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Orientation Prepares Summer Volunteers

OXFORD, OHIO - More than 750 volunteers have passed through two weeklong orientation sessions here preparing them for a summer's work in Mississippi.

A first group, numbering 223, arrived in Mississippi on June 21. Three are missing already, and are presumed to have met foul play.

A second group began the extensive training on June 22, and began, arriving in Mississippi last weekend.

The summer workers, 60% of them white, will work on voter registration, man community centers, and teach in Freedom Schools.

The training sessions were sponsored by the National Council of Churches, under the direction of Rev. Bruce Hanson of Washington, D.C. Staff members from the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the group that pioneered civil rights work in rural areas of the South, helped orient the summer volunteers.

More than 60 full time SNCC workers, and some staff members from other groups, will direct the summer's work in Mississippi. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

RIGHTS WORKERS STILL MISSING



FORMAN AND DULLES MEET

JACKSON, MISS. - Former CIA head Allen Dulles was told here June 25 the Federal government must honor requests made by civil rights groups for Federal protection of civil rights workers and must stop saying they cannot offer protection for rights workers.

James Forman, SNCC Executive Secretary, who met with the ex-CIA chief and other Negro leaders here, told Dulles that President Johnson should honor three requests made by civil rights leaders for a meeting with him. Forman met with Dulles, SNCC Mississippi Project director Robert Moses, SNCC worker Lawrence Guyot, Dr. Aaron Henry, president of COFO, NAACP field worker Charles Evers, and other rights workers in the Mississippi office of the U.S. Attorney General here at CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

THE CHARRED STATION WAGON (left) driven by three civil rights workers last seen near Philadelphia, Miss. on last Sunday night. The tires, windows, interior and exterior were completely burned out.

MISSING CORE WORKER Mickey Schwerner (right) in the Meridian community center he and his wife Rita helped establish.

PHILADELPHIA, MISS. - Civil rights workers are helping bolster a force of Federal officers in a search for three missing men, a search some rights workers say is not as concentrated as newspapers report.

The three men - Mickey Schwerner, 24, a CORE worker, and Andrew Goodman, 20, a summer volunteer, both white, from New York City, and James Cheney, 21, Negro, from Meridian - left Meridian, 35 miles away, at 9:00 Sunday morning. They were stopped in Philadelphia at 4:00 given a speeding ticket, spent six hours in jail, and released at 10:00 that evening. They have not been seen or heard from since.

Civil rights workers complained that agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation did not arrive on the scene until at least 20 hours after they were first notified the three men were missing.

H. F. Helgesen, a Jackson FBI agent, was notified at 10:00 p.m. Sunday evening the three were missing. He told the Jackson office to keep him informed of what was happening. At 10:30, a Justice Department lawyer

named Schwelb was called in Meridian by COFO workers. Jackson called Schwelb again at 11:00, but he had not left his room. At 12:00 that evening, the Jackson office called Schwelb again and gave him the license number of the missing car and requested an investigation. Schwelb said the FBI was not a police force and that he was not sure a Federal offense had occurred. He was told provisions in the U.S. Code gave the FBI author-

ity to intervene in civil rights cases. He insisted he did not have any authority. The office called FBI agent Helgesen again, and the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

At 1:00 a.m. Monday morning (one hour ahead of Mississippi time) June 22, the Atlanta SNCC office called John Doar of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. He said they were concerned and would look into the case. CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

MISSISSIPPI HARASSMENT

(In order to chronolize the summer in Mississippi, STUDENT VOICE will carry a summary of incidents of violence and intimidation periodically.)

JACKSON, MISS. - Since the first group of summer volunteers arrived in Mississippi June 21, local law officers and private citizens have stepped up harassment tactics against them. A brief rundown across the state shows:

Ruleville, June 21 - The first car-load of volunteers arriving here was picked up for questioning by police.

Clarksdale, June 21 - Summer workers arriving by bus were ordered off the streets by local policemen.

Mayben, June 21 - A summer worker, James Brown, was arrested for "reckless driving." He was released on \$50 bail.

Natchez, June 21 - SNCC worker Andrew Barnes barely eluded 10 white men who broke into his car and stole literature and personal belongings.

Philadelphia, June 21 - Three workers reported missing.

McComb, June 23 - The home of the Pike County NAACP president was bombed.

Greenwood, June 23 - Two

cars of magazine reporters were chased from Ruleville to Greenwood by a car of whites at speeds up to 90 miles an hour. Local whites continue to circle the SNCC office at night.

Jackson, June 23 - A Negro man was hit twice in the head while following a car driven by two white men who had fired into a Negro cafe.

Ruleville, June 24 - Cars driven by whites circled the Negro community, throwing bottles at cars and homes.

Drew, June 24 - Voter registration workers were met here by armed whites.

Hollandale, June 24 - SNCC worker Morton Thomas was ordered from here by the mayor and police who said he could not do voter registration work without a permit.

Canton, June 24 - A car used to transport voter registration workers was struck with a bullet two miles from Jackson.

McComb, June 24 - At least five bomb threats have been reported here.

Canton, June 24 - A CORE worker, Scott Smith, just missed being struck with a shotgun when a deputy she-



WITNESSES AT AN ALL - DAY HEARING sponsored by the Council of Federated Organizations in Washington, D.C. testified the Federal government must act to protect Negro citizens and civil rights workers in Mississippi. A panel of jurors, headed by Dr. Harold Taylor of the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation, issued a statement later requesting Federal protection for Mississippi Negroes.

riff warded off the blow.

Collins, June 24 - Forty M-1 rifles were stolen from a National Guard armory here.

Moss Point, June 24 - A white man set fire to the Knights of Pythias Hall, used for mass meetings, and two white SNCC volunteers were arrested and held overnight without being charged.

Jackson, June 24 - The home of Rev. R. L. T. Smith was shot into late last night.

Philadelphia, June 24 - SNCC Chairman John Lewis, CORE head James Farmer, Dick Gregory and others who tried to see the site where the burned car was found were not permitted to do so.

Clarksdale, June 24 - Police Chief Ben Collins threatened to hit volunteer worker Fred Winyard "if he didn't shape up."

Ruleville, June 25 - Williams Chapel Church was firebombed. It was the fourth bombing in Mississippi in 10 days.

Itta Bena, June 25 - Two white volunteers passing out leaflets were picked up by two truck-loads of white men and ordered out of town.

Clinton, June 25 - The Holy Ghost Church outside Clinton was set on fire.

Durant, June 25 - SNCC workers Stokeley Carmichael and Charlie Cobb were arrested here. Cobb was ordered to leave town.

Philadelphia, June 25 - Newsmen were ordered to leave here for the second time since three civil rights workers disappear-

CHAIRMAN REQUESTS FEDERAL MARSHALS

MERIDIAN, MISS. - John Lewis, the Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), has called for Federal marshals in each of Mississippi's 82 counties to protect local Negroes and civil rights workers during a SNCC - supported Freedom Summer drive.

Lewis issued the plea after visiting Philadelphia, Miss. 35 miles northwest of here, where three rights workers missing since Sunday, June 22, were last seen.

The three- Mickey Schwerner, 24, a CORE worker and Andrew Goodman, 20 a summer volunteer, both white, from New York City, and James Cheney, 21, Negro, also a CORE staffer from Meridian - were last seen by Philadelphia policemen who told Lewis the trio was released from the Philadelphia jail at 10:00 Sunday night. Their charred and burned station wagon was found in a swampy area 12 miles from Philadelphia on Monday afternoon.

It is a shame, "Lewis said, "that national concern is aroused only after two white boys are missing." Lewis agreed with Schwerner's wife, who said if Cheney, a Negro, had been alone when the disappearance occurred no one would ever have noticed. "Mississippi has a bloody and violent history," Lewis said.

"If the government does not provide protection for civil rights advocates in the state, then their blood will be on their hands."

Columbus, June 26 - Eight voter registration workers were arrested here for distributing leaflets.



SNCC WORKER CHARLES McLAURIN introduces the summer volunteers to the Ruleville, Miss. community. Workers here will canvass for prospective voters, and will work on educational and political aspects of the Mississippi Freedom Summer.

Workers Missing

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Between 3 and 4 that morning, Doar was called again by Atlanta SNCC. He repeated he would see what the Justice Department could do.

Doar was called by Atlanta SNCC a third time on Monday morning at 6:00 a.m., and said then "I have invested the FBI with the power to look into the matter."

At 7:30 that morning, information about the traffic arrest of the three, secured from the jailer's wife in Philadelphia, was given to the Jackson FBI office. They said they would relay this information to FBI agent Helgesen.

New information about the arrest secured from a white Philadelphian was given to agent Helgesen at 8:30 Monday. He said he could not act until the New Orleans FBI office contacted him.

At 9:00 Monday morning, a fifth call was made to the Jackson office of the Highway Patrol.

At 9:15, Attorney Doar was called in Washington from Atlanta.

At 11:00, Helgesen was called and given information that the three had still been in jail at 9:00 the night before, and had been beaten, but not seriously.

Helgesen said the beating "put new light on the FBI's role. He said he would take "necessary action."

He was called again at 12:00 noon Monday, June 22. He said

FBI Arrests - 18 U.S. Code, Section 3052: The Director, Associate Director, Assistant to the Director, Assistant Directors, Inspectors, and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice may carry firearms, serve warrants and subpoena issued under the authority of the United States and make arrests without warrant for any offense against the United States committed in their presence, or for any felony cognizable under the laws of the U.S. if they have reasonable grounds to believe that the person to be arrested has committed or is committing such felony.

he had called the New Orleans FBI office and not received in-



WE SHALL OVERCOME is sung as the first busload of summer volunteers leaves Oxford, Ohio for Mississippi. No incidents were reported as the first two busloads arrived, but arrests and harassment began soon afterward.

structions to investigate.

At 12:15, the Atlanta SNCC office reported they had spoken with FBI agent Mayner in New Orleans who had received no instructions from Washington.

At 1:00 Monday afternoon, the Meridian COFO office was told James Farmer of CORE had spoken with FBI agent Delloch in Washington, as well as Presidential assistant Lee White and Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall. An attorney for the family of one of the missing boys called Meridian to report Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy had been contacted.

At 1:40 Meridian COFO reported they had made attempts to contact local Air Force bases to institute an air search. Stormy weather developed later that afternoon.

Atlanta SNCC called John Doar, but could not reach him immediately.

A white Philadelphia contact who had reported the beating said the FBI had not contacted him by 2:10 Monday evening. The CORE office in New York attempted to reach the Department of Defense to institute an air search. Stormy weather developed later that afternoon.

At 2:45, Atlanta SNCC reported calls had been made to Burke Marshall and John Doar. Neither could be immediately reached by phone.

At 2:55, it was reported that reporters had been allowed to go through the Philadelphia jail and were satisfied the three workers were not there.

By 3:30, Doar called Atlanta SNCC. He said the Mississippi

Highway Patrol had put out an "all points alert" and that the sheriff of Neshoba County and the FBI were searching. The sheriff claimed the three were last seen heading south on Route 19 to Meridian.

At 8:00 Monday evening, FBI agent Helgesen called. He was asked five times if the FBI was investigating the disappearance. Each time he referred the questioner to the Justice Department in Washington.

At 8:45, Meridian COFO reported they called John Doar in Washington but could not reach him.

Finally, at 9:30 that evening, newspaper reporters called to Meridian from Philadelphia to report that four FBI agents were there.

At 10:00 p.m., United Press International reported that Edwin Guthman, public relations man for the Justice Department, said the FBI had been ordered into the case to ascertain whether the trio was being held against their will or if their civil rights had been violated.

At 10:10 p.m., FBI agents John Proctor and Harry Saison were in the Meridian COFO office.

At 1:00 Monday evening, the Meridian COFO office learned New York CORE had spoken to Lee White, special assistant to the President. They were told that Meridian Naval Air Station was available to the FBI for their search. Some Meridian citizens with private planes were considering conducting their own search.

At 2:10 p.m., the Naval Air

Station in Meridian said as far as they knew no air search was being conducted.

At 2:50 p.m., an attorney for the Goodman family reported the Goodmans and Mr. Schwerner, accompanied by Representative Williams Fitts Ryan of New York, had spent an hour with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. Kennedy told them all authorities were working on the case and that Navy helicopters were searching the area.

At 3:55, a Meridian radio station broadcast that the missing car was found, charred and burned. At 5:15, Meridian COFO learned that Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, Mr. Schwerner, and two Congressmen met for 20 minutes with President Johnson.

He assured them the Federal government was doing all it could.

At 5:25, a Meridian radio station reported a Navy helicopter was being used in the search.

At 6:00 p.m., a Jackson radio station reported Governor Paul B. Johnson had sent two plainclothesmen into the area to assist the FBI.

A report from the parents meeting with Attorney General Kennedy said they told him what was needed was not just investigation but protection.

At 8:00 p.m., President Johnson called Mr. Goodman at home in



Andrew Goodman

New York and told him he had ordered the FBI and Defense Department to "comb the countryside."

At 3:00 Thursday afternoon, June 25, Allen Dulles, former CIA head, met in Jackson with SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman, NAACP worker Charles Evers, NAACP state president Aaron Henry and several others. They made a strong plea for Federal protection of civil rights workers.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

SELMA, ALA. - July 6 through July 10 will be "Freedom Day" in Selma and Dallas County.

SNCC voter registration workers will try to bring large numbers of Negroes to the Dallas County Courthouse to register to vote.

During the first Freedom Day here last year, state troopers beat two SNCC workers who tried to talk to Negroes waiting in line to register.

SNCC Alabama Project director John Love has asked the Federal government to provide protection for his staff and local Negroes during the upcoming registration attempt.

ATLANTA, GA. - A new trial hearing for an 18-year-old white girl sentenced to a year and a half in jail for participating in a sit-in has been postponed until June 30.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Durwood T. Pye set the date forward from June 16 until June 30.

MISS. MEETING

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3:00 p.m. June 25.

Dr. Henry told the government official Mississippi Negroes felt "frustrated and isolated" because of repeated, unanswered pleas to the Federal government for aid.

NAACP worker Evers, brother of the assassinated Medgar Evers, told Dulles he and his party were "getting the same kind

The girl, Mardon Walker, of East Greenwich, R. I., was convicted February 20, by Judge Pye on trespassing charges. He sentenced her to 18 months in jail and a \$1,000 fine, the maximum penalty.

She was released on a \$15,000 bail.

ATLANTA, GA. - Friends of SNCC and other civil rights groups in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Cincinnati have staged protest demonstrations, calling for Federal protection of civil rights workers in Mississippi.

In Chicago, Federal marshals roughed up and arrested former SNCC Chairman Marion Barry, who helped organize the protests. Demonstrations here, and in New York and Boston, lasted throughout the night.

In each instance, the protesters attempt to see the local Federal attorney to present their demands to him.

of brainwashing that visitors always get."

SNCC Secretary Forman told Dulles there are four things the government must do: (1) meet with local civil rights leaders; (2) order a full hearing by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; (3) President Johnson should appoint a good judge to the Fifth Circuit vacancy, and (4) Federal marshals and FBI agents should enter every area of the state where violent reprisal to the project is possible.



SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman (second left) is dragged in a nonviolent role playing session in which volunteers simulate actual situations. Summer volunteers had a week-long training session at Oxford, Ohio to prepare them for three months work in rural Mississippi.

VOLUNTEERS

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Mississippi. The entire summer's program is headed by Robert Moses, SNCC's Mississippi project director for the past three years.

The volunteers, training at Western College for Women here heard SNCC workers, Depart-

ment of Justice officials and others describe conditions in Mississippi.

The first week's group addressed a strongly worded appeal to President Lyndon B. Johnson, asking him to provide protection for them and for local Negroes in Mississippi. A Justice Department official told them the government could not protect



MISSISSIPPI SUMMER PROJECT DIRECTOR Bob Moses, SNCC worker Jesse Morris and SNCC worker Mendy Samstein discuss the orientation session.

them, despite three Federal statutes which allow FBI agents and Federal marshals to exercise police powers in civil rights cases.

The first week's volunteers were 80% white, and 60% male. Their ages average 25; no one under 18 was accepted, and no one under 21 was accepted without parental permission in writing.

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