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On November 18, the New York Times reported that as a result of continuing farm automation and new federally imposed reductions in the cotton crop, thousands of Negro farm workers in the Mississippi Delta would lose their jobs before spring. The work force will be cut approximately in half. To say that this will be a long and adverse winter for farm laborers in Mississippi is to say the obvious. It will be especially difficult for the few sharecropper families in the Delta who have so far managed to sustain a strike against their employers and who are living in crude, unheated tents, having been evicted from their homes. The people need our material support. From now until Christmas, we are going to conduct a crash food and clothing drive for the unemployed Negroes in Mississippi. There will be a large box placed in each house for clothing and a smaller one for canned or packaged food that you might want to get rid of before vacation. We also ask that you put your snack bar change in the designated box in Commons. Give generously.

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