

Southern Organizing Committee Action Bulletin

January, 1980

MAJOR NATIONAL MARCH PLANNED IN GREENSBORO, N.C., FEBRUARY 2

PLAN TO ATTEND AND HELP ORGANIZE SUPPORT

On February 2, there will be a massive national march in Greensboro, N.C. The enclosed leaflet and call to the event give some of the details.

As you will see, it is being held in Greensboro because there has not yet been an adequate response to the massacre that occurred there on November 3, and there *must* be if we are to have any hope of countering the current resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan.

It is being held on *February 2* because that is the closest Saturday to the 20th anniversary of the day four black students sat down on segregated lunch counter stools in Greensboro on February 1, 1960 — thus sparking the great upsurge of the 60's.

Therefore, the February 2 demonstration will be a statement against the Klan and also a *positive* statement. We will be reaffirming a commitment to the struggle against racism that activated the 60's, and we will be launching a new campaign for justice in the 1980's. In a way, this will be our way of saying to the racist and right-wing forces that the new decade will *not* belong to them.

SOC is one of the organizations that initiated the call to the February 2 event, and our co-chairpersons, the Rev. Ben Chavis and Anne Braden, have been working for the past several weeks to help put together the broad coalition that is now co-sponsoring the march. We are writing to you who are on SOC's "action list" to urge you to take part in the mobilization and to do everything you can to help build it into a momentous occasion.

The mobilization is being sponsored by the February 2 National Mobilization Committee, which is a project of the National Anti-Klan Network. This Network is made up of many organizations, of which SOC is one. About 30 organizations have already agreed to co-sponsor the February 2 event; among these are the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), PUSH, the Council of Southern Mountains, the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the United League of Northern Mississippi, National Mobilization for Survival, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom. Individual endorsers include Rep. John Conyers, Rep. Parren Mitchell, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, and many others. Local sponsors in Greensboro include that city's NAACP branch, the student government association of North Carolina A & T University, a broad local February 2 mobilization committee, and others.

We are still assembling co-sponsors and endorsers, and we anticipate that before February 2 the list will include virtually every organization in the country that is committed to

Southern Organizing Committee for Economic & Social Justice (SOC)

Administrative Office: P.O. Box 11308, Louisville, Ky. 40211 Phone: 502 776-7874

Projects Office: P.O. Box 811, Birmingham, Ala. 35201 Phone: 205 838-1056

(Over, please)