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C O N G R E S S O F R A C I A L E Q U A L I T Y

2929 Broadway

New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is the program for the fifth annual CORE Conference. The first CORE Conference was held in Chicago in 1943. This is the second time that we have held our Conference there.

This year we are making an effort to broaden the scope of our discussions at the Conference so that many individuals who may not be in a community where they can work in the day-to-day activities of a CORE group, will nevertheless wish to take part in our deliberations, and make and receive suggestions for an effective CORE action program. Accordingly, a very central part of the Conference will be the Saturday afternoon discussion groups. These groups will work out practical suggestions for initiating and implementing an action program against discrimination in a number of areas where CORE is deeply concerned. These discussion groups will not be theoretical in nature, but practical. The suggestions coming out of them as to what CORE can do as immediate next steps in the campaign against discrimination will be presented through resolutions to the whole Conference. Thus the action program for CORE in this next year will be greatly influenced by what comes out of these discussion groups.

You will note that the two public meetings we have arranged will present interesting speakers and subjects. Of course you will want to hear, on the Saturday evening of the Conference, the details about the recent Journey through the South from some of us who participated in it.

You may come to the Conference as an official delegate or as an observer. Official delegates are chosen by groups affiliated with the Congress Of Racial Equality, five being allowed from each group, and two alternates. Organized groups working along CORE lines, but not affiliated with national CORE, may upon request have two voting delegates at the Conference. Observers are free to take part in the discussions of the business sessions, but not to vote.

Please get your reservation slips in early.

I'll see you in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

George M. Houser

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Executive Secretary

PROGRAM FOR CORE CONFERENCE

Chicago, Illinois

June 13-15, 1947

Conference Headquarters: Woodlawn Cooperative House, 5757 Woodlawn, Chicago

Friday, June 13th

5:00 -- Registration (\$1.00 for official group delegates, voluntary registration for others)

8:00 Public Meeting

Chairman: Homer A. Jack, Executive Secretary, Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination

Welcome to the Conference

Gerald Bullock
Chairman of Chicago CORE

Music

Bayard Rustin
Treasurer of National CORE

What CORE Is

Frank Shearer
Chairman of National CORE

Address

Ira DeA. Reid
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University

Tentative Topic: Direct Action Vs. Segregation

10:30 -- Informal coffee hour. Delegates and friends of CORE meet and talk.

Saturday, June 14th

9:30 -- Business Session

2:00 -- Discussion groups. Action program for CORE in the following areas:

1. Action against discrimination in YMCAs.
2. Action against segregation in interstate travel in the South.
3. Action against segregation in employment (FEPC legislation, discrimination in department stores, discrimination in public utility companies).
4. Action against discrimination in public places.
5. Effective education of CORE members and friends in the principles of interracial non-violent direct action.

4:00 -- Reports from Groups

8:00 -- Public Meeting. Report on the Southern journey by participants:

Bayard Rustin

Homer Jack

Dennis Banks

George Houser

General comments by Rev. Archibald J. Carey, Jr., minister of Woodlawn A.M.E. Church, and newly elected alderman to the Chicago City Council.

10:30 -- Moonlight beach party and marshmallow roast on the shore of Lake Michigan.

Sunday, June 15th

9:30 -- Business Session

1:00 -- Closing Dinner

Tear off and mail.

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I plan to attend the CORE Conference

_____ as a delegate from _____ group;
_____ as an observer.

I will need housing: Friday ____; Saturday ____.

I want to make reservations for the following meals:

_____ Friday night	_____ Saturday night
_____ Saturday morning	_____ Sunday morning
_____ Saturday noon	_____ Sunday noon

(Meals will be served at the Woodlawn Cooperative House. Costs will be low.)

Name _____

Address _____

Please return this blank no later than June 4th so that adequate preparation can be made for food and lodging.