

## SUPPORT THE MISSISSIPPI CHALLENGE

"The unseating of Mississippi Congressmen will be the test of the moral integrity of the Congress of the United States, and I shall continue to give the challenge my full support."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
May 17, 1965

In the short space of 10 months, Negroes in Mississippi have begun to speak and act for themselves with a speed that no one expected.

Because they were not allowed to participate in the activities of the regular Democratic Party in their state, they organized a separate "Freedom" Democratic Party with active units from precinct to the national level.

They challenged the right of the regular Democrats to represent them at the National Convention in Atlantic City last summer and their delegates refused to accept a two-seat compromise.

In less than a month, Mississippians from all over the state raised the money to send 500 of themselves more than a thousand miles to Washington to demonstrate at the opening of Congress in January. And also, significantly, to talk with government agencies about their local problems and various kinds of federal assistance. Now they need help from other concerned citizens.

The Freedom Democratic Party is asking the Congress to declare the Mississippi seats vacant and to call for new Congressional elections because the five segregationist Congressmen (four Democrats and one Republican) were sent to Washington in an election in which more than 400,000 Negroes of voting age were denied the vote, were "regularly and systematically excluded by intimidation, harassment, economic reprisal, property damage, terrorization, violence and illegal and unconstitutional registration procedures." All documents and all evidence will have been gathered by August 30th and the way will be clear for a decision by the Congress. This is truly one of the greatest educational experiences in the history of our country.

We ask you to come to the aid of our fellow-Americans and write your Congressman today urging him to vote to unseat the Mississippi Representatives when the issue comes up. Urge your students and friends to also write:

Congressman \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

If you don't know the name of the Representative of your district, contact your Secretary of State or the persons in your state named below:

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in Party affairs."

The Special Committee was originally chaired by the late David L. Lawrence of Pennsylvania. Governor Hughes, who was named chairman after Governor Lawrence's death, held his first meeting with the Equal Rights Committee on April 19.

While that session acknowledged the need for further study, Governor Hughes at that time stated the group's unanimous view "that to satisfy the 1968 Call for the Democratic Convention, delegations should and must be representative of the Democratic voters of the various states."

The action of the Equal Rights Committee today was viewed as a further step in the direction of no bias at the Convention.

"We cannot and will not tolerate the discriminatory exclusion of any Democrat in the Party affairs of his state," Governor Hughes announced.

When asked if he anticipated opposition to his Committee's approach, the New Jersey Governor replied by citing "the greatly changed attitude since the 1964 Convention."

The Committee members who attended were:

Mrs. Helen T. Gunsett of Ohio

Reverend E. Franklin Jackson of the District of Columbia

Mrs. Mildred Jeffrey of Michigan

Eugene L. Wyman of California

Former Governor Stephen L.R. McNichols of Colorado

Mrs. Mary B. Fantasia of Massachusetts

The only member not present was State Senator Edgar A. Brown of South Carolina who is recuperating from an illness, but who sent as his representative Mr. Earle Morris, Jr., State Senator and Chairman of the South Carolina State Party.

Democratic National Committee officers who attended were: Chairman John M. Bailey; Vice Chairman Mrs. Margaret Price; Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Vredenburg Bush; Acting Treasurer John Criswell. Deputy Chairman Louis Martin, who is Chairman Bailey's representative to the Special Committee, also attended.

Washington Attorneys Berl I. Bernhard and Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., who serve respectively as Executive Director and Associate Counsel for the Committee, also attended.

In another action, the group appointed former DNC Treasurer Richard Maguire to the post of counsel to the Special Committee.

The Committee will meet again in September.

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