

local elections

NEGRO REGISTRATION

1890	189,884
1892	8,615
1964	28,500
1966	117,000

Late this Summer the M.F.D.P. will start to lay the groundwork for next year's local and State elections.

With County Supervisor and Sheriff elections, and State House and Senate elections next year, the intention is to drum up and endorse a slate of candidates at a State-wide Convention in August.

There are (potential) Negro voting majorities in eighteen Mississippi counties. Today, in Bay, there are Negro majorities in Madison and Jefferson counties.

Initially, work will be concentrated in these counties. It will take the form of political workshops, **PRISON SCHOOLS** — (co-sponsored by the M.F.D.P. and the American Federation of Teachers) — and voter registration.

voter registration

FEDERAL REGISTRATION

Since the Voting Rights Act of last year, the M.F.D.P. has sent upwards of 900 voter registration complaints to Attorney General Katzenbach.

Katzenbach has responded to the extent of sending Federal Registrars into 23 Mississippi counties. Together they have registered about 35,000 Negroes.

But Katzenbach has not given any to the MFDP request that the Federal Registrars should become mobile — in that Federal examiners be sent into the remaining 59 counties.

a.s.c.s

This year the MFDP will again attempt to get a Negro farmer or sharecropper elected to a county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service committee.

Last year there were about 20 Negro candidates. The MFDP charged there was local and intimidation in at least seven counties. In spite of evidence of this, there were no re-elections.

A Platform for Reform and Progress

Listed below are a few of the points from the platform of the candidates supported by the M.F.D.P.

- The setting up of workable Federal programs for migrant and displaced plantation workers.
- The extension of Medicare.
- Control of the Poverty program by Poor People.
- The lowering of the voting age to 18.
- An end to the War in Vietnam.
- Compulsory education to 17.
- The repeal of 14 C.

MISSISSIPPI FARMERS DEFENDERS UNION

507 1/2 N. Fork Street,
JACKSON.

M.F.D.P.



summer

1966