



LANSING AREA FRIENDS OF SNCC

(Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee)

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Help! We have a problem. How does one send peanut butter and jelly sandwiches through the mail? If the peanut butter doesn't squeeze out the sides, the jelly does, and by the time the sandwich arrives, the bread is stale. Besides, Bob is allergic to peanut butter.

Our real problem is not of peanut butter, but of "bread". This summer the Lansing Area Friends of SNCC is supporting Bob Blechner, whom we have sent to Albany, Georgia as our field secretary. He is engaged in direct action work with Charles Sherrod, field secretary from the national office in Atlanta.

Direct action means situations like Alward Lake Park but on a much larger, more dangerous scale. Bob is facing situations and personalities that are hard for us to imagine, much less, understand. We can't help him solve these problems, but we can try to keep his stomach full.

Please contribute to the "Bread for Blechner" fund. In exchange, we will send on to you, copies of Bob's reports--unabridged, unexpurgated--the inside story of race relations in southwest Georgia today.

Bob is one of several projects on which we are working this summer. He is the most important, but there are others:

The Atlanta office still needs trading stamps of all kinds to obtain office supplies. You send us your stamps, we'll ruin our tongues pasting them in books, and the Atlanta office will rejoice to learn that we in Michigan have not forgotten them.

Funds are needed even more than stamps--funds for the Southern work, funds for transportation, funds for communications like this newsletter. One way of raising funds is through the sale of sponsorships to individuals or groups. For a \$5 sponsorship, a sponsoring individual or group receives our local mailings and a subscription to the national publication, THE STUDENT VOICE. For \$10, sponsors receive the same things plus a second publication, THE SOUTHERN PATRIOT.

This newspaper reports the activities not only of SNCC, but also of other organizations working on race relations in the South. For \$20, the sponsor receives a copy of the documentary record, "Freedom in the Air", the story of the Albany, Georgia movement in addition to the material previously mentioned. For \$25, we will send additional materials such as reports from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and other informative booklets published by fact-finding groups.

Talk to interested persons, church groups, civic clubs, etc in your community. Explain who and what SNCC is and does. Help us sell sponsorships to support the voter registration work in the South. If you need information or materials, write us. We will be more than happy to help you help us!

Send any collected money to us in check or money order form. We will send it on to Atlanta. That way both you, as individuals, and we, as a group, can get credit for our work.

SNCC is trying to make the democratic ideals on which our society is based, more of a reality. It is only through many individual efforts that this work can be done. Every effort you make is part of the entire group's progress. It is only together that...WE SHALL OVERCOME!