

EMERGENCY BULLETIN 1/8/66 TO: FRIENDS OF SNCC

#1 SNCC OPPOSITION TO THE WAR IN VIET NAM, PRESS RESPONSE, AND JULIAN BOND.

-- On Thursday, SNCC issued a statement of opposition to American policy in Viet Nam. Full text enclosed. The statement was viciously distorted by some of the wire services and local press here; and, of course, the national press picked up on their stories. The focus of the resulting attack on SNCC was Julian Bond, SNCC Communications Director, who is to be sworn in as a state rep. from Atlanta on Monday, January 10. Julian has virtually been accused of treason because he supports SNCC's position on Viet Nam, and a very serious campaign is being waged to keep him from taking his seat in the Georgia Legislature on Monday. This is also a massive attack on SNCC in Georgia.

-- We have also enclosed the 2 statements SNCC released today about the attack. This memo will not reach you before Monday - so please keep tuned to the news in the morning and be ready to move into action if the legislature appears to be successful in its move to oust Julian. You should try to mobilize every liberal resource in your area to support Julian's right as a private citizen and duly elected legislator to dissent on U.S. policy. (Suggestions: local Civil Liberties Union, supporters of the FDP Challenge, unions; civil rights, church, peace groups; professors and students; etc.) HUGE NUMBERS OF TELEGRAMS TO GOV. SANDERS and JACK HERRIDGE (Dem.), head of the Atlanta delegation, (addressed to the state house) SHOULD VIGOROUSLY PROTEST THE DENIAL OF THE BASIC RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA. PLEASE BE SURE TO LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THE SUPPORT YOU MOBILIZE.

#2 THE MURDER OF SAMUEL YOUNG AND THE TUSKEGEE SITUATION

-- Enclosed is background material on the situation in Tuskegee (refer also to the press release of Jan. 4 which we sent last week.)

-- Today (1/8) 1,200 people sat-in in downtown Tuskegee and filled the entire street and sidewalks in Tuskegee's main shopping block for an hour and a half at noon. The march began at 10A.M. at the college; police halted the line with a blockade; the marchers were finally allowed to pass after an hour and a half. TUSKEGEE PLANS FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS ALL NEXT WEEK. WE'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

-- Memorials for Sammy Young are tentatively being scheduled for Southern campuses as follows: Monday: Washington, D.C.??? Tues: Virginia, Hampton and Norfolk State; Wed: Virginia, Virginia Union and Virginia State; Thur: North Carolina - Greensboro, NCC, Univ. of North Carolina, Duke, Winston-Salem, Barber Scotia, ART Bennett; Fri: North Carolina - Raleigh, Wake Forest, N.C. State; Sat: South Carolina, Columbia; Sun: South Carolina, S.C. State, Clatten, Voorhees; Mon: Georgia - Atlanta Univ., Emory, Georgia Tech and Georgia State; Tues: Tennessee - Tenn. State, Dick, Knoxville UT, Knoxville College. SOUTHERN CAMPUSES ESPECIALLY TAKE NOTE

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO:

1. Try to organize campus or more general sympathy demonstrations and memorials.
2. Organize in your area to have people return their Standard Oil credit cards with letters protesting their policy of allowing segregated facilities on their property and demanding they revoke the franchise of the Standard station near which Young was killed.
3. Continue to pressure the White House and the Justice Department to put a strong federal presence in Alabama to protect Negro citizens and rights workers there and to guarantee their constitutional rights. The federal Government has not to date even publicly acknowledged the murder of Samuel Young much less made any move in Alabama to prevent further officially sanctioned lawlessness.
4. PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN TUSKEGEE AND ABOUT JULIAN'S POSITION IN GEORGIA.