

**MFLU ACTION:** There are now 1000 people on strike in the Delta.

Washington Co. (Tribbett): Strikers today conducted a picket line within the terms of the injunction served on them June 1 by Andrews' lawyer. (See WATS#91). They picketed both the front and side entrances to the plantation, and managed to turn around 50 workers, in addition to those who were already striking.

Justice of the Peace in Leland, nearby, refused to press charges against Mrs. Lindsay, who fired at several strikers a few days ago.

Mrs. Hamer spoke at a rally last night (Greenville or Bayland? or both), saying that what the strikers were doing was the most important thing that ever happened in Mississippi. She plans to speak in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania tonight about the MFLU.

Dave Novick says he heard from a friend in Harlem that there was a rally there in support of the strike, and radio station WLIB has picked up two taped interviews furnished by COFO on the strike.

People in Tribbett still need tents. The women and children on the Andrews plantation are now at Mt. Beulah, and will stay there until they can be relocated in a tent city.

There are about 15 tractor drivers on strike in Washington Co.--this is important, because tractor drivers are skilled workers. Sunflower Co. (Indianola): MFLU members went to the buses carrying day laborers to the fields to persuade them to stay home. About 25 police, both regular and auxiliary, were there ordering people to get on buses. Some were intimidated, but others didn't go.. There are now 500 people on strike here.

Presumably because of the 15 men who walked off Eastland's plantation yesterday, the managers of the plantation are sending buses directly into town to pick up workers, instead of relying on them to get into buses in Indianola, as before.

Bolivar Co. (Shaw, Cleveland, and Rosedale): After a rally last night in Cleveland, attended by 500 people, 70 people stayed for a strategy meeting that lasted until 4 am that morning. They discussed how they could get all 600 of the cotton choppers in Cleveland on strike by the end of next week. At 9 am today they held another meeting, this time attended by 125 people. They decided to canvass door-to-door, to intercept choppers going out to the fields today, and to split up into teams and infiltrate the plantations tomorrow.

In nearby Rosedale, 35 people planned to go out to talk to sharecroppers. (Just for those who have never chopped cotton, there is a difference between day laborers, such as those who live in towns like Cleveland, Shaw, Indianola, and sharecroppers, who actually live--or belong to--the plantations.)

Cleveland is housing three union officials wanted by the police in Shaw.

This morning the Union received \$500 from an AFL-CIO group in Wisconsin. More money, food, and some clothing is urgently needed. (MFLU, Box 547, Shaw, Miss)

#### ARKANSAS

Nancy Stoller/Bab 8pm

There is a meeting in Star City (near Pine Bluff) tonight to protest the new "Freedom of Choice" plan for desegregating the schools. Negroes in Star City have written letters in protest ~~to~~ to the office of Education concerning this plan. A Negro school bus driver was fired for attempting to enroll his daughter in a white school under the plan. This and other harrassments have increased after a large number of parents tried to enroll their kids in white schools,

#### WASHINGTON FDP Jan Goodman/Bab 8:30pm FDP OVERCOMES PRINTING HURDLE

Clerk of the House Ralph Roberts phoned the FDP attorneys today and told them ~~to go ahead~~ he would go ahead and print everything that they requested. They are to meet with the Government printers on Monday. Under normal circumstances, it takes the Government Printing Office about a week or ten days to print up something. It is expected that the printing will be done speedily, but the FDP

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is keeping an eye on it just in case.

Congressmen have informed the FDP that hundreds of telegrams have been coming into their offices during the past two days, urging that all the evidence be printed. They came from almost every state in the Union. (At least 25 Congressmen called the Clerk, urging him to go ahead with the printing. Telegrams were also sent to Speaker of the House McCormack, and to the President.

The MFDP wishes to thank all those Friends of SNCC offices, and all its supporters throughout the country, who so speedily responded, and with so much success.

JACKSON, MISS. FDP PLANS GRAND FREEDOM DAY, JUNE 8

The MFDP is asking for all unregistered ~~voters~~ people in the state to go to the polls on June 8--the date of the Municipal Elections--to show that they want to vote even though they have been denied the right to. This will also be a protest against the fact that they will not have the chance to elect their city officials for another four years even if the voting bill is passed. In a sense, this is a Challenge of local officials, and local elections.

Since it is likely that large numbers of people will be arrested, people are requested to begin raising bond for June 8 IMMEDIATELY.

In cities where municipal elections will not be held this year, the FDP has called for Freedom Days, and for Freedom Days throughout the month of June to support the Challenge.