

PRESS RELEASE

The Madison County Movement, NAACP, FDP, and COFO will conduct a voter registration drive on Tues. March 30, 1965.

District Judge Harold Cox has ordered registrar L.F. Campbell to allow Negroes to register with being intimidated and "to be as lenient with them as with the least white applicant."

We are going to the courthouse confident in the feeling that the registrar and all the local officials will comply with the court order. There is substantial evidence that this has not happened in the past. Of the approx. 6,000 whites eligible to vote, over 5,000 are registered. But, of the over 10,000 Negroes eligible Negroes, only approx. 500 are registered. We do not feel that it is necessary to wait for the U.S. government to pass a voting bill in order to enable Negroes to register and to vote. ~~This is a~~ These are rights guaranteed to all Americans by the U.S. constitution.

We are confident that the Negroes of Madison County to ~~exercise~~ exercise their rights without fear of intimidation of any sort. This march is a continuation of a sustained effort by the Negroes of Madison County to secure their rightful place in society, and their right to participate in the democratic processes of government.