

Not everyone is this devoted, yet this is not an untypical example of the support our picket lines have received. At one Woolworth store the manager, himself, expressed support. As we were about to end our picketing for the day, he signaled to me and said: "I've heard about the work you people are doing and agree with you 100%. I think we must integrate our stores in the South."

At another Woolworth store, a Bible concessionaire came out and told me: "You're losing me business like crazy—but don't stop. I'd even join you if I didn't have my concession here." As he went back into the store, he added: "I guess people have been reading my product lately."

When nine southern students whom CORE brought north to tell their story, joined our picket line on 125th Street, I asked how it made them feel to observe our activities in this part of the country. "It makes us feel that we are not alone in our struggle," is the way Merritt Spaulding, a student who had been arrested in Tallahassee, expressed it. This, together with the sympathy demonstrated each week on the picket line, has given me great encouragement.

People have asked me why northerners—especially white people who have been in the majority in our picket demonstrations in New York—take an active part in an issue which

doesn't concern them. My answer is that injustice anywhere is everybody's concern.

Sitting at a lunch counter may seem like a small thing to some, but the right to do so is inextricably bound up with the American idea of equality for all. The world's eyes are upon us. We and our democracy are on trial. All of us are being judged by what occurred in Little Rock in recent years and by what is happening in the south today.

That is why students in the north have identified themselves with the movement in the south. U.S. students have been challenged to shake off their traditional political apathy and take a stand.

As a student at Columbia University and as a member of New York CORE, I am aware that northern students have wanted to speak out for integration for some time. But, aside from listening to speeches with which we agreed—there was little to do.

We were waiting for the leadership to come from the south. Now, the lunch counter sit-ins have given us the awaited opportunity to act. We intend to keep up the picketing and the boycott of variety stores until lunch counter discrimination is eliminated in the south—as it has been in other parts of the country.

*Compiled and edited by Jim Peck*

*Designed by Jerry Goldman*

*Published May 1960 by*



38 PARK ROW, NEW YORK 38, N. Y.

*Price—25¢ per copy.*

*Reductions on Quantity Orders.*

