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curriculum. We developed a plan for an organizing project that would organize parents and their communities; unfortunately, it never got off the ground.

In 2012, I organized a trip to the Bay Area by Bob to raise funds for the defense of Ron Bridgeforth, a former SNCC field secretary who'd gotten himself in trouble with the law when he used a gun to steal materials for a Black children's tutorial program and got in an exchange of shots with a cop who was attempting to arrest him. (Bridgeforth escaped and went underground for 40+ years. We'd been friends before that incident when he was still a SNCC worker.) Bob was happy to come; we raised what was needed from his trip.

Bob often stayed at my place when he came to the Bay Area. We got to have serious discussions about the things we cared most deeply about. I got to know him as a person.

What stood out about Bob is the quiet that surrounded him — a quality of serenity that made him a rock of steadfastness no matter what turmoil surrounded him.

We think of charisma as associated with dramatic speeches made to tens or hundreds of thousands: Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the CIO's John L. Lewis, and other orators. Bob's charisma was different. He spoke softly, often using questions to get others talking with each other in small groups, and he listened carefully. But there was no question: When he was in a room, he was usually the center of attention.

For Bob, there were no nobodies. That created a deep bond between him and sharecroppers, day laborers, domestics, inner-city students, and other otherwise nobodies in the dominant culture. The other side of this coin was that nobody intimidated him: not a Mississippi sheriff with a gun pointed at him or U. S. Senator Hubert Humphrey trying to persuade him of the honorary at-large two-seats "compromise" at the 1964 Democratic Party Convention.

Bob left a legacy in the work of many who continue in the struggle for full freedom, equality, justice and community. The country is a better place because of his presence. We miss him.

Learn more about Bob Moses' life and accomplishments from his *New York Times* obituary.

Mike Miller's *work can be found at www.organizetrainingcenter.org. He was a Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee "field secretary" from late 1962 to the end of 1966.*

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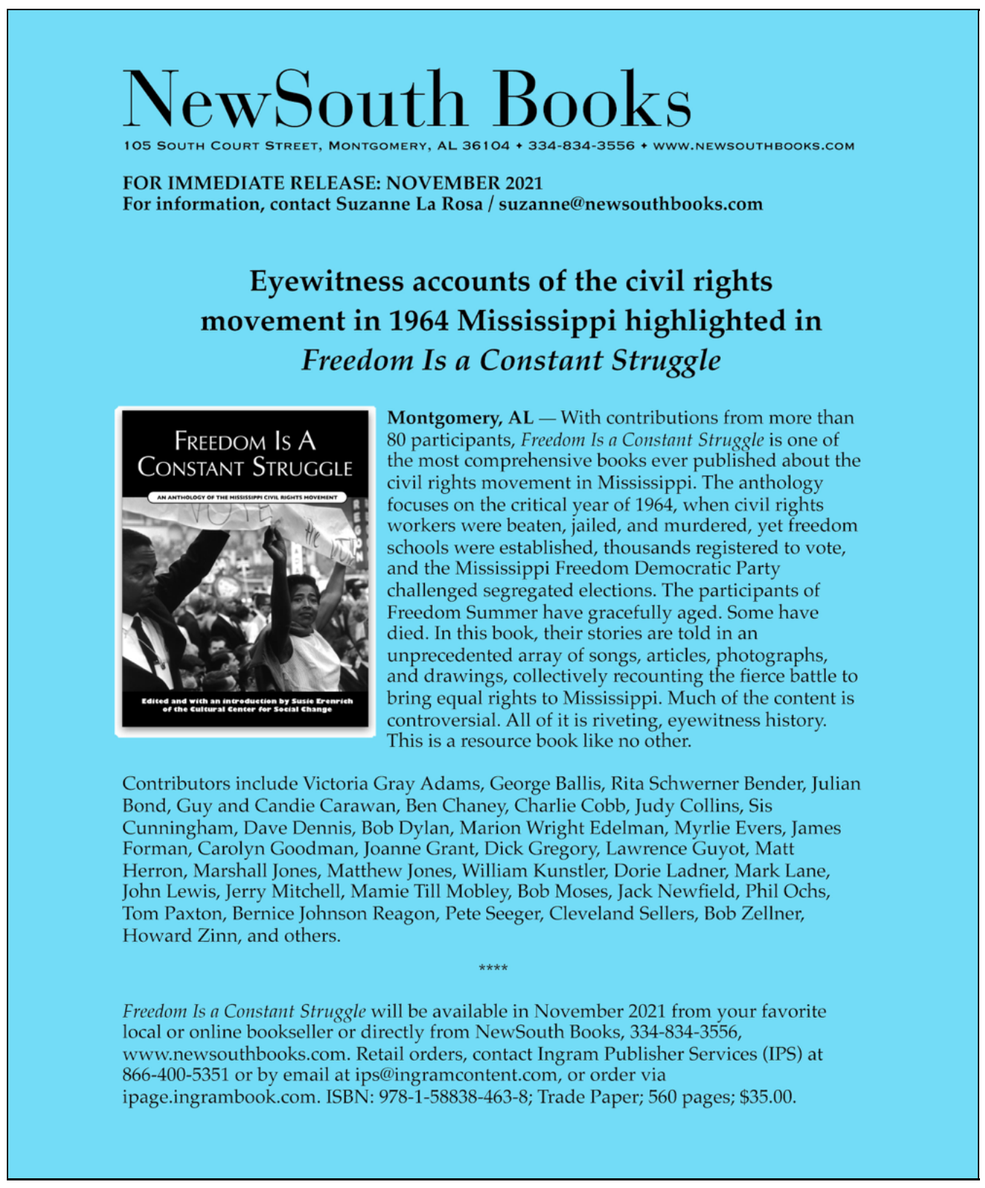

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