

MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM LABOR UNION

FINANCIAL REPORT

This is just a general summary - a more detailed financial report will be sent out later.

About \$14,600 has been received by the State Headquarters in Shaw. Most of this money has come from unions in the North and on the West Coast. The largest single contribution has come from the UAW - \$8,000. In addition to this state money, some locals have received support directly from the North. Locals will still be allowed to fund-raise directly, but if any local treasury exceeds \$500, the state issuing committee will have the right to use the amount over \$500 if it feels that money is needed in other areas.

The \$14,600 received at Shaw has been spent in the following way (approximate totals):

Issued to the Shaw strikers (about 100) ----- \$7,000

Issued to the Tribbett strikers (about 80) ----- \$2,000
Tribbett has received considerable support from outside.

Issued to the Rosedale strikers (about 30) ----- \$ 600

Issued to the Ruleville strikers (about 10) ----- \$ 300

Issued to the Indianola strikers (the number has varied greatly) \$ 500

Issued to the Cleveland strikers (this has also \$ 300
dropped from a high spring
total to around 40)

Bail for Mr. Andrew Hawkins of Shaw, arrested on \$1,400
trumped up charges during the spring strike

Organizing expenses (transportation, food on --- \$ 400
lobbying trips to Washington, etc.)

Latest issue to strikers by the newly elected State \$1,600
Issuing Committee (see following report)

Balance in bank \$ 500

Total \$14,600

STATE ISSUING COMMITTEE REPORT

There was a State Issuing Committee meeting held at the State Office in Shaw, September 7, 1965. In this meeting, the State Committees discussed the following ideas:

Keep some money on hand in the State Office Treasury in case of emergency need, like someone gets jailed, then we can have money to get them out.

Food is what the people need. We could donate money to buy food.

Each Local will get support twice a month (1st and 15th) but for this month the issuing dates were on September 7th and they will have another committee meeting on September 25th. They will issue again if there is still money in the treasure.

We will find out the needy Locals and find what each Local needs.

We will keep in contact with each Local so that we can find out what's going on. We will also let each Local know when money can be distributed.

Report on Locals and Money Distributed

Mrs. Sallie Mae Carthan, Ruleville -- Given \$71.81 for rent, water bill, and food for children while gone on fund raising tour for three weeks.

McComb -- There are 7 people on strike. They were given \$50.00. McComb Union has just been Organized for a short period. They can almost get along by themselves.

Indianola -- There are eleven people on strike. They were given \$100.00. They are badly in need.

Tribbett -- There are seventy people on strike. They were thrown off the plantations and they are living in tents. They have been running out of money. They have gotten support from the State office, however, there hasn't been enough. They were given \$350.00 to pay bills in order that they may get on their feet.

Cleveland -- There are thirty people on strike and there were ten maids that walked out from their jobs. The maids were given \$200.00

Shaw -- There are one hundred people on strike. The majority of the union members were willing to strike this Fall. There is a chance for the union as a whole to be successful in the Fall Strike. They were given \$590.00. Shaw is the State Headquarters.

State Office expenses -- There was \$230.00 given to the state office.

All money over five-hundred dollars that comes in to each Local should be reported to the state headquarters and if the local has money in their treasury they shouldn't ask the state treasury for any money.

When the state issuing committee meets a person from each local should be present in order that we know the needs from its local if it wants support.

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Report from Addie B. Ware, State Secretary

September 7, 1965

MFLU CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

On September 9, five union members came to Shaw to write a Draft Constitution for the MFLU. Those attending were Mr. P. D. Sherrod, Hollandale; Mr. Edward Williams, Rosedale; Mrs. Ellen Williams, Indianola; Mr. Issac Foster, Tribbett; Mr. George Shelton, Shaw.

The Draft Constitution will be sent to each Local for discussion. Then there will be a Statewide Workshop where changes in the Draft can be made and the Constitution approved.

We will try to send out copies of the Constitution in a later report.