

LOUISIANA SUMMER, 1965

" 'Good afternoon, Ma'am,' the interracial team says. 'We're from the Congress of Racial Equality and we'd like to know whether you'd be interested in registering to vote.'

If the answer is yes, there begins the long process of teaching application. In Louisiana, a Negro applicant may be failed for not dotting an 'i' or for circling something which should have been underlined..."

"Yesterday a man sat talking to us with a knife in his hand. As we were leaving he laughed and told us what had been in his mind when he'd seen us coming. White bill collectors down here hire Negroes to lead them to the houses they're looking for and to beat the debtors."

"Another question, seeking the party affiliation of the voter, required the word 'Democratic' to be written-in, Peggy stated, or else the registrar would consider the application void."

"Suddenly these men who apparently had been fox hunting were swarming around the car..."

From Louisiana-Summer, 1964

CORE needs about 100 volunteers from this area for Louisiana-Summer 1965. For ten weeks the students will work with local Negro groups in 20 selected parishes in Louisiana. Beside voter registration the work may involve the formation of farmers' leagues and co-ops, and the organization of independent campaigns for local elections. Work will vary according to the needs and tactical possibilities in each parish. But everywhere the goal will be to start, stimulate or strengthen local groups capable of leading a community fight for equality and a decent life.

The volunteers will meet in mid-June in Plaquemine, Louisiana, for one week of orientation. Then they will disperse to face very different problems. In some of the parishes CORE workers have been active for as long as five years. In some parishes local groups are well organized, in others, the campaign has hardly begun. In all cases the volunteers will be staying with local Negro families who have invited the CORE volunteers.

Interested people can get applications from Anita Levine, 654-7643

RALLY NOON, THUR. MAY 6
SPROUL HALL STEPS . . .

Hear CORE field secretary and Cal students back from Bogalusa, La.
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