

Mississippi Calm Seen As 'Temporary'

"Things are quiet now in Mississippi, but not over."

So spoke Rev. Frank Snow yesterday at a Troy meeting of the Capital District Friends of SNCC, Inc. (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee).

Troy area SNCC members and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schmelzer, 61 Pinewoods Ave., to listen to folk music and, more importantly, to contribute funds for the organization's 1965 Mississippi summer project.

Last year the local organization raised more than \$4,000, part of which was used as bail money in behalf of student workers who went to Mississippi from this area. Voter registration and education is the aim of the local SNCC summer project.

A large turnout at yesterday's gathering was greeted with the appearance of the famous folk-singing Beers family, residents of Grafton—Bob and Evelyn Beers and their 19-year old daughter, Marla.

The Beers presented many of their traditional tunes, with Bob playing his century old psaltery, an ancient string instrument, which, although extremely rare in modern times, was a loved instrument notably in the days of Chaucer.

Adding to the Beers was a surprise visit by guitarist Pat Webb and blues singer Charlotte Daniels. The two musicians are guests of the Beers, and their performance was an unexpected treat at the affair.

Speaking at the meeting was Mr. Snow, campus minister at Albany State University and a member of the executive committee of Capital District Friends of SNCC.

Mr. Snow spoke of the relative quiet in Mississippi civil rights matters during the winter months, but said racial tension is far from over. Order was "finally" brought into the state, he said, when FBI contingents were sent to the area "after the murder of three civil rights workers."

The speaker said FBI activity in Mississippi has the effect of inducing order, while absence of the FBI results in increased tension.

Funds raised at yesterday's affair will go toward bail money for local Mississippi summer project workers. In charge of the event were Mrs. Granville Hicks and Mrs. Harry Lee.