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May meeting (continued)

and Miss Donnah McGinty; National Student Christian Federation-Mr. Herluf Jensen and Mr. Allan J. Burry; United Christian Youth Movement-Rev. E. A. Driscoll; YWCA-Miss Rosetta Gardner, National Student Secretary. Observers were Miss Ella J. Baker of Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Rev. Wyatt T. Walker of SCLC; Rev. Edward Brown of Congregational Churches of Atlanta; Mr. Max Heirich of The American Friends Service Committee; and Mr. Len Holt of CORE.

The functions of the Committee were defined according to those discussed at the Raleigh Conference. After a review of the status of the movement, the group was divided into three subcommittees - Coordination, Communication, and Finance.

- I. The Committee on Coordination recommended:
 - A. The establishment of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee headquarters at 208 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.
 - B. The securing of staff personnel for the office.
 - C. The plan to meet monthly, the next meeting being June 10-12 in Atlanta.
 - D. The establishment of a permanent Coordinating Committee.
- II. The Committee on Communication recommended:
 - A. The publishing of a newsletter to be distributed within the movement and to supporting groups. It should contain, among other articles, news reports sent in from areas all across the South.
 - B. A system of flash news to alert the nation of emergencies and serious developments.
 - C. The release of press statements on the movement.
 - D. The issuing of public and interpretative statements.
 - E. The development of public relations pamphlets.
- III. The Committee on Finance recommended:
 - A. That NSCC raise only the funds needed for its own work.
 - B. The cooperation with NAACP in its program of Legal Defense and Educational Fund.
 - C. The cooperation with The National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students regarding relocation of expelled or drop-out students.
 - D. The encouraging of other groups' support.

Resume of the June meeting of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Comm:
On the weekend of June 10-13, SNCC convened at the campus of Spelman College, in Atlanta. Present were delegates from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, S. C., Tennessee, Virginia, and D. C. Observer groups were National Student Christian Federation, American Friends, US National Student Association, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; YWCA, and the United Christian Youth Movement.

A long and informative session was devoted to the discussion of the status of the movement. Each state and area reported, raised questions, and offered suggestions. Marion S. Barry, Jr., chairman, reported on the meeting in New York with various organization heads - a meeting designed to establish communication and cooperative efforts with these groups, such as NAACP, CORE, ACLU, AND NSSFNS (National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students).

Under the headings of Communication, Coordination, and Finance, the committee worked out a temporary budget, outlined policy for the newsletter, set the voting membership at present to one vote per state, and stressed the importance of each state organizing on the state level in order that SNCC function to its full potential. It was decided that sympathy organization were welcomed to send observers to the meetings.

Three press releases were issued from the June meeting.

- A. A statement from Miss Constance Curry, director of "Southern Project", US National Student Association, pointing out the falsity in Mr. Truman's charge of communism in the student movement.
- B. A statement from the Committee indicating the serious and unnecessary tension caused by unfounded allegations such as that of Mr. Truman, and affirming again the goals of the non-violent movement - "the correction of social injustice and reconciliation of differing view-points."
- C. A statement from the Committee announcing plans to seek a hearing before the platform committees of both major political parties; describing the nature of SNCC, and expressing the intention of all students to continue the movement, in the spirit of nonviolence, until the goals of a true democracy are realized.
(These reviews are necessarily brief, but we hope that they are indicative of the nature of the Coordinating Committee meetings.)

SPECIAL REPORT: ATLANTA STORY

Students from Clark, Morehouse, Morris Brown, Spelman Colleges, the Blayton School of Accounting, Atlanta University and the Inter-denominational Theological Center, have come together in a united effort to break the shackles of immorality, archaic traditions and complacency in an energetic struggle for human rights.

On Wednesday, March 9th, students from six of the institutions published an "Appeal for Human Rights" in three of Atlanta's leading newspapers. The "Appeal for Human Rights" is an expression of the students' dissatisfaction with the treatment of Negroes in Atlanta and Georgia in particular, and discrimination and segregation wherever they may exist. The students of the Atlanta University Center hoped that an appeal of this nature would be successful in provoking the consciences of the people of Atlanta, Georgia, the nation, and the world to refrain from the immoral practices of refusing to grant to some those guaranteed rights which are due every member of the human race.

Tuesday, March 15th, prompted by the same spirit which produced the "Appeal for Human Rights", while requesting service in nine different eating establishments housed in publicly supported buildings, seventy-seven students were arrested in seven of the restaurants. The two establishments where no arrests were made were located in federal buildings. One of the students, a minor, has been banned from Georgia.

On April 15th, five of the six signers of the "Appeal for Human Rights", and two students who were not originally arrested for their request for service were also indicted. The eighty-three students are now awaiting adjudication for violation of Georgia laws. They face possible maximum sentences and fines of forty years in jail and twenty-seven thousand dollars per person.

At this time, students have initiated a program of "selective buying" aimed at large food store chains in an effort to secure equal job opportunities.

On May 17th, in observance of the sixth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision regarding desegregation of public schools, three thousand students from the Atlanta University Center began a peaceful march to the Capitol of the State of Georgia. They were defiantly met by one hundred armed state troopers, sporting three foot cudgels, tear gas bombs and fire hoses. Upon orders from the chief of the Atlanta Police Department, the students were re-routed.

The Committee on the Appeal for Human Rights is constantly seeking opportunities to negotiate with governmental and private business officials to help secure equal rights through understanding.

The struggle for human rights is a constant fight, and one which the students do not plan to relinquish until full equality is won for all men.

Submitted by: H. Julian Bond
Melvin A. McCaw

PLACE FOR POETRY

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I too, hear America singing
But from where I stand
I can only hear Little Richard
And Fats Domino.
But sometimes,
I hear Ray Charles
Drowning in his own tears
or Bird
Relaxing at Camarillo
or Horace Silver doodling,
Then I don't mind standing
a little longer.
(-by horace julian bond, printed
in Morehouse College "Pegasus".)

YOUR PUBLICATION

"The Student Voice"

At the May meeting of NSCC, it was recommended that the committee publish a monthly newsletter. In June, more plans were outlined and a name chosen - "The Student Voice".

The newsletter will contain feature material, editorials, news reports from the various areas and letters to the editor.

We urge that protest areas and sympathy groups send regular and prompt reports to the office of SNCC to afford dynamic communication.

We strongly encourage letters of information, criticism, comment, and of any concern that you, as responsible participants might want circulated.

This is our newsletter and... our Voice. "The Student Voice" exists in order to speak that which we want spoken. Send contributions and suggestions to 208 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

SCHOLARSHIPS

All students expelled for participation in the movement and all students who, for reasons of conscience, have decided to drop out of certain colleges and universities will want to know that The National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students is working to relocate those students with whom they have been in contact and from whom they have received qualifying applications.

For information you may write to our office or directly to the Scholarship Service. Their address is 6 East 82nd Street, New York 28, N. Y. Mr. Julian Robinson is the Director of School-College Relations. They will send you an application which, with your college transcript, you will complete and return to them.

FUND RAISING

The Committee on Finance of the SNCC recommended that students not be responsible for raising funds for bail or education, but that they will be responsible for obtaining the money needed to maintain their office, hold meetings, arrange for general conferences like Raleigh and publish a newsletter. This money is needed.

If you have money or can get money which you want to go to the students directly, you may now send it to "The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee" and know that it will be received with much gratitude. Funds earmarked for "legal defense" or for other specific areas cannot be used directly by the students. We insert this because there has been some confusion in the past.

ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

Freedom...is to stop living the lie. Mankind is little people, because mankind is afraid to be. He lives in cracks, down behind pretences, there beneath reasons and excuses and pseudonyms. He is afraid of the sun because it is too bright, afraid of the rain because it is too clean, afraid of the air because it is too pure, afraid of his brother because he is too kin, and afraid of himself because, well, because if he found that self he might not be able to find a place in which to put it. Man has to be put. He refuses, he cringes at the headland and will not be dragged out to the rim where he would have to lean over and look Truth right smack in the face.

There is a chance now. We cannot believe that man will forever run. We must stop. And we have. We have stopped dead, right up against that wall of fear that separates not Negro from white, but man from man and man from himself. Strip off the lies and let us have a look at nakedness. Let us care, care, care what we are and what we are doing. Let us know that the price of freedom is to stop living the lie that we all do in our own little people way.

Cain killed Abel. Suppose Cain apologized? Would that fix things? A professor of mine once said "No"...no, the day when Truth comes is the day when beaten, wronged, murdered Abel gets up and goes looking for his brother. To do what, pray tell? To forgive him? Sure...to forgive him and to say "Now, Brother, let's start over, with nothing on over our lives and let's walk out there and have a look at Truth."

The problem is not race. The problem is fear. And the answer begins when we find out exactly what it is that we are all so afraid of. Let's find it NOW! Let's keep sitting in...and let's start standing...all the way...UP.

TO WIN RACIAL JUSTICE

1. Use active non-violent resistance to evil.
2. Never seek to defeat or humiliate your opponent, but to win his friendship and understanding.
3. The non-violent resister seeks to defeat the forces of evil, not the persons who happen to be doing evil.
4. Avoid external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. (Hating the opponent)
5. Accept suffering without retaliation.
6. Have confidence that the universe is on the side of justice.
7. Recognize that the center of non-violence is the love of God operating in the human heart."

Martin Luther King



TO BE ANNOUNCED: DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE