

PARENTS  
NOTES ON MONDAY, JULY 20/MEETING - WITH JAMES FORMAN, STEVE SCHWERNER,  
~~SCOTT WALKER~~

(Jane: These are terribly incomplete )

Problem of literacy in Miss. should be a government problem. Therefore our position (in getting voter registration) is if the state is going to deny educational opportunities to people then it's going not right to penalize people for not having an education.

When JP was growing up in Miss., there was no High school in his town. The nearest H.S. was in Memphis, Tenn.

Many white people in Miss. vote who can't read and write -- and this does not seem to bother the registrars.

Can't afford to take a chance (where aggression against civil rights workers or Negroes is concerned). Don't be afraid to give Congressman or Justice Department ten calls from different people when you are worried ~~xx~~ about safety of any individual. But pressure on JD should start at White House. Bug them also.

→ If you have a question about something in a letter you want to publish - clear with Betty Garman, (601 - 453 - 9931)

Still a tremendous need in COFO for cars that run. Some of those donated fell apart on trip south. Others were repaired along the way -- and fell apart, one state later. Need cars that run.

Reassured parents whose kids are going off into rural communities without cars that <sup>will</sup> two kids alone in country would ~~not~~ be roaming isolated roads.

On Food: Tremendous problem in Miss. Terrible nutritional problems among Negroes (sideback, grits, molassed) Infant mortality terribly high. Real nutritional problem among regular SNCC workers, too, as result of sharing their fare. (No problem among volunteer summer workers.)

After summer ends: On the whole, amazed at lack of incidents. But must assume responsibility for increasing SNCC ~~force~~ force in state, after summer. Perhaps the answer is more local people on staff. The only thing that has to be done to secure them is to assure them a livelihood. Many eminently competent domestic workers, etc. delighted to change to SNCC for same miserable salary (or a bit more.) It is important to

get and develop as many local people as possible.

← I'm not sure of his name, alas!

Jamie Moore -- speaking on Atlantic City (Jamie Moore is a young lawyer who just graduated from Stanford Univ. Law School after Yale and will work for a federal judge in NYC, this winter. He was active in organizing many civil rightsefforts at Stanford and in the community and was called in by Bill Kunstler to help us organize what was originally supposed to be an outdoor rally. But now - due to riots -- it will be indoor. He is extremely able, firm, tactful, stable young person and a great delight to have working with us)(Private note to Jane H.)

→ Role of parents can be important in helping seat Freedom delegation in Atlantic City Convention..

Public opinion is still against it.

Problem is to change public opinion.

Parents can probably cooperate with civil rights groups in Atlantic City. JM suggests group of parents in

activity decided with A. C. to ~~xxxxxxx~~ lobby delegates. Exact with COFO - see below

The fight will initially occur before the credentials committee. But it is expected to reach the delegates themselves and not be confined to credentials committee. We can be of help in reaching delegates so that when votes comes they will vote to seat Freedom Deleg.

Parents of children would be a very strong force in this pressure group.

If we unseat Miss. delegates at Convention we have precedent for getting rid of people like Eastland. He would no longer have seniority in regular democratic administration since hw could not be legal democrat.

We could also reduce representation from Miss. by ? % by which they discriminate.

(270,000 Negroes in Miss. - 1/5 of population ~~xxx~~ not allowed to vote.)

Delegation can be unseated on two grounds:

- 1/ See above (ie. discrimination)
- 2/ Dem. Party in Miss. does not support natl platform, therefore is not good democratic party.

Parents should visit delegates here as well as at convention.

Do two things: Contact parents in other states to get in touch with their delegates (and alternates) to seat Freedom ~~xxxx~~ Delegation (or, if your state has 'em) contact your Democratic senators.

Contact your own delegates here in your community -- and at the convention

(The exact convention activity will be decided in conference with COFO.)

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