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## THE FORMATION OF THE MIDWESTERN STUDENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

On October 8 students from 24 midwestern colleges and universities met at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, for a Seminar on Human Relations. The major outcome of the seminar was the formation of a midwestern student committee to coordinate civil rights activity. The organization is to be made up of three members from each participating college (one junior, one senior, and one graduate student where possible).

Specifically, the purpose of the committee is to coordinate all civil rights direct action in the area and to be the center for the collection and dispersal of information about the midwestern area as well as information about southern schools and the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. This will be published in a newsletter.

## REPORT OF THE ANTIOCH SEMINAR ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Students from the midwestern area met on October 8 at Antioch College to discuss the problems involved in implementing civil rights, civil liberties, and social equality in the United States. In addition to 24 schools, the NAACP, the Congress on Racial Equality, Students for Democratic Society, National Student Association, and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission were represented.

The seminar consisted of a main speech by Paul DuBrul, chairman of the Seminar, followed by six discussion groups and a speech by Charles McDew. The final meeting was a plenary session in which the reports of the discussion groups and resolutions from the Seminar were presented and adopted.

Paul DuBrul, student at Hunter College and chairman of the Liberal Caucus of National Student Association, spoke on the Role of the Student in the Community. He emphasized three things: the significance of the student's role in the community, the role of the student in the community in the past, and what his role should be in the community in the future. Speaking of the student's role in the past, he mentioned the five areas where there had been student activity in recent months, the peace movement, the labor movement, anti-capital punishment, civil liberties, and civil rights. He then stated that this activity was not enough and would be meaningless without dedication to the values behind it, and that students must translate their demands into political action and establish a working pressure group, "the conscience of the society."

Charles McDew, a student at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg and South Carolina State Representative to the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, spoke on the Religious and Moral Aspects of the Southern Protest Movement, covering two main areas, the nature of the opposition and the nature of the fight. Concerning

the opposition, he explained the Southern Tradition and the workings of the mind of the white supremacists and their conception of the Negro. He then showed how completely the student protest movement had gone contrary to that conception. In discussing the nature of the fight, McDew elaborated on the biblical bases of protest, the philosophy of non-violence, the deep spiritual bases for the movement, and the concept of human dignity. He concluded by declaring that "In the name of the militant Negro students in the South, we shall not be satisfied until every vestige of racial segregation and discrimination is wiped from the face of the earth."

The topics of the six discussion groups were as follows; Election day demonstrations to protest denial of voting rights to colored citizens, Public accommodations, Informational resources, Education, Churches, and Picketing and selective buying. The recommendations of these groups will be published later.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Seminar:

(1) We propose that an organization be formed composed of one member from each college represented (one junior, one senior and one graduate student where possible) to coordinate actions of all Ohio-area schools and to be a center for the collection and dispersal of information about the Ohio area. One of the functions of the group should be publication of a newsletter containing information about Ohio campuses, information from Southern schools, and information from the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee.

(2) The Seminar recognizes and deplors the fact that many citizens in the South are denied their constitutional right to vote. We, therefore, support non-partisan Election Day demonstrations and other methods designed to gain for all American citizens the ability to effectively exercise their voting rights.

(3) We propose that copies of all resolutions and pertinent information be sent to regional and national organizations interested in these problems, and that we urge these organizations to further distribute this information. It is proposed that each person here write to the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee and pledge his support. Separate college groups and organizations should ask to be put on the mailing list.

(4) We move that this body go on public record as wholeheartedly supporting the method and philosophy of non-violent direct action. We recognize the moral significance of the individual's right to peaceably assemble and protest the denial of rights to any human being.

#### TO ALL COLLEGES INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

If you are a student in a midwestern college which is not yet a member of this committee and wish for your college to join, please send the names of three representatives to the Midwestern Student Coordinating Committee, c/o Kathleen Coulborn, Noble Cottage, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. It would be well if these representatives were chosen by as democratic a means as possible. For instance, if there is an active civil rights organization, such as an NAACP chapter, have them elect the representatives.

#### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

In order for this to be an effective organization, WE MUST HAVE INFORMATION as to what your college is doing in the way of civil rights activity. Appoint a member of your group whose duty it will be to write up all activities and send information to this group, c/o Kathleen Coulborn, Noble Cottage, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. If you want it to be printed in the next month's newsletter, the deadline will be the 25th of the preceding month. We also will be able to let you know in advance of activities being carried on by other colleges in your area in which you may wish to participate as well as give you advice and assistance, especially manpower, in activities you are planning.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

The other requisite for this to be a successful organization is MONEY. And that we need very, very, very much. Tentatively we are setting the minimum for each college at \$10 which does not necessarily have to be given all at once. However, the sooner we get some money, the better.

MEMBER COLLEGES WHO HAVE ELECTED DELEGATES

- Manchester College, Wayne Bladholm, North Manchester, Indiana  
Rosalie Replogle, North Manchester, Indiana  
Mary Tolle, North Manchester, Indiana  
Ralph Detrick, North Manchester, Indiana
- Western College for Women, Kay Billig, Oxford, Ohio
- Wooster College, Bennie Booker, Wooster, Ohio
- Ohio Wesleyan, Dick Neely, 81 Park Avenue, Delaware Ohio
- Denison University, John Nye, ACC House, Granville, Ohio
- Antioch College, John Friedman, Antioch College Union, Yellow Springs, Ohio  
Ben Apfelbaum, 126 E. Limestone St., Yellow Springs, Ohio  
Linda Bastian, Yellow Springs, Ohio
- Miami University, Emilie Chase, Bishop Hall, Oxford, Ohio
- Eastern Kentucky State College, Pat Monaghan, CPO Box 762, Richmond, Kentucky
- Berea College, George C. Kiser, Berea, Kentucky
- Michigan State Oakland, Miriam Friedmann, 3980 Ella Mae, Rochester, Michigan
- Union College, Louis Foxwell, B-104, Barbourville, Kentucky  
Cliff Lewis, Barbourville, Kentucky
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- University of Indiana, Dick Roman, 408 S. College, Bloomington, Indiana  
Barbara Novek, Box 10, Bloomington, Indiana
- ✓ Western Reserve University, Donald Freeman, Cleveland, Ohio
- Earlham College, Peter Klein, Richmond, Indiana  
Donald Barbour, Richmond Indiana
- Oberlin College, Kathleen Coulborn, Noble Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio  
Charles Lawrence, Clarke House, Oberlin, Ohio