

PEOPLE AGAINST RACISM (PAR)

We are at a point of new departure for the civil rights struggle. As the recent furor over "black power" has brought out, black people in the U.S. are increasingly determined to develop political power and responsibility for themselves and to separate themselves from white initiative and leadership.

What black spokesmen like Carmichael, Strickland, and Harrison are saying makes sense to many black people; but whites who have been identified with the civil rights movement are left feeling offended, baffled, and paralyzed by this new state of affairs much like rejected parents or defeated political parties.

The question now is, What is the role of whites who genuinely want to be part of the struggle?

A year ago, when the Northern Student Movement (NSM) wrestled through to its present position, the NSM Detroit Project split to form what, so far as we know, is the first white-oriented civil rights organization in the country--People Against Racism (PAR). Of its original objectives, these now have priority:

- To support the black movement in those instances where direct support is possible.
- To educate ourselves and others to the existence and manifestations of racism and to the analysis, objectives, and struggle of the black movement.
- To raise the issue of racism in our own communities.
- To confront institutions on issues which arise both locally and nationally and to take action.

Last winter and spring (1965-66), PAR corporately or members of PAR:

- Secured financial support for, and maintained indirect communication with, its black counterpart (ACME) and other people and organizations in the black community.
- Launched a project to encourage the more accurate and inclusive teaching of American history in public schools, especially in white suburbs.
- Supported and participated in the freedom school that resulted from the student revolt at Northern High School. On May 12, PAR held an open meeting with a black and white panel setting forth facts.

PAR will continue to:

- Maintain communication with the black community while leaving it entirely free to pursue its own way to power and responsibility.
- Support and sponsor meetings to allow Detroiters to hear the truth on issues as they arise.
- Continue to educate ourselves and others to recognize the racism implicit in our society and to act against it.

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