

Field Report
Tallahassee, Florida

Le Faucette, task force

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Voter Registration

Canvassing of Tallahassee was resumed following last months city election. In which William Cates (see previous report) was elected. Of those contacted one fifth were unregistered. In most instances they agree to register.

Canvassing also began in Quincy with the opening of the city registration books. Again a majority of those contacted agreed to register.

Tallahassee Economic Opportunity Act.

A temporary committee calling itself the Community Resource Council is presently meeting and preparing to offer a proposal for funds under the EOA. The council consists of eleven members, five of whom are "hand picked" Negroes. Because of evidence of exclusion of "radicals", for example Rev. C. K. Steele S. C. L. C. and others, it was decided to hold a public meeting where the issues involved could be discussed. At this meeting the two representatives from the Council took a very defensive attitude when asked why there was not more broad based representation from the Negro community. It was agreed that a joint executive meeting of the Council and a group of those who had been excluded would be arranged. Also invited were representatives of CORE and other civil rights groups. Dr. Hudson, chairman of the excluded group decided the following day that since his group was not

firmly organized and therefore had no executive committee per se, individual members would attend without representing any group.

Tallahassee Demonstrations

Two demonstrations were held this past week, one a sympathy picket line in front of the Federal Building, the other a memorial service for James Lee Jackson and Reverend Reeb. Participation in both demonstrations was less than expected.

Tallahassee Community Meetings

The regular Wednesday night meetings are still attended by only a few people. I have asked that each person bring at least five people to the next meeting. Otherwise the meetings will be discontinued until more interest is indicated. This coming Wednesday I shall present for approval, a petition to the land owners, requesting a meeting with them to discuss improvements and repairs on their property.