

NEWSLETTER

Fellow Members & Friends:

We are now incorporated and our stationery will be ready at the next meeting.

The Bail Committee is now furiously working on plans to raise money which is desperately needed in the expanding Civil Rights efforts throughout the South. We will get a report Wednesday night.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 3rd, 8 p.m. at home of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Owen, 1583 Rose Villa St. Pasadena, Calif. Phone SY 6-0905.

WELCOME - The Parents Mississippi Freedom Association of Northern California reorganized in San Francisco with membership of eighteen (18) families. They have started a Fund Raising Campaign to buy cars and trucks for the work in Mississippi. The first vehicle, a new Dodge truck has been purchased and sent to McComb on January 7th, loaded with clothing and supplies. This truck, arranged for by Hal Light, Association Chairman is the first to be sent in a \$50,000 fund raising campaign. The truck was driven by 21 year old volunteer Marshall Ganz. For further information write to Hal Light.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Full steam ahead - The program will be in operation in September. There is much enthusiasm. is now working with interracial student groups locally. Orientation session now in progress for home front program.

GRATITUDE:

Our THANKS to Senator Kuchel and Congressman Hawkins.

COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI:

Ronald Bridgeforth was released and charges dropped against him, on Thursday after four (4) days in jail in Columbus, Miss. We did not have to use the bail money - but this incident points up the necessity of building up our bail fund - and fast.

Ron Carver, an eighteen (18) year old from Massachusetts, and three other volunteers including Ron Bridgeforth were attending a movie in Columbus on Saturday night January 30. The police came in the lobby and arrested Ron Carver for parking too far from the curb - Ron Bridgeforth then drove himself and the two other volunteers to the Columbus COFO office and made the necessary phone calls. Although he carries an authorization card to drive all COFO cars he was arrested for removing the car on a charge of "GRAND LARCENY. Bail was set at \$5,000. and subsequently reduced to \$1,000. Ron Carver was released on \$400. bail Sunday morning but had been badly beaten.

Trial was set for Thursday. Much pressure was brought to bear on the Court from the Governor of Massachusetts, Senator Ted Kennedy and our own Senator Kuchel and Congressman Hawkins. Ron Carver was found guilty of a parking violation and fined \$25.00. The charges against Ron Bridgeforth were dropped.

NOW IN THE LOCAL SNCC OFFICE - ED WILSON JR. Let us know if you need HELP.

WE ARE EXPANDING:

Along with Mississippi we are concerned with voting rights in other Southern states now focusing on Alabama. Please write your protest to this situation to your Congressman or White House, sending a copy of your protest to the Justice Dept.

CONVELESANT

Judy Newman has been hospitalized for four (4) weeks but is home now and doing better. GET WELL JUDY, we still miss you.

Mrs. Ray Owen reports that all news and information on the challenge will be presented at next meeting and mailed to others. Still time to make our voices heard. This is very important to the MFDP and also to the future elections in all Southern states. Congressman Hawkins says: "Thanks and keep making your voices heard LOUD & CLEAR."

See you Wednesday nite