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May 31, 1961

Dear Friend:

The freedom riders in Alabama and Mississippi have initiated a new and heroic movement for democratic rights south of the "Magnolia Curtain". These Negro and white integrationists are challenging the injustice of segregation in the spirit of the Abolitionist movement.

How effective is this protest movement? In the estimate of Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, the lunch counter sit-ins and the freedom riders "have enabled those seeking to accelerate the pace of desegregation to telescope time."

As you have read of these mounting struggles for freedom, of the arrests, and mob-violence of the Ku Klux Klan, you have doubtless asked yourself, "What can I do?"

There is something you can do -- and your help is badly needed now.

1. Attend the public meeting on Monday, June 5, announced on the opposite side of this page. There you will hear the story from the lips of recent freedom riders in Mississippi and Alabama.

2. If you cannot attend this meeting (and make your contribution there) we urge you to send a contribution to:

C.O.R.E.
38 Park Row
New York 38, N.Y.

We are informed by the regional representative of CORE that recent expenses for the freedom riders (including medical and legal costs) have created a serious financial emergency.

Sincerely yours,

William T. Starr

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