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NEW CORE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Washington, D.C., November 16: A ten-point program to protect southern Negroes has been presented by CORE. Coming on the heels of southern jurys' failures to convict those who have killed Negroes and civil rights workers, the program focuses on the enforcement of present laws and the working of the jury system.

The key function of the program is a provision for the appointment of Federal Jury Registrars to be automatically sent to counties where there has been a pattern of exclusion of Negroes from local jury panels. For the federal court system, the CORE program calls for the establishment of jury selection procedures which would guarantee that jury panels are a completely representative cross-section of the entire judicial system.

The CORE program calls upon the Justice Department to use its present powers under Title 18, Section 241, 242, and 243 to protect individual rights. The F.B.I. CORE insists, must use its power to make on-the-spot arrests where citizen's rights have been violated.

In addition Congress is urged to pass a federal protection statute which will make it a federal crime to interfere with or injure a person exercising his civil rights, or aiding others to do so. The penalties should be no less serious than the equivalent state penalties for similar crimes of assault.

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