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BALDWIN AND RUSTIN TO ADDRESS SNCC CONFERENCE

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WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 20---A three day leadership training conference on Food

and Jobs called by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee will open here

November 29 at the Andrew Rankin Chapel of Howard University.

Noted Negro author, JAMES BALDWIN, and BAYARD RUSTIN, Deputy Director of the

August 28th March on Washington, are among the speakers and panelists slated to

appear.

"The Conference," geared to SNCC staff members and workers from local protest cen

ters in the South, "will give the conferees a working knowledge of the forces and tech-

niques which they must apply to bring equal opportunity to America, " according to

Miss Bobbi Yancy, SNCC Southern Campus Coordinator.

SNCC Chairman, JOHN LEWIS, will open the conference Friday, Nov. 29. Comprehe sive discussions of the economic and political power structure of Mississippi, scene of a concentrated SNCC vote drive for the past three years, are scheduled for the same day.

Representatives of the following agencies will be speaking: the Manpower Developmer and Training Agency; National Sharecroppers Fund; Migrant Health Section of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO; and the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

On hand as resource personnel will be JAMES FORMAN, SNCC Executive Secretary; ROBERT MOSES, head of SNCC's Mississippi vote drive; and directors of six other SNCC projects.

"This conference deals directly with the problems we face daily," SNCC Chairman JOHN LEWIS stated. "Our workers, located mainly in the resistant rural areas of the South, must assess ways to improve the economic and political power of the disenfranchised Negroes with whom they live and work."

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A Press Conference will be held Friday, NOV. 29, at 11 A. M. at the First Congregational Church, 10th and G Streets, N. W., Room 206 (NA. 8-4317). A Press Room will be open throughout the conference in the basement of the Andrew Rankin Chapel, 6th and College Streets, N. W.