

**CALL FOR FEBRUARY 2nd MOBILIZATION
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

Conditions in the United States today demand that we call on labor unions, churches, civil rights, human rights, political, and social organizations to take part in a massive peaceful nonviolent mobilization in Greensboro, N.C., on February 2, 1980.

We invite all who wish to express their concern for the crisis issues which set the conditions for the recent Greensboro Massacre to join us in commemorating the last 20 years of struggle and in launching a new offensive for the 1980's.

The shots that killed five anti-KKK demonstrators in Greensboro November 3 were aimed at all Blacks, working people regardless of class and color, and all who desire justice in America. The police who stood one-half-block away, with full knowledge of the KKK's activity, must be held responsible along with those who actually pulled the triggers.

These cold-blooded murders were encouraged by the Bakke and Weber cases, the anti-alien hysteria, proposition 13 type legislation, new attempts at union-busting, and the general rise of Klan and Nazi terror.

This nation has not yet shown outrage equal to the acts of murder, intimidation and attempts to deny our basic humanity perpetrated by the Klan. We refuse to be silenced by KKK terror, government repression, and those who would tell us to close our eyes, hoping that the terror will go away. We must respond with moral outrage commensurate with the magnitude of these atrocities.

The economic crisis has deepened with high inflation, unemployment, and hard times. The powerful and wealthy have tried to create the various scapegoats to turn our frustrations toward everything but the real source of our problems. Contrary to what the KKK and others say, unemployment is NOT caused by affirmative action, and Black people are NOT the cause of white suffering and systemic economic problems.

The violence in Greensboro is part of a pattern, and it must be turned around.

Twenty years ago on February 1, 1960, four Greensboro A & T students sat down at the lily-white lunch counter of Woolworth's. Their courage helped accelerate an entire generation of struggle against Jim Crow segregation, the electoral disenfranchisement of Black people, and discrimination. The nation responded, and the people won some meaningful steps toward freedom and justice.

Entering the 1980's, we find ourselves in a situation where even the limited gains achieved during the 60's are under increasing attack. The Klan is a part of that pattern. We will not return to the back of the bus, nor should decent people desire it. Their support, shame and outrage can create for us a better nation.

Twenty years after the Greensboro sit-ins and the passage of much legislation, the deep yearning for freedom, justice and liberation of Black people has yet to be satisfied. Increasing poverty, a growing income gap between Black and white, and the lack of real political power necessitates that a new era of struggle for the 1980's be ignited.

Come to Greensboro on February 2, 1980.

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FEBRUARY 2ND MOBILIZATION – OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The diversity of groups uniting for the purpose of holding a national mobilization in Greensboro, North Carolina, demand that some operational principles be devised. The operational principles should recognize the variety of agendas and interests existing among the cooperating groups, but at the same time, ensure that organizing efforts geared toward the event be facilitated to the greatest degree possible.

These principles are intended to protect against the ascending of any individual or organization to real or apparent positions of leadership of the planned event. At the same time, we recognize that each participating group has a right to go forward with independent work which promotes the interests of the organization in question.

Toward these ends, groups and individuals joining with others in organizing and promoting the event are expected, as a minimum, to adhere to the following ground rules:

I. PRESS RELATIONS

A. All press relations relative to the mobilization will be the responsibility of a press staff appointed by the National Steering Committee.

B. No co-sponsoring organization will hold independent or unilateral conferences relative to the mobilization.

C. Any co-sponsoring organization planning major press conferences unrelated to the event, but which may impinge upon the event, should advise the steering committee of such plans in advance.

II. LITERATURE

A. All leaflets, posters, pamphlets, literature, etc., relative to the event will be authored, designed and produced by the mobilization staff.

B. Co-sponsoring organizations may produce exact copies of such materials at their own discretion.

C. No co-sponsoring organization will produce any independent event-related material of any sort, except for that produced exclusively for use in the organization's regular organs.

III. SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Co-sponsoring organizations will not hold independent or unilateral special events (forums, rallies, demonstrations, etc.) which are advertised as building for or promoting the February event.

B. Co-sponsoring organizations are free to announce their support for and participation in the February event during the course of their own independent activities.

IV. STAFF WORK

A. Staff work required to build towards the February event will be coordinated through a mobilization office established in Greensboro.

B. Groups assigning their own staff to the work at hand agree to assign those persons to work exclusively on the event for the duration of the assignment. It is assumed that such assignments would be for a substantial length of time.

It is hoped that groups joining with others in support of the mobilization will make independent decisions and do independent work only in keeping with the spirit of the above principles and with a strong view toward ensuring the success of the planned event.