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# ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS

OF MISSISSIPPI

STATES' RIGHTS

RACIAL INTEGRITY

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

June 15, 1957

## STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP

TO: ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

By now, we should have completed our 1957 membership drive.

In our state, peace and quiet reigns on the racial front. Mississippi is the only state which has not had a single school integration suit. Racial agitation by the integrationists is at a minimum. Because of this peace and quiet, many of our members think that the fight is over, that there is no longer any need to be alert or to support the battle for states' rights and racial integrity in other states.

The Citizens' Council can be compared with a fire department. While not fighting fires, the department continuously carries on an educational program for fire prevention. The Citizens' Council has been carrying on, and is still carrying on, an integration prevention program, accomplished peacefully, lawfully and quietly. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

We hope that Mississippi never has any trouble on the racial front, and if the white people remain united and alert to propoganda and agitation for integration, we will not have any.

While great results have been accomplished by your organization, the fight is not yet over, and it would be sheer folly to let up until the danger of judicial tyranny and mongrelization no longer exists. We cannot continue without the support of the local Citizens' Councils!

If everyone will do his part, as small as it is, we can maintain a strong, potent organization. The responsibility for carrying on this fight rests with every citizen, not just a few. We all have an equal stake in our future.

The least we can do is to get in our membership dues. Has your Council completed its membership drive for 1957, and mailed in its membership contribution? If not, please do so at once.

Sincerely,

Finance Chairman

Ellett Lawrence:mt

*Dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order and domestic tranquility in our Community and in our State and to the preservation of our State's Rights.*