

Federal Programs  
Canton, Mississippi

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DAILY REPORT

The meeting with Dr. Vital, President of Tougaloo, was short but successful. The shortness was due to Mr. Perry Hollinger's appearance in the COFO office at 9:30, when we were leaving. Mr. Hollinger had walked four miles to inquire how he could be put on welfare; he is seventy-six years old. We are presently researching his information.

Dr. Vital is a member of the Mississippi Advisory Committee and of Governor Collins' committee to implement the new Civil Rights Bill. He pledged his support and invited us back again. We will make an appointment to see him next week. Dr. Vital referred us to people who will assist us in arranging for a night course in bookkeeping; the course will be offered through the Chamber of Commerce. We then talked to Mr. Briggs, the Public Relations man for Tougaloo, who gave us the names of two Jackson teachers to contact. In addition he agreed to give us help in arranging for speakers.

We went to Flora in the afternoon to talk with Clarence Taylor about the coming farm meeting. He gave us the names of some borderline-interest people whom he had not contacted. We saw them, and they agreed to come to the meeting. In the case of the Green family, which owns 1500 acres, this was a major achievement. Judy checked on welfare cases in Flora.

While we were in Flora Mr. Eula B. Perry, a farmer, came into the office and talked with Sharon. He is either another ideal leader for the league or a ringer.

The Chamber of Commerce pilot committee meeting was attended by two L.C.D.C. lawyers. They explained how to set up a corporation and its function. Then there was a general question and answer period. The discussion was taped to be played back to the committee people who were out of town.