

NEWSLETTER
Bay Area Friends of SNCC
May 1964

Bay Area News:

A benefit for freedom will feature Congressman James Roosevelt, the premier performance of the Freedom Theatre, and folksinger Barbara Dane. Lou Gottlieb will be Master of Ceremonies. This benefit is co-sponsored by the Anti-Segregation Initiative Committee and C.D.C. candidates. The proceeds will be divided among the sponsors and the Freedom Theatre. Tickets are \$2.00: call Si Rosenthal at the Oakland Aid Society. Date: Friday May 22. Place: Richmond Auditorium.

SNCC clothes-packing for shipment to Community Centers operated by SNCC workers: Sunday May 31; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 2223B Roosevelt, Berkeley.

East Bay Friends of SNCC has rented and is redecorating an office at 5929 Grove Street, Oakland. The Grand Opening will be Saturday May 23; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. - 12 midnight.

Marin County Friends of SNCC has formed an organizing committee composed of Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. Greensfelder, Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Radenzel and Mrs. Vincent. The mailing address is P.O. Box 210, Mill Valley. The first planned function is a Blue Chip/ S&H Green Stamp drive to collect enough books to send a car to SNCC. BLUE CHIP STAMP DAY will be held June 1.

The Mariner's Discussion Club of Marin College is sponsoring a drive for clothing and books for the Mississippi Summer Project.

Southern News:

COFO, consisting of SNCC, CORE, NAACP and SCLC in Mississippi is setting up a two day meeting in Washington D.C. for June 9 & 10. A four-hour hearing is planned on June 9 with people from the Mississippi staff, citizens from Mississippi and constitutional lawyers who will discuss the need and correctness for federal protection of field workers this summer in Mississippi. Delegates will also visit their congressmen and hold a press conference. On June 10, COFO workers and representatives of the sponsoring civil rights organizations will attempt to meet with President Johnson to impress upon him the need for dramatic federal support.

One of the results of SNCC's voter registration drives are the campaigns by seven Southern Negroes for congressional seats. The seven are: Mrs. Victoria Gray is opposing Senator Stennis in the Mississippi primary; Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer is running against Rep. Jamie Whitten in Mississippi; the Reverend John Erle Cameron will oppose Rep. William Colmer in Mississippi; James M. Houston is challenging Rep. John Williams; in Alabama Mrs. Amelia P. Boynton is opposing Rep. Kenneth Roberts; C.B. King will oppose Maston O'Neal in Georgia; and A.C. Cofield is running a write-in campaign for Congress in North Carolina. SNCC is conducting voter registration drives in each of the areas where a Negro candidate is running.