

local elections

NEGRO REGISTRATION

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

Late this summer the N.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 draw up and nominate a slate of candidates at a State-wide convention in August.

There are (potential) Negro voting majorities in eighteen Mississippi counties. Today, in July, there are Negro majorities in Fulton and Jefferson counties. Initially, ours will be concentrated in those counties. It will take the form of political workshops, *PEOPLES MILLS* — (co-sponsored by the N.F.D.P. and the American Federation of Teachers) — and voter registration.

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FIGURE REGISTRATION

Since the Voting Rights Act of last year, the N.F.D.P. has sent upwards of 500 voter registration complaints to Attorney General Katzenbach. Katzenbach has responded to the extent of sending Federal Registrars into 29 Mississippi Counties, together they have registered about 35,000 Negroes.

But Katzenbach has not given way to the N.F.D.P. request that the Federal Registrars should become mobile — or that Federal examiners be sent into the remaining 99 counties.

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This year the N.F.D.P. will again attempt to get a Negro focus on sharecropper elected to a county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service committee.

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

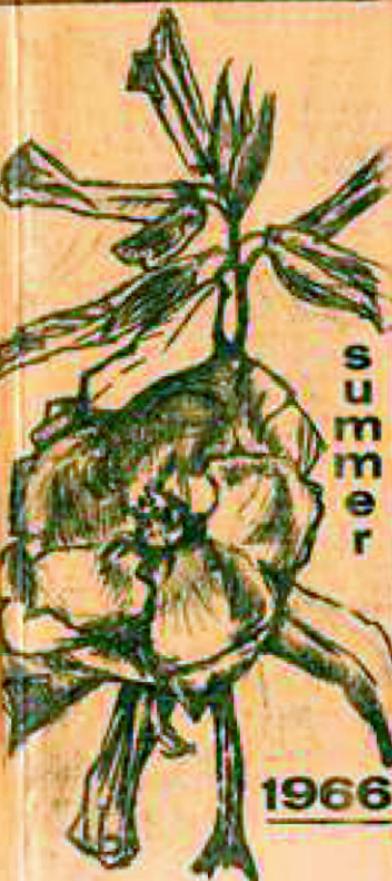
A Platform for Reform and Progress

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

- The setting up of suitable Federal programs for migrant and dislocated plantation workers.
- The extension of National Control of the Poverty programs 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 16 U.

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