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I would imagine that my outlook for the entire project would be brightened if the circle of questions about this Hotel in Quitman could be settled; i.e.

- a) Where is the \$150 from the NCC? Preston Ponder said he never received it from J. Collier. And J. Collier?
- b) Where is the NCC? Unless it shows very soon, I'm going to sublet the NCC's half of this structure -rent out rooms- and pay the \$150/month rent on this damn place.
- c) If the FDP wants this joint for workshops, it had better act fast.

Its true that we're managing to contact, and establish ~~some~~ relationships, with folks widely spread throughout the county;

And its true that today is the first time I learned of a FDP workshop in Washington D.C., which was supposed to state today.

The Stonewall branch has switched from being a COFO operation as such, to a FDP operation-with the people in that area responsible for the structure. They are now in the agonizing struggle where to find direction themselves is the goal. The leaders of that area are on the FDP mailing list, they have been to conventions, and discussions in Jackson. and they've been to many a small meeting-but they've yet to grasp that "I can do it" spirit.

In Quitman-there is no money and folks will not risk the slightest. A campaign is under way to get people down to the local factories which will be hit by the Civil Rights Bill this year-but filling out an application seems like an alien custom. And it seems extremely likely that a citizens group will visit, or ask the candidates for mayor to come visit them, in order to answer questions and lie for the record.

We had hoped that the picketing of the post office, after Cox's decision, where no one was arrested physically a busload, would break some ice and pop ideas into unlocking heads. It melted some ice-but no crack.

Near the Alabama line there is a small community known as Rocky- its not on the map. But we've been able to involve as many from here as from Quitman itself. That being about 5 from Rocky, who travel into Quitman at night to (5 adults + attend the Quitman meetings, as well as attending the Rocky meetings. Quitman (h.a.) is not yet like that, am hoping that this mayor's race can be used to involve people by showing that they do have power.

Nothing to speak of going on in either Shubuta or Elwood.

Conclusion; Enterprise-Stonewall: Training in How to Run an FDP Office needed by the several people in the community so that more than the Library can become functional. People not yet confident of their ability.

Quitman: Only organized program functioning is the canvassing-directed by canvassers trained by local people John Sumrall. Hope to take advantage of the race for mayor.

Rocky: Meetings taking place out there; program not developed; young people help out in Quitman in canvassing, and public acc. testing.