

Timeline of important SNCC and related events

Spring, 1941: March on Washington Movement (A. Philip Randolph)

May 17, 1954: Brown vs. Board of Education

Dec. 1, 1955-Nov. 13, 1956: Montgomery Bus Boycott (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Mar. 7, 1956: Founding of the (White) Citizens Councils of America

Sept. 9, 1957: Civil Rights Act establishing Commission on Civil Rights passed (Eisenhower)

Aug. 1958: Sit-Ins in Oklahoma City, Okla. and Wichita, Kans.

Feb. 1, 1960: Sit-Ins in Greensboro, N.C. begin 1960s movement.

Mar. 1, 1960: Massive arrests in Orangeburg, S.C.

April 15-17, 1960: Founding conference establishing SNCC.

Oct. 19, 1960: Sit-in demonstrators including King arrested in Atlanta, Ga.

Nov. 8, 1960: Election of John F. Kennedy as President.

Jan. 1961: Black farmers in Fayette and Haywood Counties, Tenn. forced from farms.

May 4, 1961: Freedom Riders begin their ride from Washington, D.C.

May 14, 1961: Freedom Rider buses attacked in Anniston, Ala.

Fall, 1961: Albany, Ga. movement to desegregate bus and train facilities.

Sept. 30, 1962: James Meredith integrates University of Mississippi after white insurrection.

June 12, 1963: Medgar Evers of NAACP assassinated in Mississippi.

Aug. 28, 1963: March on Washington (King and civil rights organizations incl. SNCC)

Sept. 15, 1963: Birmingham, Ala. church bombing, 4 girls killed.

Nov. 22, 1963: President Kennedy assassinated.

June 1964: Oxford, Ohio training for Freedom Summer voter registration project.

June 21, 1964: Three volunteers disappear after investigation black church burning. Bodies found Aug. 4.

July 2, 1964: Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed, promoting equal employment, etc. (Johnson)

July 18, 1964: Harlem, New York City riot begins new phase in "race relations."

Aug. 28, 1964: North Philadelphia, Pa. riot.

Aug. 24-28, 1964: Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party sends delegation to Democratic Party Presidential Convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

Nov. 1964: SNCC staff meeting in Waveland, Miss. MFDP supports L.B. Johnson, who is elected.

Feb. 21, 1965: Malcolm X assassinated.

Mar. 7, 1965: Selma, Ala. March.

July 12-17, 1965: Newark, N.J. riots.

July 24, 1965: Detroit, Mich. Riots.

Aug. 6, 1965: Civil Rights Bill (voting rights) passed under Johnson.

Aug. 11-17, 1965: Watts, Los Angeles riots.

Aug. 1965: Founding of the Lowndes County (Ala.) Freedom Organization (later Black Panther Party).

Nov. 1965: Julian Bond wins seat in Georgia Assembly; is refused. U.S. Supreme Court. orders him installed.

Jan. 1966: Murder of Sammy Younge (SNCC); Assassination of Vernon Dahmer (NAACP).

May 1966: Stokely Carmichael replaces John Lewis as SNCC chair.

June 5, 1966: James Meredith shot; Meredith march for voter registration continues. Black Power slogan introduced by SNCC.

Aug. 13, 1966: Police raid SNCC office in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 1966: SNCC staff vote to exclude whites.

May 2, 1967: Armed Black Panthers stage go-in at California State Capital in Sacramento.

May 1967: H. Rap Brown succeeds Stokely Carmichael as SNCC chair.

April 3, 1968: Columbia University sit-in broken by police attack.

April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King assassinated.

May 1968: Formation of League of Revolutionary Black Workers in Detroit, Mich.

June 5, 1968: Robert F. Kennedy assassinated.

Aug. 28, 1968: Police attack demonstrators at Democratic Convention in Chicago, Ill.

June 4, 1969: James Forman disrupts Riverside Church service seeking reparations.

July 1969: SNCC changes name to Student National Coordinating Committee.

Dec. 4, 1969: Panthers Hampton and Clark killed by police in Chicago, Ill.

Mar. 9, 1970: SNCC members Che Payne and Ralph Featherstone killed by bomb in their car.

May 1971: FBI reports SNCC incapable of mounting any demonstrations or disruptive activity.

Dec. 1973: New York FBI closes file, no SNCC activity for several years and "future prospects for such are exceedingly faint."