

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA NAACP

MARCH 12, 1965

DEMONSTRATION AT INDEPENDENCE HALL

TIME & PLACE: Independence Hall 5th and Market Streets, Philadelphia
Friday, March 12, 13, from 10:00 A.M. Friday, on

PURPOSE: To protest, by a sit-in and picket demonstration, the complete denial of constitutional rights throughout the entire south, and in particular, the voter registration campaign this year which has been marked particularly by mass arrests and intolerable jail conditions. The Liberty Bell again serves as a national focal point in the struggle for freedom, which today is taking place in Selma, Alabama.

FACT SHEET: The 1957 and 1960 Civil Rights Laws contained provisions that give to the FBI full powers to arrest any person or persons prohibiting a citizen of the United States from exercising his full constitutional rights. This includes the right to vote!

Three young Negro men and a white clergyman have been killed since the beginning of this year.

WE ARE PROTESTING TO:

1. Demand Federal protection for those attempting to register and vote.
2. Demand fulfillment of promises of Federal action against the registrars of Dallas and Perry counties in Alabama.
3. Call for a Congressional investigation of jail conditions in these Alabama areas.
4. Request that additional Congressmen and public officials (other than those who went to Selma) visit these central Alabama areas to obtain first hand information and to lend support to the fight for constitutional rights being waged there.
5. Ask that the Justice Department file in Federal Court a bill of information asking that the police and county officials who have arrested voter registration workers and prospective applicants be prosecuted for a misdemeanor under Section 241, Title 18 of the U.S. Code (this section makes it a crime to intimidate or coerce people in their attempt to vote).
6. Demand FBI agents in Alabama begin to exercise their right, under sections 3052 and 3053 of U.S. Admin. Law (Title 18), to arrest on the spot those law enforcement officers and private citizens doing the intimidation and harassment of voter registration workers and applicants.
7. Demand the arrest of Sheriff Jim Clark for violation of Civil Rights Laws.

IF YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH OUR DEMANDS, ADD YOUR NAME TO THE FORMS AVAILABLE AT INDEPENDENCE HALL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, JOIN US AT INDEPENDENCE HALL, OR CALL EV6-1530.

March 12, 1965, Demonstration Application
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