

FROM: Ronald Kaufman, incoming chairman MFP-S
RE: This mailing and current activities

The current mailing list has about 150 names on it. At present, I know very few of you and have no way of knowing what your name being on the list means. We have a lot of work to do before next summer and it would be a great help to know something about your interests and commitments. For example, this Christmas vacation two or three MFP-S people will be working on setting up a portable photo display using pictures from the recently published book, The Movement. Fortunately I was able to locate an art student who took an interest in this project. It would really help to have this kind of information on file so that we don't have to search randomly for people with particular talents and interests. If you're pretty neat at carpentry and will be around between quarters, please get in touch with me. My phone numbers are:

DA 1-2300 Ext. 2395 Leave a message

Ext. 4600 I'm usually in; let it ring.

326-6730 Not after midnight.

My office is in a Dept. of Psychology Lab. The building is located at 534 Salvatierra near the Post Office. My office is on the top floor in Rms. 41 to 43. Feel free to stop by.

When Bob Beyers came back from Mississippi last summer he emphasized the fact that there were SNCC staffers who had been there too long without a break and as a result were not functioning very well. There is something that we can easily do to help such people and help our project too. If everyone on this mailing list would contribute one dollar, that would be enough to pay for the transportation and living expenses for one SNCC staffer for a two-week vacation at Stanford. While here, he or she might be able to live in the dorms or other living units and could have plenty of contact with students on an informal basis.

Judy Walborn, who returns to Mississippi soon, would be able to look around for someone who needs a vacation badly. As this can't be done without the vast majority of you supporting the idea, your dollar or lack of it is your chance to vote on this project. Please send one dollar in an envelope to MFP-S Box 2484 Stanford with your name. If we don't get enough dollars and you remembered to put your name on the envelope, your money will be returned. Since it's so easy for you to forget to do it and so hard for us to remind you, please send your dollar now.

The formality of this mailing has a definite reason. I want you to hold on to the contents of this and every future mailing. In the next few months you will receive papers on all kinds of topics. Coming up soon are papers on the role of the FBI in the South, on how to do research for SNCC on the power structure of a city, and one on what the federal government is capable of doing in the South. These papers are not just for your private use. I hope you will use them when you talk to others. By the time we start formally recruiting you will have had the opportunity to learn a lot of detailed relevant information about the existing conditions in the South and the type of programs being carried on by SNCC and other civil rights organizations. These packets of information will prove very useful in recruiting.

As some of you know, Luke Kabat, a Stanford medical student, is back in Meridian, Mississippi for a six week stay. About a week ago MFP-S bailed him out of jail at a cost of \$660. This more than wiped out our bail fund. University regulations prevent us from collecting money to replenish the bail fund at this time (shades of Berkeley), so we are asking med students and faculty to pledge money which they could make immediately available if he is jailed again. Enclosed in this mailing are Luke's first four letters.

Also in this mailing is some detailed information on the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party's challenge of the five congressmen from Mississippi. SNCC is asking us to support this challenge by writing letters to our congressmen. The letter writing campaign concerns a resolution that will be introduced in the House on the opening day of Congress. This resolution on fairness and procedures will ask that the five congressmen being challenged not be seated before the legal challenge is decided. We have been asked to write letters to our congressmen before January 4th urging them to support the resolution. The letters should be short, simple, straightforward requests for support of the resolution on fairness and procedures connected with the challenge of the five Mississippi Congressmen.

In one sense writing letters to congressmen is such an easy thing to do, yet in another sense it must be difficult because we so seldom do it.

FROM: Judy Walborn, outgoing chairman MFP-S
RE: Some thoughts about where we're going

There is little I want to say as an outgoing chairman except that I hope you will give all of the support you can to Ron and the other officers. There is, however, something I want to say as a person about the civil rights movement. That is that we sometimes tend to see the movement in short-range terms (like winning the right of the Negro to vote, improving the economy of the South, integrating eating places, and the like). These goals are important, and far from being achieved at the moment; and I think we must work toward them. But I hope some of us will begin to look at the movement in broader, longer-range terms, and that we will begin to think about the kind of society we are trying to create -- the kinds of lives, the kinds of human experiences we think it is important for persons to be able to have, and the social conditions which help to make these experiences possible. This "something different" from what exists now that some of us seek, this dissatisfaction with the glitter of middle-class materialism and the desire to replace it with something "better" that Zinn talks about in SNCC: The New Abolitionists is what I hope we can begin to think about more closely. This is no more than the ancient question of what is the good society asked in the context of 1964. I have no solutions to this; I cannot even formulate the proper questions. But this concern is one which I will take to Mississippi with me and, I hope, leave here with you.

Judy Walborn