

POSSIBLE ROLE PLAYING SITUATIONS

1. The Cell (4 persons, white, same sex)

--a white civil rights worker is thrown into a cell with three ardent segregationists. As the jailer opens the cell, he identifies the civil rights worker to the inmates -- "Got some company for you fellas, one of those northern nigger-loving agitators. Now treat him nice."

2. Police harassment (7 persons, white and Negro, male and female)

--two state troopers stop a carload of 5 civil rights workers for speeding on a little used highway.

(Variation: one of the troopers notices a white girl sitting with a Negro boy on the back seat and proceeds to drag the Negro worker out of the car and beat him to "remind him of how we expect our niggers to act.")

3. The Guest (7 persons, white and Negro, male and female)

--a white civil rights worker who is staying with a Mississippi Negro family receives an anonymous note or phone call warning him that unless he clears out of town by midnight, the family will be attacked and the house burned to the ground.

(Variation: The civil rights worker and the family are having a late supper when a brick is thrown through the window with the message mentioned above. The father of the family immediately jumps up from the table and goes to get his shotgun.)

4. Canvassing (5 persons, white and Negro, male and female)

--an integrated team of civil rights workers visit a Negro home to try to persuade the adults of the family to register to vote.

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I. Reporter

1. What would you say if a reporter asked you about staff problems?
2. What would you say if a reporter asked you about COFO policies?
3. What would you do if a reporter asked you what do you expect out of the summer project?
4. Do you think the summer project was a good idea?
5. Do you like working with Negroes?
6. Have you found that most Negroes are dirty?
7. Are Negroes staying with white boys and girls?

II. Police

1. If a police stopped you and asked you to get into his car, what would you do?
2. If a cop told you, you are under arrest, what would you do or say?
3. If you are taken to jail, what would you say? What questions would you answer?
4. If you saw another person arrested, what would you do?
5. If you were allowed a phone call, who would you call and what would you say?
6. If you saw a person being beaten, what would you do? by police? by an outsider?

III. Non-violence

1. How would you react to:
teargas, firehoses, dogs, picket line, march to courthouse,
verbal intimidations, cattle prod, etc.

IV. Canvassing

1. How would you approach a person in a community you had never seen before?
2. How could you make a person understand what voting is by relating things in his everyday life?
3. How would you talk to a real religious person?
5. How would you talk to a community leader?

V. White Local citizens

1. How would you approach a local white citizen?
2. How would you react if approached by a local white citizen?