

Suggestions for non-Southern student actions--from August SNCC Meeting

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which represents the thousands of Southern students who have been working to achieve freedom and justice for all, has been discussing the problem of how to establish closer relations with students in the North and West. The question has been raised of SNCC becoming a national organization, but we feel that the administrative problems would be too great and too involved for such an undertaking at this time.

We look forward to the day when a national movement will be possible, and we feel the best contribution our fellow students in the North and West can make to this aim is to step up their work to defeat segregation and discrimination in their own areas. The protest movement by college students began with the lunch counters in the South, but, as we know so well, the racial problems of this nation are not limited to any one region.

We welcome the moral and financial support and the encouragement you have given our movement, and we hope you will continue your sympathy pickets and your financial assistance to us. We now recommend to you that you carry this support further by working in whichever of the following areas of racial protest are most required in your communities:

- (1) Housing--In the area of public housing, you can press your state to enact Fair Housing laws or to carry them out where they are already in existence. You can work for mixed off-campus housing in your college community. You can stress how important it is to start slum clearance where it is required.
- (2) Employment--You can work for Fair Employment Laws and can see if they are being carried out in states where they have been enacted.
- (3) Social--You can work for integrated campus social and fraternal organizations.
- (4) Education--You can work in your community to end segregation in public schools which stems from residential segregation.
- (5) Civil Rights--You can write letters and send petitions to your representatives in Congress asking that they support all Civil Rights legislation.

As Northern and Western students become more fully organized through engaging in nonviolent action in these areas, we should keep in closest touch, and, wherever it is meaningful, coordinate our activities. Perhaps you may soon achieve regional coordinating committees of your own, which which we can establish formal liaison. This could in turn lead us sooner to a national organization which would express the dedication of all of us to the ending of all forms of discrimination through the use of nonviolent action.