

Congress of Racial Equality
National Action Committee Minutes
December 15, 1959

Present: Jim Farmer, Lula Farmer, Marvin Rich, Gordon Carey, Tom Roberts, Jim Robinson.
Visitor: Susan Bodan
Absent: Leroy Carter, George Houser, Jim Peck

FIELD REPORTS: McCain's visit to Boston was very tightly scheduled. Two public meetings and numerous smaller meetings. Helped set up a sponsors' committee and recruit new members. McCain reports CORE is much better known than last year as a result of news releases.

Greenville demonstration on January 1 is soundly planned and well set up. Cooperation around the state has been good (Spartanburg CORE expects 100 cars to go from Spartanburg).

New York CORE is increasing activity. Response to interest sheets has been poor. Need more Negro members. Suggested several additional projects for the group. Unions approached on meeting place.

FIELD PLANS: Proposed field plans through the 1960 Action Institute were discussed. These call for visits to 5 cities where CORE groups do not now exist. Open time in the schedule is to permit flexibility in response to requests that may come in. Schedule is also arranged so that newly established groups can be revisited approximately 3 months after first visit.

Chicago trip is well set up. We have had about 60 responses to the interest sheet. Of these, about 30 are interested in forming a CORE group.

1960 ACTION INSTITUTE: Approved Miami site if acceptable to Miami CORE. National Office will do more advance planning than last year. Written evaluation of the 1959 Institute will be available soon. Susan Bodan, a participant in the 1959 Institute, suggested that action plans might well be coordinated with CORE groups in other cities especially if a large chain such as Grant's is involved.

CRACKING THE COLOR LINE: Two foundations have been approached for assistance in publishing this how-to-do-it-the-CORE-way booklet. Our printer has agreed to accept deferred payment if necessary.

LEGAL MEMO: A memo to the groups on legal problems that may arise has been prepared. It will be checked with four attorneys: Rowland Watts of the ACLU, Carl Rachlin of the WDL, Charles Oldham and Tom Roberts.

THEATRE BENEFIT: "A Loss of Roses" is closing Saturday, December 19. We shall offer to return ticket money and contributions. We expect that most will allow us to retain the contributions. If so, we should have a small surplus after expenses.

HOLIDAY CARDS: It now appears that we shall not quite make \$11,000 in total sales and that we shall lose some money on the cards. A check of the lists indicates that we shall add more than 800 names to the CORE list as the result of card sales.

FINANCES: Authorized Jim Robinson to exchange names with the Highlander Fold School if the date can be worked into our schedule. Also authorized Robinson to exchange with Recording for the Blind if duplicate receipts do not go to the central files of the fund-raising organization that handles the account of Recording for the Blind. Authorized rental of the CORE list to magazines on a restricted trial basis.

Financial situation continues to be serious. Estimates on income from CORE list have risen slightly but there will be less than anticipated from Holiday Card sales.

We now have \$4,700 in the bank and have over \$1,500 in unpaid bills. This leaves us with about \$3,000 on hand. We cannot expect any substantial income until the February appeal.