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NORTH & SOUTH REPORT

~~I am~~ I am sending you the last three issues of the Grenada Advocate the local movement paper (edited by Jim Bulloch). Many of the stories from Grenada are adequately covered in the Advocate so I won't have to repeat them.

1-- Shooting incident (Grenada Advocate Dec. 16)

2-- Continued harassment of Negro students at white schools (Grenada Advocate Dec. 16 & Dec. 23)

3-- Christmas volunteers (Dec 23)

4-- Supermarket (dec 23)

5-- Poor Peoples Committee. I have been organizing a Poor Peoples Committee for the last month. We have so far been working mostly on welfare. We are having daily classes in welfare laws for the committee and they are organizing themselves to fight the welfare department and to help people with welfare problems. The PPC scored a significant victory along this line when, after a confrontation at the dept., they established the right for committee members to accompany welfare applicants, and people with problems, all the way through the dept. That is they can sit-in on the hearings, and interviews, and help the people fill out the forms, and talk with the welfare lady. We are also working on a co-op to make quilts or leather goods in affiliation with the Poor Peoples Corporation.

6--The blackout appeared to be quite successful. On Christmas day there was little evidence of Xmas presents. That is there were very few children outside playing or wearing new gifts. There were also very few houses (I saw only 1) that had up Xmas decorations. Many people however were wearing new overalls that they had bought for Xmas to wear instead of new dresses and stuff. On Xmas eve we had a party at the Union theatre.

7--Reorganization (G.A. Dec. 23) During the last two weeks Hosea Williams and Ben Clark were in Grenada to help reorganize the movement. A number of new programs were started and old ones re-activated. (you'd better talk to hosea about this)

8.--A "local Conservative" by the name of Bob Alexander is going to be on the Joe Pyne T.V. show soon to tell the "truth" about Grenada. Alexander is a white man who has been working hand in glove with the power structure and police. He has recently been harassing our marches. He is going to be on the show to respond to the article in LOOK mag by Rev. Burt. Alexander should provide an interesting show and you ought to watch it. He's pretty rabid.