

MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM PROJECT - STANFORD NEWSLETTER #3 NOVEMBER 10, 1964
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WE'RE ORGANIZED (we hope!): After several informal sessions early this fall, volunteers returned from the Mississippi Summer Project and others interested members of the Stanford community organized the MFP - S to continue the work done by the Civil Rights Secretariat (now defunct) and to support the Freedom Project in Mississippi and similar projects in other hard core areas of the South.

MFP - S will serve as an information center for students and other members of the Stanford community interested in MFP, collect funds and materials for the Project, and serve as liaison with the MFP's Southern staff and Northern support groups. MFP - S will not engage in local direct action as an organization except as it is directly related to the MFP in the South.

Elected officers are:

Chairman: Judy Walborn, 321-5638
Admin. Asst.: Chris Wilson, 323-8802
Secretary: Carolyn Egan, 323-9043
Treasurer: Geoff Smith, 323-8819

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Appointed chairman are:

Freedom Schools: Margaret Ross, 322-6390
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There are no membership dues. Membership is open to all members of the Stanford community who give their names and addresses to the secretary. Our initial mailing list is enclosed. Please let us know of any additions, changes, or deletions.

Also Organized: Mid-Peninsula Friends of SNCC, 1965 Cowper, Palo Alto, 326-1043. Headed by MSP veteran Matt Zwirling, this new group held a highly successful fund-raising party at the Clarence Kelley residence in Atherton, Nov. 7. It will coordinate financial support programs for the Freedom Project in this area. For a summary of other Bay Area Friends of SNCC activities, see accompanying Newsletter.

BOB MOSES TO HEAD BAY AREA S.N.C.C. CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO, NOV. 13 - 15.

Fresh from a five-day SNCC staff retreat in Mississippi, MFP Director Robert Moses will be the featured speaker at a three-day West Coast Friends of SNCC conference which opens this Friday in San Francisco.

STUDENT REGISTRATION IS \$2. CALL CAROLYN EGAN TODAY AT 323-9043 FOR FORMS.

The conference will open with registration and a reception at SNCC headquarters, 584 Page Street, San Francisco from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday.

Moses will keynote the conference at 9 a.m. Saturday & A symposium will follow at 11:30, with lunch and freedom songs at noon. Workshops on organizing Friends of SNCC groups and other support activities will start at 2.

Sunday's program highlights include in a panel on "The Populist Movement and Its Lessons for Us," starting at 9:30 and workshops for ministers, freedom schools, community centers, voter registration, and other special groups. Advance registration has passed the 300 mark.

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CAMPUS-WIDE FAST FOR FREEDOM SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 19 WITH N.S.A., 46 Colleges

The MFF - S, in conjunction with NSA, is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Fast for Freedom, Thursday November 19.

Proceeds from the project will go to supply food staples for impoverished Mississippi Negro families.

Students are asked to forego the evening meal on November 19 and are encouraged to attend instead an informal presentation on Mississippi and on the meaning of a fast and on individual commitment to Freedom. Time and place of the meeting will be announced later.

The University Food Service has agreed to contribute the money saved on each meal to a common fund which NSA will use to purchase food. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters has agreed to ship the food to Mississippi, where it will be distributed by COFO, free of charge.

Last year the Thanksgiving Fast for Freedom raised \$10,250 across 42 colleges and sent over 80,000 pounds of food to Mississippi. This year, to date, over 40 colleges and universities are already pledged to participate in the program.

The program has drawn support from every major civil rights organization in the nation and from other interested groups, including the National Council of Churches, B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation, the National Federation of Catholic College Students, The Nation Student Christian Federation, Newman Club, the Americans for Democratic Action, and Students for a Democratic Society.

MFF - S Chairman Judy Walborn made the following statement in support of the fast:

"The need for food and clothing during the long, cold winter months of agricultural unemployment in Mississippi is enormous. If sufficient help is not supplied through efforts such as the Thanksgiving Fast for Freedom, thousands of children and adults will suffer from malnutrition bordering on starvation. Their hollow eyes, distended bellies, and sore-infested skin will be evidence once again of the needless waste of human life that goes on day in and day out in Mississippi.

"Our participation in the Thanksgiving Fast for Freedom should mean more, however, than a minor re-distribution of our abundance to the disinherited people of Mississippi. It is a symbol of our commitment to human freedom -- freedom for the Negro minority whose bodies are in bondage to hunger, and freedom for the white majority whose minds are in bondage to bigotry. To symbolically participate in the poverty of Mississippi Negro families is a meaningless gesture unless it also affirms our larger commitment to accept responsibility for the evil that exists in Mississippi and elsewhere across the nation."

Students wishing to participate in the Fast for Freedom should sign up either in their living units or in the Inner Quad, this week.

The Fast for Freedom presentation will be held from 6 - 7:30, on Nov. 19. The program will include informal talks by Professor Robert M. Brown, Larry Spears, and Margaret Rose; tape recordings made in Mississippi this summer by Luke Kibat, and freedom songs.

MFF - S meets regularly on Monday afternoons at 4:15 p.m. in Tressider. THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23. If it is impossible for you to ever attend these meetings because of conflicts with classes, please let us know (either write Box 2484 or call the secretary). If a significant number of people cannot attend these meetings, we will change the day.

WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARD ON THE LEFT-BEND WALL OF TRESSIDER (AS YOU ENTER BY THE PHONE BOOTHS AND THE TRAVEL SERVICE) FOR CURRENT NEWS ON MISSISSIPPI AND FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MFF - S ACTIVITIES!

FREEDOM SINGERS CONCERT ON CAMPUS TUESDAY, NOV. 24; TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT \$1.50

The Freedom Singers, six young Negro men who travel throughout the U. S. singing freedom songs written in the jails, picket lines, and mass meetings of the Deep South, will present a concert at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, in Dinkelspiel Auditorium.

Tickets may be purchased Tuesday through Thursday Nov. 10-12 in front of the Bookstore on White Memorial Plaza. After that date, contact Geoff Smith at 323-6819. Tickets also will be available at the door. Price \$1.50 each.

\$1,800 COLLECTED TO SUPPORT MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM PROJECT FOLLOWING SWEENEY ARREST

Dennis Sweeney's arrest in McComb Friday, Oct. 23, triggered a spontaneous fund-raising drive which netted \$1,800 for MFP-S. Of this amount, \$1,300 has been sent to the COFO office in Jackson for use at its discretion, while \$500 has been placed in a special bail fund with Western Union for use by Stanford students involved in civil rights activities in Mississippi and other areas of the South. A MFP-S group is currently studying ways of establishing a large bail fund.

PROGRESS AT STANFORD: Nearly 100 people have attended MFP-S organizational meetings at Bowman...every campus living unit was covered by returned volunteers in a series of informal, after-dinner talks last month...Copies of The Daily's special supplement on Mississippi edited by Nancy Steffen, have been sent to San Jose State, UC-Berkeley, high school students in Castro Valley --- and to Mississippi, of course...o

AND IN MISSISSIPPI: Frank Morse, Mitch Miller, Doug Sorensen, and Dave Harris spent one week working for the Freedom Democratic Party in Jackson, Columbus, and Marks, then held separate conferences for the press and campus upon their return to Stanford...Marli Schenck spent 10 days in the state, mostly in McComb...Dean Jamieson worked four days in Holly Springs immediately prior to the election....o

Ron Kaufman is doing fine in Columbus, where he has been commuting 70 miles to do voter registration in Tupelo since mid-October. He expects to return to campus Nov. 15...Dennis Sweeney reports relative calm in McComb since the wave of arrests Oct. 23-28. He faces trial on charges of "trespassing on public property" Nov. 16. An earlier conviction on "food-handling without a permit" is being appealed. In the next few weeks, the McComb project may expand its operations into surrounding rural areas.

Luke Kabat, a medical student and former volunteer in Meridian, will return to work in Mississippi in a few weeks... at the end of fall quarter, Judy Wallbern will go back too -- with her master's degree in political science.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AND OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE

SPEAKERS:

Stanford students who spent part or all of this past summer in Mississippi are available for speaking engagements in the Bay Area. Write Box 2484 or phone 321-5638.

TAPE RECORDINGS:

Tapes made this summer in Mississippi are available from Luke Kabat, 627 Bryant Street, Palo Alto.

FILMS:

"A Dream Deferred," available from Dick Phillips, 316-7469.

BOOKS:

SNCC: The New Abolitionists, by Howard Zinn, \$4.95. At the Stanford Bookstore.

RECORDS:

Freedom Now -- the Freedom Singers most recent album. May be ordered through the MFP-S. Write Box 2484.

ARTICLES:

"Mississippi Eye-Witness"; Ramparts Magazine, current issue. Available through Ramparts Magazine, Menlo Park, Calif. 1504.

"The White Man Ain't Never Going To Let His Vote" -- an up-to-date report on McComb. New Republic, Oct. 24, 1964.

"Crusade In Mississippi" -- Ebony Magazine, Sept., 1964; a report on COFO's summer freedom project.

"The Story of Two Exiles From McComb," Drew Pearson, San Francisco Chronicle Friday, Oct. 16, 1964, p. 41.

PROJECT LITERATURE:

Includes bibliography of basic books on history of Negro in America; Available from Geoff Smith (323-8819).

DAILY SUPPLEMENTS:

Special Daily edition on Mississippi available from Carolyn Eagan, Union residence (323-9043).