

MEMO TO ALL FRIENDS OF SNCC GROUPS  
FROM: Dorothy Zellner, Boston Friends of SNCC Coordinator  
Joan Reischauer, Petition Drive Coordinator

Enclosed is a copy of the petition which we are beginning to circulate now, with co-sponsors NSM, CORE, Mass. Freedom Movement, PAX (Political Action for Peace) and probably WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom). Organizations like ESCRU (Episcopal Society for Racial and Cultural Unity), CIC (Catholic Interracial Council), ADA, Fair Housing Federation, League of Women Voters, etc., are meeting now to discuss their sponsorship.

We plan to present the petition at the end of February or beginning of March. Originally we were going to have Feb. 1 as a deadline but decided to postpone it in order to work on the Congressional Challenge.

Betty has asked us to send you this memo to see if you too can launch such a petition drive in your community. We suggest that before Xmas you might try to get the broadest possible co-sponsorship and then organize manpower after New Year's. We envision techniques like mailings, setting up tables in the street, door-to-door campaigns, parties where signature is admission, press releases and conferences, delegation to congressmen, etc. We hope to get in Massachusetts at least 20,000 signatures, if not more, and to get a delegation of "prominent" types to deliver it to the President. The petition is open to any citizen, regardless of age, but must be signed in ink or ball point.

Jim Monsonis of Washington SNCC, 107 Rhode Island Ave., N. W., will keep the petitions in his office for us until we are ready to deliver them.

If you can do this petition drive, write us immediately so that we can add your name to the reverse side of the petition. If you have any questions or need help, please write to Joan here at the Boston Friends of SNCC office, 1555 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

Hope to hear from you soon,

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