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CLARKE COUNTY PROJECT

The Clarke County Project is being staffed with three workers, Greg Kaslo, 20 from Pheonix, Linda Allenstein, 21, Los Angles, California, and Jim Collier a CORE staff member. This project has been organized for six weeks and has received \$125.00 to operate the project and ~~20000~~ \$60.00 to pay the staff. The political and federal programs is being run by the local people. The County population is 16,500 with about 6,000 Negroes. Of these 6,000 about 80 are registered voters. There is an injunction in the County against the registrar (Federal). A County Voters League was organized so that the local people will become more involved in the program. We are canvassing the county trying to set up political workshops and looking for future leaders. The first of January we will move in a fifteen room hotel in the town of Quitman, the county seat of Clarke. The NCC will also move in at that time. Greg Kaslo is working with the political program committee, whose job it is to teach political education classes, keep information on everyone who attempts to register to vote, pass out leaflets, organize mass meetings and transport people to the Courthouse.

Linda Allenstein is working with the Federal Programs committee whose job is to get information on all factories moving into the county, and what skills are required, if they have on the job training or if not how they can obtain it and also how the farmers can get FHA loans. She will also be working with this committee on how to get the farmers to use their land other than for cotton and getting Negroes to group themselves into co-operatives. Local people run the Welfare Committee by themselves and arrange all the meetings in the County. Last week local people tested the lunch counter at the local bus station. They were all served without incident. Three days later more people went back and were told that a coke would cost five dollars. They did not pay and asked the manager what the price would be. He told them the same thing and they left the station. Their next objective will be testing the public school. We also have plans for a ~~stand-in~~ stand-in at the Courthouse around Christmas. It will begin about the 15th. of December. ~~and~~ ~~There is no Freedom School or Community Center in Clarke at this time.~~