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ATLANTA, GEORGIA. The staff of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee at its sixth annual Spring Conference, held near Nashville, Tennessee, elected Stokely Carmichael as SNCC's fourth chairman. The three man SNCC Secretariate was completed with the election of Mrs. Ruby Doris Robinson as SNCC's third Executive Secretary and Cleveland Sellers who was re-elected to the position of Program Secretary.

Organizational changes reduced the Central Committee from 21 to 10 members and created three new posts of organizational secretaries. The three, appointed by the Chairman, will act as executive assistants to Carmichael. Charles McLauren, an organizer in Sunflower County, Mississippi, has been named to one of the posts.

SNCC Chairman Carmichael, 24, who helped organize the Lowndes County Freedom Organization says, "The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee is going to intensify its efforts in the area of independent politics. Our experience organizing in the hard core racists areas of this country has been one of intimidation by local elected officials and our experience has been one of inaction on the part of the federal government."

"We will struggle in the future as we have in the past for human rights and join with those around the world who know the same oppression that we know and the same deception on the part of the 'so called' United States government in its claim of concern for democracy."

Central Committee members include: James Forman, Charles Cobb, Mississippi, Frank Meely, Penna., Robert Mants, Lowndes County, Ala., Ralph Featherstone, Washington, John Lewis, Atlanta, Ivanhoe Donaldson, New York, Courtland Cox, Lowndes County, Ala., Robert Smith, Mississippi, Jack Minnis, Atlanta. Chairman Stokely Carmichael is also on the committee.