

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE LUNCHEON MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 1959

Present: L. Carter, L. Farmer, M. Rich, J. Robinson

Absent: J. Farmer, G. Houser, T. Roberts

1. Applications for Affiliation: The Action Committee voted to recommend the affiliation of new groups in Rock Hill, South Carolina and Portland, Oregon. Memo with details will follow. Application of Miami CORE (recommended by 1959 Convention): Spartanburg CORE and New York CORE voted to accept; no other groups have yet reported votes. (Subsequent to meeting, Baltimore CORE sent in a YES vote.)

2. 1960 Interracial Action Institute: Dates set as August 14 through September 7. This gives us a three-week institute and should allow more time for thorough training. A. J. Muste of the Advisory Committee has agreed to spend one or two days at the Institute. Co-sponsorship or "cooperating" sponsorship with other groups was discussed but no action was taken. None of the CORE groups written about interest in having the Institute has yet answered.

3. Publication Plans: "Cracking the Color Line" -- a 16-page detailed description of CORE projects in restaurants, public accommodations, employment and housing -- South and North -- is planned for distribution in February. Based on material from the groups, with the writing done by Jim Peck and the design by Jerry Goldman, this will be a major educational and training pamphlet with many photographs, a fancy cover, and a price of \$1 per copy.

Our first "precedent sheet" -- showing CORE methods in sit-ins and stand-ins - will be available next week. Organizational Manual re-issued.

4. Field Reports: Greenville (South Carolina) Airport Demonstration scheduled for Emancipation Day under Rev. Hall, with help of James T. McCain. Suggested speakers include Lillian Smith, Martin Luther King, and Jackie Robinson. Committee felt that someone should arrive or depart from the airport on demonstration day to give it more point. McCain visiting other S. C. groups to enlist their support.

TALLAHASSEE: Carey now there. Visited earlier by McCain. Miss Patricia Stephens worked to get the group together. She became acquainted with CORE through participation in the Miami Action Institute. The Reverend Steele, leader of the bus protest, has been a great help. The group is definitely formed and has engaged in testing municipal and interstate transportation with varying results.

Plans: McCain to New York and Boston in early December. Carey to Midwest, including Columbia, Missouri. Possibly both at Greenville protest. Then both to Chicago until D. C. National Council Meeting, Jan. 22 to 24.

5. Theatre Benefit: Has brought in \$1100 so far, covering expenses to date; but an additional \$1,100 on tickets still to be paid January 4th. Lowest price tickets are gone, and top price tickets are selling well. Poor sales for in-between prices.

6. Holiday Cards: \$5,846 has come in so far. Although this equals the total for last year, we have more cards and more promotional expenses so that costs will run to \$12,000. We are lucky if we break even.

7. Finances: Checking account balance \$2,419.56. Outstanding obligations in excess of \$6,000, including \$1,100 for reprinting World Brotherhood Card, \$800 for list rental (Carolina Israelite) and \$4,000 to printers and mailers for 66,000 promotion now going in the mails.

8. Council Meeting: In connection with the Council, Jan. 23-24, it was suggested that a Friday night (Jan. 22) public meeting might be good. Washington CORE to be written.