

STUDENT NON-VIOLENT MOVEMENT
OF THE
NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Fellow Students:

Since the spring of 1960 the student committees throughout this nation have engaged in a battle with an evil system called segregation. We have seen this battle take place on many fronts, such as lunch counters, restaurants, theaters, swimming pools, bus and train stations, libraries, schools, registration offices and lily white churches.

Through the non-violent efforts of students of A & I State University, American Baptist Seminary, Fisk University, Meharry Medical College, Peabody College, Pearl and Cameron High Schools, Vanderbilt University and other schools along with the support of the Nashville Community, at least ten places of business have opened their lunch counters and restaurants. In addition to this, all downtown theaters have been opened to all people. More than 200 communities have opened some of their facilities to all people as a result of the action of thousands of students like us.

Yes, progress has been made, but our nation and particularly the city of Nashville is not free from both the visible and invisible signs of racial discrimination. The majority of the restaurants in Metropolitan Nashville remain segregated. Only two drive-in theaters admit all persons without regard to race. All of Nashville's motels and hotels refuse to accommodate Negroes. The Young Men's Christian Association maintains a strick policy of segregation; it refuses to accommodate Negroes in its cafeteria and lodging quarters. The Young Women's Christian Association has opened its cafeteria, but refuses to provide over-night accommodations for Negro women.

For over two years we have sought to negotiate with the major business establishments through the Chamber of Commerce, the Restaurant Association and at times with the individual owners and managers. After this long period of time without any major advances, the hope of many that negotiations would bring about a change has grown dim. We have no choice but to again witness in dramatic, yet loving fashion, that segregation is evil and that we cannot and will not support it. As students of this generation, we have a mandate from history to rekindle "the unfinished Revolution."

During the Thanksgiving weekend there will be student delegations from colleges and universities all over the United States to participate in what we hope will be our last blow at segregation in this community. Therefore, we call upon the entire student community of Nashville to support the cause of freedom by doing the following:

1. Attend the Mass Freedom Rally Friday Night, November 23, 7:30 p.m., at Fisk University Chapel. Guest speaker will be Slater King, Director of the Albany Georgia Movement.
2. Participate in the Mass Demonstrations, Saturday, November 24, 1:30 p.m.

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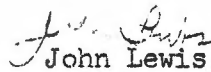
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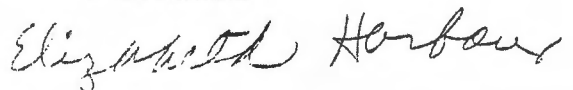
All students who wish to participate in the demonstrations should meet at the following places at 12:30 noon:

1. A & I State students meet in front of the "I" Building
2. Pearl, Fisk and Meharry students meet in front of the Chapel at Fisk University.
3. All other students meet at First Baptist Church by 1:00 p.m. If you need transportation, please call Mrs. Blakely, NCLC Office Secretary, AL 4-1308 by Friday, November 23, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Let us all give an hour or two for the cause of freedom and human dignity. James Mederith and others must not bear the cross alone.

Yours for Freedom,


John Lewis, President
NASHVILLE STUDENT NON-VIOLENT
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Elizabeth Harbour, Secretary

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