TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA -- Early in the morning of January 4, 1966, civil rights worker Sammy Younge, 22, was murdered.

Ten days after Younge's death, 200 students from Tuskegee Institute, where Younge had attended school, marched downtown, given a police office to present the city council with 8 demands.

They asked that Younge's killer be convicted. They also asked for the segregationized state where Younge was killed to be dismantled, and for the desegregation of all public facilities; the closing of the so-called white private schools, so long used to evade the civil rights act; the dissolution of all-white "private schools;" more jobs for Negroes downtown. They demanded that, if the school system is de-segregated, the city council, the city council be dissolved; that the suffering which many of the people in my district are facing because of the poor housing in Atlanta and throughout the United States.

The decision was made to picket the next meeting of the Board of Education. The basic idea was to have a sit-down strike in which the parents would take over the area out of the city the Board of Education, and then sit in the seats to keep them covered.

"We've seen 50 homes today with inadequate heating, running hot water, adequate heating, or hot water. The rentals pay $40 to $50 a month."

Meeting With Mayor

The same day, Julian held a press conference in front of the Markham Street Hotel, and pledged full support to the people's efforts, Bond said.

"I stand today in front of a hotel that has not been condemned by the city for violations of the city code. Within are many conditions representative of poor housing in Atlanta and throughout the United States."

"The Board of Education is responsible to ensure that every resident of Atlanta has adequate and comfortable housing in Atlanta and throughout the United States."

"I have a say in school affairs. This is not some small disturbance in the whole educational system."

RANK JONES of the Parents' Committee said that the school committee is the representatives of the citizens in his district, and will stand for re-election. His popular vote has been rising steadily since the action by the school board.

"I was placed last on the Parents' list because they didn't want a Negro school: that's slumming. It's hard to believe that the whole white educational system is culturally disadvantaged."

"Our schools are better than theirs, and we're going to keep them out of our neighborhood."

"We've got a culturally disadvantaged mother who wants to keep the Negroes out of her white schools."

"Our Kids are being fooled and their parents' are being fooled, too."
The Delta farmers had attended a week­
long conference held in Greenville. They were
intrigued by a speech given by John Lewis, the
Director of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating
Committee (SNCC). Lewis talked about the
importance of organizing and mobilizing people
for social justice. He emphasized the need for
active participation in the political process.

In Bogalusa, the FOP (Federation of Organized People) had
launched a campaign to expose and challenge
the racial discrimination in the town. They
had been involved in several protests and
marches, including one where they demanded
the closure of a local prison that had a high
incidence of mistreatment of Black prisoners.

The Delta farmers had decided to join the
movement, and Lewis encouraged them to take
action. He reminded them of the importance
of solidarity and how collective action could
make a difference.

In Bogalusa, the FOP had partnered with
the CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) to
organize a sit-in at a local restaurant. The
protesters were demanding an end to segregation
in restaurants and other public places. They
were met with resistance, as the restaurant
owners were not willing to comply with the
integration law.

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fighting for their rights. They
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In conclusion, the Delta farmers,
Bogalusa residents, and other
leaders in Mississippi were
prepared to make sacrifices for
the greater good. They believed
in the power of unity and
solidarity, and they were ready
to take on the challenge of
creating a more just society.

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Mississippi Negroes
Occupy Air Base
GREENVILLE — On January 31, a group
of over 700 Black people marched on and
occupied an air force base to demand
the release of civil rights activists who
were being held there. The protest
was led by the Mississippi Freedom
Democratic Party (MFDP), a group
that had been formed in part in response
to the disenfranchisement of Black voters
in the state.

During the protest, the protesters
occupied the base, demanding the
release of the activists. The
protesters were met with resistance,
and the air force deployed its
police force to try to disperse
the crowd.

The MFDP had been formed
in response to the disenfranchisement
of Black voters in Mississippi, and
the group was determined to fight
for civil rights and democracy.

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WHO OWNS CALIFORNIA?

On the opposite page is a map of the Delano - Bakersfield area, published by the Kern County Land Company.

The grey areas are owned by Kern County Land. Each square is a mile on a side, 640 acres.

We publish the map here because it vividly demonstrates a major point about California agriculture and farm labor -- that the men who own the land we live on rule the land. The richest sections, hundreds of thousands of acres, of California's San Joaquin Valley, are owned by enormous corporations. Their economic and political power cannot be "balanced" in anyone's mind with the power of the individual farm worker.

This cannot be neglected when people talk about the organization and unionization of farm workers. Directly behind the conditions of life in rural California are Standard Oil, Schenley, Southern Pacific Railroad, Di Giorgio, the Los Angeles Times -- and the Kern County Land Company. These are the colossal the Delano workers are fighting. Corporate spokesmen love to talk about the "family farm," the tiny grover victimized by weather, crop failure, price fluctuation and unionization, We intend to show that they are inventing a myth. There are plenty of small farmers; they too must be unionized, but it's the giants that control them and keep them in line.

Sometimes the giants seem too large to be visible. They must be made visible: they control California agriculture and to a large extent California politics. We will begin with the Kern County Land Company.

We hope this begins a regular series. We may not be able to publish other maps, due to cost, but we will report on the findings. George Ballis (SNCC Field Secretary and Editor of the Valley Labor Citizen) is preparing a map that shows who owns, section by section, the southeast San Joaquin Valley. We have seen the map. Senator Paul Douglas also has seen the map. It led him to call the misuses of land and water in the Valley by the large corporations, "One of the greatest land steals that has ever been attempted in the history of this Nation."

When this map is available in quantity, we will let our readers know how to obtain a copy. As those who labor upon the land increasingly fight to control the conditions of their lives, the question of who owns California becomes more and more relevant to all who live there.

ROGER TERRONEZ (1933-1966), LABOR LEADER

Last month Roger Terronez died. He was a big man, had been a prizefighter and a farm worker. The week before he was killed he was elected, the most popular candidate, to the Kings County Anti-Poverty Commission.

He was killed in a freak automobile accident. The details are never important, the sorrow and bitterness of his death are beyond the details of his death. He was a leader of the National Farm Workers Association; he was loved by those who worked with him and he need not die. We knew Roger well in San Francisco. The American government pays billions offered in conversation what would be a good epitaph for Roger. Speaking as one who knew him personally. He was a leader, to any man, why every town in the United are killed, work harder." That's just the beginning to what seems incredible the South, he said simply, "When people

Not only of his people.

The accident occurred in Delano. Roger was taken, alive, to the Delano hospi

tal. He could not get medical aid there were no competent doctors available; there was no equipment. They asked, Roger was unconscious, for two hours until specialists could be brought from Bakersfield, but the Delano equipment was inadequate, an ambulance was called, it was necessary, the doctors said, to take Roger to Bakersfield.

On the way to Bakersfield, he died. The American government pays billions for a war; it subsidizes the Delano growers; it pours more billions into a "race" to the moon. There is no reason understandable to any man, why every town in the United

States cannot have an adequate hospital, specialists on call day and night, and all the equipment that science can provide. There is no reason why poor towns and rich towns, poor people and rich people cannot have, within the boundaries of the United

When people say there is no reason for Roger's death, they overlook how easy it might have been to keep him alive. A doctor, a good hospital, and some medical sup

plies. Why do people call that impossible? A SNCC Field Secretary visiting San Francisco at the time of Roger's death, offered in conversation what would be an epitaph for Roger. Speaking as one who knew personally many of those killed in the South, he said simply, "When people are killed, work harder."

MAN WHO RUNS SCHENLEY: HOW HE LIVES, WHO HIS FRIENDS ARE

NEW YORK - According to a January 26, 1966 article in the WALL STREET JOUR

NAL, the President of the Schenley Corpora

tion, Lewis S. Rosenstiel, seems to be a mighty lucky individual. He runs the House of the Noble Land and "Schenley's" the Chief Investigator for the United States. His Loot

Lewis S. Rosenstiel, 71, owns 29% of Schenley's stock, worth over $30 million on the market. In the 5 year period between 1956 and 1961 Rosenstiel's "household expenses" totaled $618,000.

Testifying at one of Rosenstiel's several divorce trials, his personal accountant stated that the Schenley Corporation paid $385,000, paid only $271,000 of his household expenses, - which is mighty lucky; his total expenses for those 5 years was only 9.1 million dollars.

Schenley Corporation helped out by paying $16,000. Tinkering $2,000 a year as the average wage of a California farm worker, a quick calculation shows that the money Rosenstiel spent on his yacht could have doubled the wages of 5 men and women who pick his grapes in Delos for the same five years.

Misses and Fear

Mr. Rosenstiel seems to be afraid of something. A former side of his says, "She's suspicious of the world. He's convinced that people are trying to undermine him." To prevent this, Rosenstiel takes some

intercoating precautions. "Our house,..."
These are the headlines that began an exposé in the San Francisco Chronicle, September 16, 1877. They describe in graphic 19th century terms how the Kern County Land Company got the land it owns today.

"Months ago," the article said, "the CHRONICLE discovered that a stupendous fraud was being practised in the lower part of California, in the way of land grabbing, by certain wealthy parties in this city."

The "wealthy parties" were James Haggie and Lloyd Tevis, two San Francisco financial magnates, and Bill Carr, famed as a political hatchet man for the Southern Pacific Railroad. CONTINUED PAGE 7.
Reverend Jim Drake, a member of the Migrant Ministry working on NFWA work, was quoted by THE MOVEMENT to comment on the success of a strike led by Robert Di Giorgio of the Bank of Cincinnati, and Russell G. Smith, executive vice-president of the Bank of America.

"You know what he is? He's a shrewd big business man and he believes that Schenley is about to close up shop. Rosenstiel is in no danger to see if this is true."

On CONDITIONS -- "One of the most barbaric things we saw last summer was a camp of single women workers. They were completely isolated from the outside world.

"The lack of libraries, the lack of newspaper. They wanted to join the strike, but they had no way to leave the area. They were primitive in a living wage so they can provide their own housing? This is an admission that they don't care about the workers."

"If they were really concerned with the 'welfare and dignity' of their workers they would give them a living wage."

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"I feel that farm labor isn't ready to be placed under labor law."

"The 'Cultural Habits'" 

"There are many reasons for the low pay of farm workers: 1) the nature of farm work, that is, its seasonality and 2) the cultural habits of the farm workers."

"Mr. Di Giorgio supports collective bargaining, whereas some employers are among those who believe that the union could really destroy the farmer if they were to strike."

"When asked about the long history of labor disputes of the Di Giorgio Corporation he said the interviewer was ill-informed. The 1947 - 50 farm strike was nonexistent. Di Giorgio said the strike was a propaganda move of the Communist party."

"At no time were they informed by Di Giorgio of a strike. So when Di Giorgio talked about the strike, the workers were not aware of it."

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The trio moved into Kern County with immense financial resources and political pull. In less than ten years they gained title to nearly 400,000 acres, over 100,000 acres in one afternoon.

The Kern County Tevis - Carr operation was called "the Ring" by the Chronicle. In 1873, the Ring, using forged soldier's certificates, was able to steal the land that started Kern County. The great community of blacks and whites who worked the large land was non-productive, without irrigation. The lands they have thus far stolen could not cover up.

We are supposed to be part of that world, the racist life that the Air base was "city property on a city property," said Mr. Parker. After the crack came in the liberal city council the day after the passage of the law, President Grant told the news of it was telegraphed to Carr. It did not. The Ring had too many friends.

The power that Tevis, Haggin and Carr used to steal the land that started Kern County and Land Company on its way to a multi-million dollar operation is similar to the power that keeps KCL, Di Giorgio, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to maintain. It is all the more ironic when we get there they do not know what we want. We are supposed to be part of that world.

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It's Very Simple: We Intend to Take Over Lowndes County. Interview with the Alabama Black Panther Party Organizer

When SNCC reports on the Power Structure it calls attention to the fact that Alabama isn't really run by the politicians, it's run by the businessmen, that the power is concentrated in the hands of the economic power. Do you feel that Negro government and economic power is going to change the real power?

"I don't know that it will. One of the things we do know is that Negro government power is not taking advantage of the economic power, but it is trying to change the rule of the state."

Do you feel that Negro government power is going to change the real power?

"When you talk about changing the real power, it's not so simple. We've been doing some exciting things within the political structure. For example, every weekend we take people to Atlanta to collect signatures of Alabamians for the Atlanta City Council. At the Research Department we taught the people what the district lines meant and what the following weekend we do Tax Assessor, and then we go to the voter registration the county level. The people come back to Alabama, and they then conduct the same work within their county."

"What I say is that there are now in Lowndes county about 400 people who know what the state is doing, and instead of 400 people feel qualified to run for sheriff. So you will in fact not have someone running for public office because that's what we think of the people who are black, white run and control everything, every single thing. The council house has to be an oppressive tool, and the people have to be afraid of it. When they go there to pay their taxes they can hear in their heads, "You want to change that thing, and the only way to change that is to get rid of all those white people. It's very simple -- we're talking about the political machinery in the state."

The Democratic Party holds it in its hands, and it holds it in its Eastland. It holds a KKK-like organization. It's the county sheriff, assessor, and tax collector. If you sit down at a table and talk, it's a compromise, Negroes get hurt. We have to make it so that Negroes don't get hurt, and when they talk about change, that's what we're talking about."

"The Democratic Party has shown just what they'll do in a year and a half in Freedom Democracy Party -- we don't recognize you, but we recognize Colomers and any other organization in the state."

"The courthouse. Negroes have to gain the power."

"How do you change that, and the changes they want to see in the everyday living. Whether they're disfranchising Negroes or taking away their right to vote."

"We're organizing people around their Black Panther Party. I'm sure they will find some voices in other counties."

"What have you been telling people in Alabama?" "We're organizing people around their own interests and trying to hold political power inside the community. Not outside of Alabama, but inside the county."

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