

PARENTS MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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REPLY TO:

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To all parents of volunteer workers in the Deep South

We parents here in California formed an incorporated organization 15 months ago to deal with the problems that we all encounter.

Many "new" sets of parents are now involved, over 53 in Northern California alone, and necessary actions are already in order. As you know, over 850 arrests were made in Jackson, Miss. last week, and most of the people are still in jail at this writing. There were many brutal attacks, and injuries suffered. Most of that news did not get reported at first, and much of it never has even now. We believe that organized action by PARENTS as a group can accomplish much that sometimes the civil rights organizations cannot. Therefore, while we cooperate, and often work in conjunction, we still take actions separately at times.

At present, we think IMMEDIATE ACTION is needed on this matter!

President Johnson has just appointed Ex-Governor of Mississippi James Coleman to the 5th Circuit Court Bench. He has chosen a racist to judge civil rights cases, and that means that more violence, possibly deaths can be the result, since the chance of convictions in such a court are negligible.

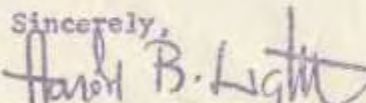
THIS IS WHAT WE ARE DOING:

- 1- We have requested a meet with Pres Johnson here in S.F. on Friday.
- 2- If he doesn't meet with us, we will picket the United Nations meeting where he is.
- 3- All Press, TV and Radio have been alerted.
- 4- We are wiring and or contacting personally all members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to press for a delay on the approval of Coleman.
- 5- Failing a meet here in SF, we believe that parents from all over the USA should meet the President in Washington at a date to be set.

We suggest you organize all parents in your area on this and other matters.

Don't hesitate to write us, or phone the writer at San Francisco 415-JU 5-7575, or at home at 415-LO 4-6065, at any time.

Please inform us of any activities, or organization.

Sincerely,

Harold B. Light, Chairman.