

"Each One - Teach One"

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Dear Nancy and Joe,

So glad to hear from you!!! Thanks ever so much for the money too. It will be put to good use very rapidly. The budget has been tremendously out.

Doug is still here and is project director. Sandy is district director. We are, at present, in the process of depositions. The FDP has lawyers here and we have a court in St. Pauls Church. There are many representing the other side also. In fact the cross examiner has been ex-Governor Coleman. It really has been something to see this thing on our terms. I must tell you that we had to take a recess yesterday morning in order that their court recorder be taken uptown to use toilet facilities. We granted that. Lynd, Kitchen and the superintendent of schools were cross examined today. We have hostile witnesses too...yousee. Of course there was much lying goin on but, I think that our people have really been beautiful. They took great courage to testify. This information is all being made public. It is specifically concerned with discrimination concerning voter's registration. Many others still will not testify due to fear of reprisals. This info will go to Congress and will be used when deciding if the white congressmen from Mississippi should remain in Congress. After the 14th, the other side has forty days to gather their info. I suspect that there will be a lot of hanky-pank within those forty days. We subpoenaed the hostile witnesses. One did not show due to medical reasons. hahaha He is known as the beater and spitter. Within the last month he has beaten and spit upon approximately 10 of our workers. He also beat Bob Beech and a SNCC-SSOC (Southern Student Organizing Committee.) He is the same man who kicked Doug Tushman this summer.

We have been having public accommodation testing and in almost every instant, there has been violence and at least a serious threat if not actual violence. Now we are waiting to resume testing on the 23rd of this month. There have been a series of nonviolent workshops which were really violent. I don't know what shall happen.

Barb is away on vacation now. Dave Owen and Dick Landerman have left. Cerny is still here as is Dick Keely. Mary Louise is still here too. We have four new workers. Two of them are from Antioch. One is a Nuclear Physicist from Berkley.

Am so happy to hear that there is going to be a little Ellin. Let us know when that little one arrives. Guess we won't be seeing you for awhile then. We had hoped to see you at Christmas time. Doug Baer was here for about four days.

Thanks so much for the Peace Calendar. I use it everyday. So sorry that I haven't written sooner. Write often...Nancy, use it as an excuse not to do house work. OK? Soda Pop was through during school break.

Our love to both of you,

ONE MAN - ONE VOTE

Phil for the PROJECT