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Beginnings:

First staff members hired after Jane:

Diane, heading a segment as Direct Action Chairman

Chas. Jones as Voter Registration Chairman.

Tim Jenkins & Chas Jones got money from NAACP & other sources, unofficially to feed and house people. Meetings held at conclusion of McComb activities.

Forman (contacted thru Paul Brooks) came to Jackson and McComb and was asked by Diane, Bevel, and Brooks to take over the Exec Sec. Position or they would not go on working.

Later Norma Collins entered picture.

August conflict —

Voter regst did not want
to give up direct action —

Harlan Rudolph contacted N'ville Aug 1962

end of August — another fundraiser meeting

NSA
conf

Aug 22-23 — McDew & Barry
present — final bid for
funds — move wide for
tax-exempt group — SRC —

Tim still thinks wise to go
w/ voter regst. — direct action
was at dead end —

end of

Fear in '62 that it was a
mistake when power Central
of VEP — by then direct action folded —
no funds for direct action —

wasn't reduction —

moving spirit was

Stephen
Canner

pres. Taconic

Garrison — Field

Marmel + Wofford — invited

even before meeting — indication ~~that~~ from ID
that voter regist. costs are they they

Tim set up meeting Wash 1 student, SCLC —
Kennedy —

Danny Freedom rides — Dime contacted Belafonte on ride —
Tim went to see Belafonte in NY on
behalf SNCC ~~April~~ May — B. wanted to
talk to broader cross-section students —
B. agreed in money for meet. in Wash
early in June — led to commitment
of limited funds for SNCC —

Tim at Belafonte —

Tim : disappointment

① orig scheme of N. side — org
based on Negro campuses in South — didn't
work it — led to prof. staff hierarchy

② also: failed to produce seminars —
educ sessions — (until 1963 — Potter) —

③ outside of Miss — no
expansion of horizons —
statewide pol. action
even needs
legal needs

④ not definite rough
about rel. with
other groups — SNCC
position not clear —

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Shewman
N. H. H. H.

Summer 1961

July, 1960: Moses goes to work for SNCC Atlanta ~~(subject)~~. Field trip to get people to Oct. conf. Gets Aimsie Moore (Amzie Moore?), plans Voter Regi. project.

July 4, 1961 Moses officially SNCC Staff (acc. to application, but really August)

July 10, 1961 Moses arrives McComb in Pike County.

Early Aug. 189 Riders out on appeal, Aug-14-19 Riders back in Jackson set appeal date
Aug. 22 Appeal trials start Jackson

Aug. 1961 - CC Bryant, head NAACP Pike Cy, had read in Jet of Moses plan, wrote him suggesting pike Cy. Moses went to see him in McComb, decided on schools there and in Walthall & Amite.

John Hardy (Nashville), Reggie Robinson (Baltimore) arrived soon.

Aug. 7, 1961 SNCC school opens

August - Moses says hired in McComb when staff hired staff.

Anne: Jane S. left fall, 1960. Ed King alone in office

June, 1961 Louisville meeting, SNCC depressed, no money, Tim Jenkins came late to meeting. Diane called Belafonte, asked him go on Freedom Ride.

All went up, conferred with Belafonte, apparently eventually got money thru him to hire first staff, enabling people to quit school.

Tim told June meeting money available if go into Voter Registration.

Feeling negative. Tim said: "This will sweep the South like a tidal wave". He said: "For the first time we have a commitment from the federal government that they will act on this".

Connie Curry said yes, this is drift off future.

But people were cool and it was left hanging.

July 1961 Baltimore meeting (Anne not here). Heard money and draft exemption offered for people going into voter registration. Estelle Wyckoff said student movement was being bought and paid for. ML King here, for the voter registration drive.

Decision postponed until August meeting.

Meanwhile, Tim Jenkins organizing training seminar Fisk August: Ella Baker, Sherrod, others. Very very useful.

(Aug. meeting before middle of August, Ann recalls)

August 1961 meeting at Highlander. Nashville group mostly - Marion Barry, Diane, others, plus Ed King, for direct action.

Jenkins, Sherrod, McDew, Jones, for voter registration, said political structure basic.

Ann had mixed feelings.

Chuck chaired.

Ella smoothed what might have been split, reconciled two factions.

Compromise: two sections, Jones heading voter reg, Diane heading direct action.

Vep money not available until spring 1962.

Forman wanted to come South to write. Neither he nor Bob at Highlander.

(more)

Summer
1961

Diane: (799-7504) Brought Forman to meet Bevel & Lafayette at McComb.

Paul Brooks was from Nashville, student at Amer. Baptist Theol. Sem.

Forman, when in Fayette County, would come to Nashville, talk to Diane, Paul about strategy. Lester McKinney also came to McComb. Ed King not at McComb.

Ed King left around Sept. 12-13. So nobody in office for two weeks.

Diane had started Feb. 61 working for Nashville movement.

At Highlander: Diane afraid of getting too close to administration.

Jim Bevel did join SNCC staff, stayed until Spring 1962, then to SCLC.
Diane worked for SNCC until 1963.

Staff hired first:

- Bevel
- Jones
- Moses
- Sherrrod
- Jones
- Diamond
- Robinson
- Hardy
- Lester McKinney
- McDew
- Max Diane?
- Forman
- Zellner

Bunch hired in McComb, then a few in Atlanta.