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The members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee feel that black people throughout the entire nation should be aware of a cruel and inhuman situation now existing in the State of Alabama. As a follow-up to the November 8th elections in that state, and as a result of black people voting in those elections for the first time in their lives, the white landowners are retaliating by evicting large masses of black farm workers from their land.

In Greene County, the Greene County Freedom Organization reports that there have been a series of evictions, resulting in 70 families being evicted from the land which has been their only home for years. Some families have been given a deadline for moving on December 3rd and others on January 1st. Meetings and discussions are currently underway among black people there to decide on the necessary steps and remedies to deal with this problem.

In Lowndes County, several families have already been evicted from their homes and are now living in tents. Many more families expect eviction notices after the picking season is over. The Lowndes County Christian Movement in conjunction with the Lowndes County Freedom Party is now in the process of purchasing land and building houses for these people. The movement so far has 2 houses, has bought land for 2 families, and has begun construction on 2 houses which they hope to have finished within this week. Besides the eviction, there have been brutal attacks by Lowndes County whites on black people who participated in the November 8th elections, one of the worst cases being the beating of Andrew Jones who was hospitalized with a skull fracture for 2 days in Selma. The Lowndes County Freedom Party is moving in the direction whereby they can gain complete control over the county in the next 2 years, and are also moving to an economic position where they will be able to take care of people who work in the movement there. Present plans include raising money to buy