NOTES FROM THE STATE OFFICE

The Council is seeking a new director since Joan Bowman is no longer with us. Applications should contain a resume and a letter stating the applicant's concept of the work of the Council, program ideas for development and a list of references. The Executive Committee is preparing a job description, requests for information and applications should be addressed, in writing, to Rev. J.W. Carroll, President
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The Tombigbee Council on Human Relations has just published a lively and fascinating report on West Point. Its purpose: "to be helpful to the people of West Point who care about improving an unsatisfactory situation, and also perhaps educational for persons in other places." Written by Mrs. Donna Myhre, Executive Secretary of the Tombigbee Council, it explores carefully the reactions of citizens of a community in chronic tension. If you would like a copy; "WEST POINT MISSISSIPPI-A REPORT" Drawer KX, Tombigbee Council on Human Relations, State College, Miss. 39762. (There's no price printed but this is a new vigorous council and a donation to cover expenses of mailing and handling would probably be greatly appreciated.)

About This Issue: On the pages following will be found an analysis of the Supreme Court decisions on "busing" in school desegregation. It was prepared by Miss Winifred Green, Director of the American Friends Service Committee's Southeastern School Desegregation Project. We have devoted so much space because there is already much misunderstanding about the decision which will probably affect every school district in Mississippi.

The Supreme Court on May 3 upheld the right of juries to pronounce life or death but did not rule on the death penalty as "cruel and unusual punishment." This leaves the eight Mississippians on death row in uncertain status (six are black, two are white.) One man has been fighting for his life since 1964 which was the same year Mississippi held its last execution.

We still have a number of copies of the Southern Regional Council Special Report, "Augusta, Georgia and Jackson State University-Southern Episodes In A National Tragedy." If you would like a copy for your own use, your public library or organizational records, please drop a note to the Council office. Free while they last.