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| Chicago, Illinois | Omaha, Nebraska |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | Pasadena, California |
| Columbia, Missouri | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania |
| Evanston, Illinois | St. Louis, Missouri |
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A public opinion poll (in this case asking customers whether they would want to see Negro salesclerks in this store) is often an effective technique.

The Pattern For Action

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the CORE way

is **direct** because it pits itself against the evil of discrimination whether practiced by an individual or an establishment.

is **nonviolent** because even in the midst of the most strenuous and most dangerous projects, CORE members always strive to maintain an approach of goodwill, as well as to refrain from any kind of physical aggression, no matter what the provocation.

is **active** because it does not stop with education and persuasion but goes on to leafleteering, picketing, standing-line techniques before ticket offices, and sit-downs in restaurants.

The pattern of action assures that before any direct action is begun, a CORE group first **investigates** the suspected area of discrimination; then seeks through **discussion** with the persons involved to bring about a change of policy; after that **appeals to the public** for support; attracts wide attention to the unjust policy by **demonstrations** such as picketing, etc.; and finally, if none of these has succeeded, begins the use of **non-cooperation** techniques such as sit-downs in restaurants, or "Don't buy where you can't work" campaigns.

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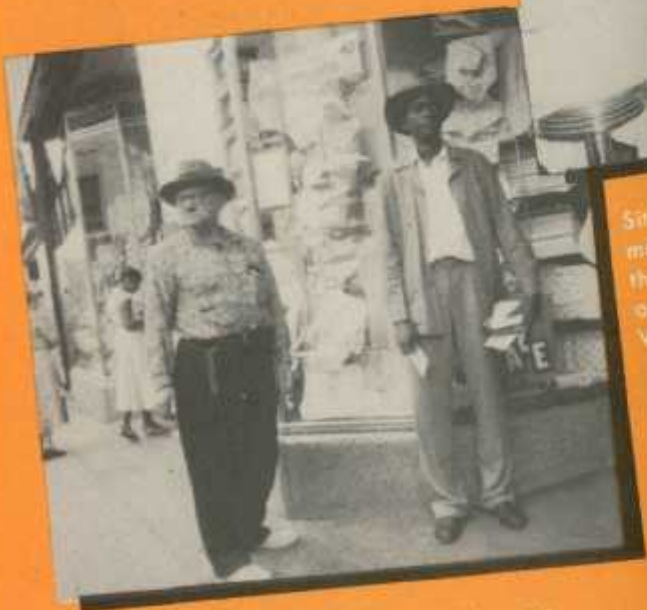
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