

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. If you are in the South, participate in a sit-in in your community.
2. If you are in the North, participate in a picket line or leaflet distribution.
3. Boycott Woolworth's, Kress's, Kresge's, Grant's, McCrory's and other variety stores which refuse to serve Negroes at their southern lunch counters. CORE, NAACP, SCLC, etc., have declared a national boycott of these stores.
4. Write E. F. Harrigan, vice president, F. W. Woolworth Co., 233 Broadway, New York, and Karl Helfrich, vice president, S. H. Kress & Co., 114 Fifth Avenue, New York. You may write the other chains also, but these two are the key ones.
5. Write the 8 CORE members jailed for 60 days in Tallahassee (for names and addresses, see story at right).
6. Send in a contribution to CORE.

If you want to join with others in your community who are taking action, contact CORE.

## BREAKTHROUGHS

Buried in the reams of copy about the southern sit-ins is the fact that since the protest movement started over 100 lunch counters and eating places in various parts of the south have started to serve everybody regardless of color.

Only San Antonio and Galveston, Texas, have received wide publicity about lunch counter changes negotiated by civic leaders. However, one other major southern city has opened its lunch counters to all.

A newly formed CORE group in Frankfort, Kentucky, discovered through testing that Negroes are now served at three local restaurants. CORE teams in Columbia and Jefferson City, Missouri were served at all the eating places which they tested. In Nashville, Negroes succeeded in eating at the local bus station and in Concord, North Carolina, 12 Negro college girls were served at Whitmore's drugstore. There are many other instances of individual eating places changing policy.

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## CORE Members Arrested



These are two of the CORE members arrested in Tallahassee, Florida. Total number arrested to date in Tallahassee is 46. Eight of them are serving 60-day prison sentences rather than go free pending appeal. They have translated into action Martin Luther King's words: "We've got to fill the jails in order to win our equal rights."

*CORElator readers are urged to send these students letters of support. Their names are italicized in the following letter written by Patricia Stephens to CORE's executive secretary, James R. Robinson. Their address: c/o Leon County Jail, Tallahassee, Florida.*

### LETTER FROM A JAILED STUDENT

Our trial for sitting in at Woolworth's was Thursday (March 17). There were eight charges against us. Most of them were added after we were released on bond. The original charges were disturbing the peace, inciting to riot and disrupting the peaceful tranquility of the community. On the second count we were given a 60-day sentence or a \$500 fine.

There are eight of us in jail—seven A & M students and one high school student: *Clement Carney*, sociology major; *William Larkins*, business administration, president of Student Government Association for '60-'61 term; *Henry Steele*, high school junior and son of Rev. C. K. Steele, pioneer in nonviolent action in Tallahassee; *John Keaton*, auto mechanics minor; *Barbara Keaton*, art education; *Alicia Nance*, speech and drama; *Christilla Stephens*, who

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mentary education and myself (Patricia Stephens), instrumental music. Our ages range from 16 to 23. Except for Clement Carney, who is from New Jersey and Angela Nance, who is from South Carolina we are all Floridians.

We are in what is called a "bull-tank" with four cells. Each cell has a commode and a small sink. There is running water in only two of the cells. One has cold water and the other, both cold and warm. We are in a cell with neither.

Breakfast—if you can call it that—is at 6:30 a.m. Another meal is served at 12:30 and I am still trying to get up enough courage to eat it. In the evening, we are served "sweet" bread and watery coffee.

But we all feel happy that we are doing all this to help our city, state and nation. This is something that has to be done over and over again and we are willing to do it as often as necessary.

We strongly believe that Martin Luther King was right when he said: "We've got to fill the jails in order to win our equal rights."

They just brought our dinner. I really gobbled it down and, believe it or not, it tasted good. Maybe I've gone without eating too long. Well, I've got to dress for our visitors—we have two ministers visit us every day. Sundays and Wednesdays are the days for other visitors. Write when you can.

(signed) Patricia Stephens

PS My parents were here last night to get us out but we explained why we think it important to stay. Priscilla is supposed to be on a special diet and mother was worried about her.

## NATIONAL OFFICE WORKING FULL BLAST

With the student protest movement spreading, CORE is redoubling its efforts to give all-out support.

The national office is generally as jammed as the New York subway at rush hour. The regular staff of four is kept on the phone answering an endless series of local and long distance calls. Many of these are from individuals or groups who want the help of a field secretary in carrying on a sit-in or advice in establishing picket lines, distributing leaflets, setting up the boycott, etc. More than one million leaflets (see sample enclosed) have been distributed.

The unspacious national office is also headquarters for the local CORE group, which is coordinating picketing in the New York area. This crowds in still more persons: spokesmen for unions and various city groups coming to pick up leaflets and picket signs, officers and volunteers of New York CORE (there are a number of hard-working volunteers) and individuals wanting to help-out or simply seeking information. The other day a man walked in; he is a teacher at Pace College, which is next-door. He had read about CORE in the newspapers and he wanted someone to speak before his class.

TV, radio and newspapermen frequent the office, seeking interviews on latest developments. Since the sit-ins started, the daily newspapers have finally granted recognition to CORE

and to its pioneering efforts in non-violence which paved the way for the current south-wide movement. Also, in the office newsmen find special interest stories such as interviews with southern students whom CORE brings north to interpret the sit-ins on TV, radio, etc. The other day two reporters were waiting to interview Leonard Holt, new CORE field secretary, who had just returned from Atlanta where he helped a new CORE group to initiate an action program. This included an unprecedented city-wide leaflet distribution and the picketing of Rich's department store to protest discrimination in its eating facilities. (See story on p. 4.)

Of course, forming new CORE groups—at an unprecedented rate—is still another activity which preoccupies the organization. Coordinating activities of existing CORE groups and aiding unaffiliated student groups involved in the southern sit-ins also demand much time.

There is, needless to say, a hopelessly inadequate number of field secretaries in the present situation. But the entire staff is doing its best—with 70 hours now considered an "easy week."

CORE has just hired a fourth field secretary, U. S. Grant Prince III, Atlanta graduate student and participant in lunch counter actions in that city. In 1946 he did eight days on a chain gang in Mullins, S.C. because of a lunch counter incident.

NASHVILLE—In this city, where a large number of sit-inners have been arrested, the CORE group has worked closely with the students and with the Nashville Christian Leadership Conference.

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—Fourteen students engaged in a sit-in March 26 at the lunch counter of the Diamond Department Store, last holdout in Charleston against lunch counter integration. Following the action, management erected a 4-foot barrier around the counter to seal it off, reports Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmore of Charleston CORE.

MIAMI—In this city where the CORE group initiated a sit-in campaign just a year ago, sit-ins of a few persons have been conducted preliminary to broader action. One such sit-in at Woolworth's downtown lunch counter on March 4 involved eight Negro ministers. Although the counter was closed immediately after their arrival, they remained seated for almost an hour.

ROCK HILL, S.C.—In Rock Hill, scene of the first student sit-in outside of North Carolina (February 12), CORE Field Secretary James McCain worked closely with student groups leading the action.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Washington CORE assisted the staff of the International Union of Electrical Workers in an all-day Washington's Birthday picket line at the Woolworth store.

Recent additions to the CORE National Advisory Committee: Eugene E. Frazier, president of the United Transport Service Employees and AFL-CIO executive board member; Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, chairman of the commission on justice and peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Sidney Hollander, former president of the National Social Welfare Assembly and Jackie Robinson, famed Brooklyn Dodger star.

In an effort to keep CORE solvent, a letter from Harry Belafonte is being sent to many persons. Should you receive more than one copy, please forward to a friend.