

THE VOICE OF THE MOVEMENT

The Freedom Voice of the Fifth Congressional District (COFO)

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COFO State Staff Meeting Held in H'burg

More than 120 civil rights workers from all parts of Mississippi met in Hattiesburg April 5, 6, and 7. They reported what they have been doing and discussed new directions in organizing communities. Many felt it is time to organize around employment. Hattiesburg will hear more about this.

Government Food to be Distributed

Surplus Government food should soon be available to about 7,000 people in Forest County. Beans, cheese, flour, lard, meal, powdered milk, peanut butter, canned meat, rice and rolled wheat will be given out. The table shows the most you can earn in one month (not including your welfare check) to be eligible to receive food:

<u>number in household</u>	<u>income per month</u>
1	\$ 65
2	95
3	125
4	145
5	165
6	185
7	205
8	225
9	245
10	260

If you are not on welfare, you may apply at the office of certification on Elizabeth Ave. on the Stockshow Grounds. If you are on welfare, you can apply at the welfare office for food.

MFDP Active.

The Freedom Democratic Party has opened a new office at 421 6th Street, around the corner from Fairley's TV and radio repair shop. The phone number is 582-9901. Precinct meetings have been held in all but one precinct. Library will have a meeting tonight, April 13, at the MFDP office. Many MFDP members will participate in the march on Washington next Saturday, April 17. While they are in Washington they will attend political workshops on MFDP. Last Saturday, April 3, the MFDP finished taking testimony for its ten day rebuttal period. All of the evi-

ence will now be taken to the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Next Sunday, April 18, there will be a fifth district MFDP meeting at St. Paul's Church on 5th Street. On April 24, Lawrence Guyot, Mrs. Hamer, Mrs. Gray, and Mrs. Devine will be in Washington to talk to Civil Rights groups from all over the country about the challenge and Mississippi in general. They would like more people to go. For details contact Mrs. Peggy Jean Conner at the MFDP office. The MFDP will also run a summer project this summer, similar to the one held last summer by COFO.

Operation Headstart

There is a new federal program for pre-school children called operation headstart. It is part of President Johnson's poverty program. It is set up to help children who can't go to kindergarten get ready for school. Centers will be set up where children will attend activities during the summer to help get ready for the first grade. Medical examinations will be given to the children as a start for a possible health program. The children will also get meals. The federal government will provide one worker to help set up the center. The rest of the staff will be local people. The federal government will pay 90% of the cost of the project. About 30 centers have been set up in Mississippi. Five of these are in the Hattiesburg area and are being organized by staff people of the Delta Ministry and of COFO

CHILDREN LIKE KEMPER PARK.

IT HAS A ZOO AND A MINIATURE RAILROAD.

TAKE YOUR CHILDREN THERE.

YOU'LL LIKE IT TOO.

Freedom Corps

The Freedom Corps is a program designed to help people who want to work in the Movement get the necessary training and orientation for this job. It is open to Mississippians first, to northern Negroes second, and northern whites, third. There will be a one month training session at Mt. Beulah, Edwards, Miss. beginning April 19. The volunteers will work in projects accross the state for two months. Following this trial period, they will be asked to serve at least one year in the Movement. The Freedom Corps is a project of the Delta Ministry, but the people in the Freedom Corps are not under the control of the Delta Ministry. They are simply trained through the program the DM sponsors. After that, they are encouraged to become parts of the staff in their home projects or other projects where workers are needed. People who want to know more about the Freedom Corps are asked to call the Delta Ministry at 4-7720.