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The Montgomery project registered a total of 17,000 Negroes before all the staff members were withdrawn and sent to black belt areas and to Jefferson County.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (BIRMINGHAM)

The Jefferson County voter registration project began as the "Christmas Project", on December 20, 1965. At that time the registrars offices were open only in Bessemer. The registrars moved their office back to Birmingham at the beginning of the new year. After a series of street demonstrations (19 persons arrested, 20 hospitalized), Federal Registrars moved into Jefferson County (January 24). Since that time...until mid March...emphasis remained on voter registration. The total for the project is 39,040 Negroes registered. Emphasis began shifting in mid-March to political education and community organization, in the for of preparing for a massive get out the vote campaign for the May 3rd primary.

Persons registered since October 1-39,040

Persons registered since SCLC entered the county--39,040

Total Negroes registered in the county---59,000

COUNTIES S.C.L.C. HAS BEEN WORKING IN (ALABAMA)

Barbour County--The program in Barbour county has consisted largely of voter registration. Other activities have been: A selective buying program geared towards the hiring of Negroes in the downtown stores; a trip to Washigton, D.C. by local persons to confer with government officials concerning government programs and to offer testimony concerning registration procedures and the complete segregation of the Barbour County Hospital. The trip to Washington, D.C. was important as evidenced by the fact that the Barbour County Hospital was desegregated. The boycott was (and is) highly effective as evidenced by the closing down of one of

the target stores. It had effect in other ways, too, as shown by the Eufaula newspaper when for the first time it announced on the front page when extra registration dates would take place.

Persons registered since October 1, ---2,240
Persons registered since SCLC entered the county--2,680
Total Negroes registered in the county--3,300

BULLOCK COUNTY--In Bullock County, voter registration was the mainstay of

the program. Persons registered since October 1, ---1,592
 Persons registered since SCLC entered the county...2,200
 Total Negroes registered in the county----3,400

BUTLER COUNTY--The program here has consisted largely of voter registration and demonstrations held during the protests against the unequal administration of justice.

Registration has been slow here and the county has yet to become electrified movement wise. Persons registered since October 1, ---1,967
 Persons registered since SCLC entered the county--2,352
 Total Negroes registered in the county...2,600

CHOCTAW COUNTY --A varied program has been carried on in Choctaw. Voter registration has been emphasized and has been very important as evidenced by the defeat of a proposal to have candidates run for the county commission at large rather than by districts. Had this passed, it would have been virtually impossible for a Negro to have been elected to the county commission.

A weekly newspaper has been started. An investigation of conditions at the Choctaw General Hospital showed it to be completely segregated and complaints were filed with the Attorney General under provisions of the Hill-Burton act and the title III of the civil rights act of 1964. A union of maids was formed to press for higher wages of 75 cents per hour. At least 30 maids have quit their jobs when

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their demands were not met. Some have had their demands met. The maids organization is now running its own affairs. They decided to boycott a store whose owner called in the outstanding debts of those maid who asked for 75 cents an hour. A suit was instituted against the segregated school system. The school system announced that it would desegregate, including the teaching staffs. Citizenship classes were organized and held on a regular basis. Efforts are being made to get the poverty program on a large scale.

- Persons registered since October 1, ---1,966
- Persons registered since SCLC entered the county---2,450
- Total Negroes registered in the county---2,700

CLARKE COUNTY--Registration has been the sole program here. With no regular staff assigned here, the pace has slowed down.

- Persons registered since October 1, --1,500
- Persons registered since SCLC entered the county--1,850
- Total Negroes registered in the county--2,500

CRENSHAW COUNTY-- The program here has consisted of voter registration and a school boycott. Marches were held to protest against the Negro Principal of the Negro school who fired a bus driver and teacher for their participation in the movement. Marchers here have been tear-gassed, beaten, fired, evicted, etc. The school boycott is continuing until conditions are improved at the Negro school and a satisfactory desegregation plan is offered.

- Persons registered since October 1,- 650
- Persons registered since SCLC entered the county--761
- Total Negroes registered in the county--1,300

DALLAS COUNTY--Registration has continued here although at a much slower pace since the first response to the voting rights bill here was overwhelming. The main emphasis in this county has been on getting the poverty program in with full Negro

participation

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PERRY COUNTY -- Voter registration and political education are the main programs being carried out in this county.

Persons registered since October 1, --511
Persons registered since SCLC entered the county--2,311
Total Negroes registered --3,600

SUMTER COUNTY -- Voter Registration has been the main program her, along with political education. SNCC is trying to organize the black panther party here.

Persons registered since October 1, --2,000
Persons registered since SCLC entered into the county --2,000
Total Negroes registered in the county--3,700

WILCOX COUNTY -- Emphasis here has been on voter registration and the poverty program.

Persons registered since October 1, --2,500
Persons registered since SCLC entered the county--3,700
Total Negroes registered in the county--3,700

COUNTIES WITH FEDERAL REGISTRARS

DATE OF ARRIVAL

Dallas County	August 10, 1966
Hale County	August 10, 1966
Marengo County	August 10, 1966
Lowndes County	August 10, 1966
Perry County	August 18, 1966
Wilcox County	August 18, 1966
Montgomery County	October 1, 1966
Greene County	October 29, 1966
Elmore County	October 29, 1966
Autauga County	October 29, 1966