

Drive to aid 'black belt' Negroes suffering reprisals

canned goods and clothing is tions have pledged full support being initiated by the Council of the Easter drive. for Human Relief to benefit the Negroes in southern black belt counties who have suffered reprisals as a result of their attempts at registering to vote.

THE KICK-OFF meeting for the drive was Sunday at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 17th and Martindale. The rally was an informative session where the public learned of the Easter drive themed "Remember Christ and Selma." With the cooperation of the various churches, drop boxes will be placed in the churches clearly marked for "donations to Sel-

Participating in the program were Father Strange of St. Rita's Catholic Church, Father Powers of All Saints Episcopal their fight for equality that the Church and Rev. Miller New-pilot project in the national ton of Fletcher Place Metho-

A door to door collection of dest Church. The denomina-

All those interested in additional information or who would like to find out how they can aid in the project are asked to contact Ron Lacey, director, ME. 1-6369.

The Council of Relief is dedicated to the surmounting of the barriers being sustained against the already lowest economic group in the country. The Negro sharecroppers, day workers and maintenance helpers have received the full blunt of the white bigots economic sanction geared to bring the Negroes back in line and resume their old position, that of the servant without full citizenship. It is specifically to help sustain these people in

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