

EMERGENCY APPEAL

From: The Poor Peoples Fund
To: Church, Labor and Civil Rights Groups
Re: Emergency aid

On January 28, 1966 over 1000 people from the Delta came together at Edwards, Miss.

We discussed our problems and came up with a list of demands around food, land and jobs.

Forty of us, acting in behalf of other hungry poor people, moved into the abandoned Air Force base at Greenville Mississippi. We were joined by members of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union and the Delta Ministry--National Council of Churches. We moved there because we have no homes, no land, no jobs.

On Tuesday morning, 11:00 a.m., we were thrown off the base, under the direct orders of the President of the United States.

On Tuesday afternoon people from Strike City offered their land to the poor people evicted from the base. This was to be an immediate refuge, and a place where people could get together and make further plans.

Those of us who are homeless are staying at Strike City as a temporary shelter. Some of us had to go back and get our children and our few belongings. Others of us who have homes but no jobs have gone to tell other poor and homeless people that there is now a place to go.

More poor people are arriving every day. We have recieved word from people throughout the Delta that they are ready and want to come if there is a place to go.

THERE ARE SOME IMMEDIATE, EMERGENCY NEEDS TO BE MET TODAY! THEY CAN ONLY BE MET BY YOU.

The federal and state governments have rejected us. Our only hope is to get land of our own. For that we need money today.

Already we have spent over \$2000 on transportation alone, and that bill is rising daily.

We must stress the immediate needs, but we must not overlook the long range plans. We must purchase land for the building of permanent homes, permanent jobs and food.

You can send money now to:

The Poor Peoples Fund

P. O. Box 457

Greenville, Mississippi

Make checks payable to The Poor Peoples Fund.

If your organization needs speakers to raise funds, write to the above address or call (914) 335-2988. or 355-1213.

You will receive further information for publication and distribution.

"Only you can be responsible for change in Mississippi."