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CITIZENS' COUNCILS

Here is the text of a recent telegram to all NAACP branches from its national headquarters.

NAACP WILL DEFEND NINE TOUGALOO COLLEGE STUDENTS ARRESTED AND FINED FOR ATTEMPTING TO USE WHITE LIBRARY IN JACKSON, MISS. SHOCK AND ANGER AT USE OF POLICE DOGS AND CLUBS ON PEACEFUL PERSONS ASSEMBLED TO WITNESS TRIAL OF STUDENTS MARCH 29 HAS SWEEPED NATION. NAACP IS MOBILIZING EVERY POSSIBLE STRENGTH TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM PERSECUTION BY POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORITIES. ALSO A FRESH AND BROAD ATTACK ON WIDESPREAD MISTREATMENT IN MISSISSIPPI WILL BE LAUNCHED BY OUR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS THERE WITH FULL BACKING OF ASSOCIATION ACROSS THE NATION. THIS WILL INCLUDE FURTHER CHALLENGES IN ALL FIELDS. ALSO INTENSIFIED VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN. FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS NEEDED AT ONCE FOR IMMEDIATE DEFENSE EFFORTS AND FOR NEW TEST CASES. ALSO FOR ASSISTING MISSISSIPPI BRANCHES IN LOCAL ACTIVITY. ALSO FOR EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MISSISSIPPI IN DETAIL TO COUNTRY AT LARGE. THIS WILL BE A STEADY CAMPAIGN KNOWN AS OPERATION MISSISSIPPI TO CONTINUE OVER THE YEARS. URGENTLY NEED MAXIMUM AID OF YOUR BRANCH WITHOUT DELAY. FIRST GET LEADERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO ISSUE STATEMENTS DENOUNCING INHUMAN PERSECUTION IN MISSISSIPPI. SECOND WRITE ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D. C. THANKING HIM FOR PROMPT INVESTIGATION AND ASKING EVERY POSSIBLE FURTHER EFFORT BY DEPARTMENT TO PROTECT NEGRO CITIZENS IN MISSISSIPPI. THIRD RALLY SUPPORT FROM CHURCHES LABOR UNIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. FOURTH ARRANGE TO SEND FUNDS AND RAISE MORE TO NATIONAL OFFICE FOR OPERATION MISSISSIPPI TO BE CREDITED TO FREEDOM FUND. MISSISSIPPI, THE SNARLING DOG STATE, MUST BE THE TARGET HENCEFORTH OF ALL DECENT AMERICANS IN AN EFFORT TO ERASE THE DISGRACE THIS STATE HAS BROUGHT UPON OUR COUNTRY IN THE EYES OF ALL HUMANITY-

- ROY WILKINS EXEC SECY-

MARCH 31, 1961