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SNCC ASKS STUDENTS TO "MAIL-IN" FOR PROTECTION

ATLANTA, GEORGIA --- The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has initiated a campaign which includes a massive "mail-in" aimed at securing federal protection for summer civil rights workers in Mississippi.

The campaign asks southern and northern college students to circulate petitions asking President Lyndon B. Johnson to "provide guarantees that summer workers in Mississippi will be offered full protection."

The SNCC drive calls on students to "mail-in" thousands of letters to Johnson on May 17, tenth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation.

Civil rights groups working in Mississippi are sponsoring a "Freedom Summer" campaign that involves 1,000 summer workers on programs of voter registration, Freedom Schools, Freedom Registration and Community Centers.

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TENNESSEE STUDENTS PROTEST JIM CROW ATHLETICS

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE --- An interracial student anti-segregation group at the University of Tennessee is circulating a petition calling on the school's Board of Trustees to "immediately authorize the Athletic Department to recruit and play athletes regardless of race, creed or color."

The group, Students for Equal Treatment (SET), an affiliate of the Atlanta-based Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), started the petition a month ago.

According to Marion S. Barry Jr., a university graduate student and SET chairman, the petition was started because of the inaction of school officials. "Kentucky's Board of Trustees has said that Kentucky will play Negroes and I don't see any reason why UT's Board can't do the same," Barry said. "Moreover, even if Kentucky had not done so, it is still UT's moral responsibility to integrate athletics here."

By circulating the petition, SET leaders hope student sentiment favoring integration will be expressed. Both candidates for president of the Student Government Association at the school have pledged their support of the measure.

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