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The present could probably be more aptly referred to as a "bi-weekly" report since my last was dated November 15. I will insist on the privilege of calling this a weekly report, however, with the stated intention of rectifying my errant practice

These few days have been rather well packed with "action and adventure" most notably including the continuation of T-shirt demonstrations in downtown Albany, continuation of VR mass meetings in the various counties, completion (?) of initiation indoctrination session and activities for Janet Rouse and myself, who arrived at the same time, the week-end rendezvous in Nashville, Tenn. and the MOVE TO THE COUNTIES.

Since some of the other reports from people who are also working in the Southwest Georgia project of SNCC are included, I will confine my remarks to the Nashville conclave and the move to the counties (Lee County), activities and ideas subsequent and related theories.

Although it would seem that the week-end in Nashville was moderately successful, I was somewhat disappointed in the total week-end. During the two weeks I spent in Atlanta prior to arrival in Albany, I assisted the office workers in setting up the conference and had some insight into what problems were encountered in setting the thing up. Therefore, I do sympathize with some of the problems that had to be solved. While I do appreciate the level of insight and understanding of the various problems we face in the Movement, I was disappointed that the kind of discussion that was conducted among the few could not have been more generalized. This perhaps could have been remedied by having smaller workshops in which more individuals could have participated more fully and perhaps by giving more time to the discussion of these results in the plenary session.

I found the discussions we had in the car on the way much more interesting and ~~worth~~ worthwhile than the discussions held at the conference per se.

This week in Lee County has been very interesting also. We have identified some of the main roads in the county and have had several discussions with some of the Lee County leaders: Mama Dolly, with whom we are living, and whose son, John, was in town from New York state, James Mays, the James family, the Simmons family, and a few others. We also met some people we didn't know who have not previously been involved in the Movement there: Emory Thomas Sr. and Emory Thomas Jr. and their families, two sets of Johnsons, the Blackshire family and a few others, most of whom promised to attend the meeting of this week. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

As Larry and I become more familiar with Lee County more concrete suggestions and reports of progress will be forthcoming.