

Friends and supporters of the Sunflower County Freedom movement;
Your financial help is needed to keep the freedom movement alive in this Mississippi delta county, a decision was handed down from the northern district federal court a month ago ordering that Negroes be registered according to same standards required of the whites. (This injunction will last only one year). Since then, we have been conducting a massive voter registration drive. We have expanded into areas in the county which we had previously only touched. The response has been good in some areas. Some eight-hundred Negroes have passed the test over the past few weeks. But there are thirteen thousand (13,000) eligible Negro voters in the county so there is a lot more work to be done.

In December of this year, the municipal election will be held in Indianola. All persons who register before September will ^{be} allowed to vote, provided something is done about the poll tax, either through the voting Right Bill or through a court suit. Assuming that there will be something done, Negroes stand a good chance of winning some posts in this election.

There are about 1200 white voters in the city and about 2000 Negroes eligible to vote. Of these about 100 were registered before the Court Injunction and about 250 in the month since. So if we can register about 900 more Negroes this summer, Indianola " the stronghold of segregation in the Delta" may be the first town in Mississippi to have Negro municipal officials.

To be effective in reaching many of the Negroes who live in rural areas all over the county, we must have tools to work with. These tools really boil down to cars, which often need repair, gas to operate the cars, and some small subsistence for workers who are not supported by SNCC or some other Civil Rights organization. We must also be able to maintain a central office in the county. Funds will also be needed for campaign expenses. How effective we are in voter registration efforts depend on all these needs.

You can aid the right of the Mississippi Negro to register and vote by pledging your support to our efforts. Our needs are great and our resources are scarce. If you want to help send contributions to:

P.O. Box 30

Indianola, Miss.

WE SHALL OVERCOME

John Harris