

TO ALL LOCALS AFFILIATED WITH THE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL:

As you may know, during the summer of 1963 the United Federation of Teachers sent a group of its members to serve as volunteers in Freedom Schools in Prince Edward County, Virginia, where the public schools had been closed since 1959. During the summer of 1964 UFT members will again contribute their skills as educators to the cause of human rights by serving as volunteers in Freedom Schools to be set up throughout the state of Mississippi.

The schools will be part of a massive project to be launched by the Council of Federated Organizations, a statewide affiliation of civil rights groups: the NAACP, CORE and SNCC. The curriculum of the schools will offer remedial and enrichment studies not available in the extraordinarily inadequate Mississippi school system. The education of white students in Mississippi ranks behind that of every other state in the nation; the education of Negro students ranks even lower. The Council has issued an urgent appeal for qualified personnel to staff the schools. The UFT will answer that appeal.

Funds are desperately needed to sustain the project. UFT members will devote their time and talent. We are turning to our fellow unionists in the hope that they will help support us in this project. Every \$300 will keep a teacher in Mississippi for the summer. We very much hope that the member locals of the Central Labor Council will contribute to:

The Mississippi Freedom Schools
300 Park Avenue South
New York, New York, 10010

Fraternally,

Sidney Harris, Chairman
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