are on strike, 300 from Cleveland, and 100 from Rosedale. Shaw has a strike list of 110, with many others also refusing to work for slave wages. Tents, food, and clothing are being requested by union members to support those on strike. A tent city will be set up near Tribbett (Greenville area) for about 90 workers thrown off the Andrews plantation. THREE SHAW UNION WORKERS were just released on \$500, bond for blocking a public road and two others are wanted for the same alleged offense.

L.C.D.C. is anxious to get reports on testing of state parks. If you didn't see the circular we sent, ask for information from the WATS line.

THE LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW (President's Committee) has opened a Legal Assistance Project office in Jackson to provide representation for persons otherwise without counsel in civil rights cases. The Lawyers' Committee was formed in June, 1963, at the request of President Kennedy and has strong support of leading lawyers in various parts of the country. Berl I Bernhard of Washington, D.C., former Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, is Executive Director.

The representation to be offered will include both defensive and affirmative cases involving civil rights issues. The office will be staffed by at least two full-time attorneys as well as five to seven volunteer attorneys serving from one month to several months. A fully adequate working library will be provided. Professor John Honnold of the University of Pennsylvania Law School will serve as Staff Counsel on a voluntary basis during the first month of the Committee's program. John H. Doyle III, who has been Assistant Executive Director of the Committee since October, 1964, is serving as Associate Staff Counsel on a full-time basis. During June and early July, 1965, the volunteer attorneys are James T. Danaher and Leonard Ware of Palo Alto, California; Michael T. Silverberg of New York City; Professor James Starrs of George Washington University School of Law, Washington, D.C.; and Melvin Freidel of Bay Shore, New York.

Among the long-range affirmative goals of the Committee will be an effort to eliminate discriminatory patterns of roads, sewers, streetlights, transportation facilities and other public services. In order to challenge unequal distribution of such public services we must know what communities are seeking to raise funds through bonds or tax assessments for the purpose of constructing or installing such facilities. ALL PROJECT OFFICES are urged to notify the Committee immediately of any such proposed bond issues or tax assessments in their communities.