

NEWS-RELEASE

Congress of Racial Equality  
103 North 10th Street  
Monroe, Louisiana

Monroe, La., July 9, 1964

Eight-eight (88) local residents of Monroe, La., participated in a civil rights testing program sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) under the leadership CORE field Secretary Ronnie M. Moore and CORE Task Force Workers Mike Lesser, Ruthie, and Dave Kramer.

After meeting at a local church, test teams varying in numbers from 3-16 tried and in several instances succeeded in desegregating various public accommodations. Negroes were served at F. W. Woolworths, both Walgreen stores Kress, Toddle House, Picadilly Restaurant, Paramount Theater, Holiday Esso Service Station.

Testers were threaten, intimidated, and harrassed as they unsuccessfully sought service at Capitol Steakhouse, Bodan's Rexall Drug Store, Heimp's Cafeteria, Kopper Kettle, Holiday Inn Restaurant to avoid desegregation efforts, Jim Theater was closed.

Seventeen (17) Negro youngsters ranging in age from 14 to 22 went to the library 10 left when requested and 7 were arrested for distrubing the peace, ordinance 10-27, criminal trespass ordinance 10-59. Dave Kramer was taken into custody for taking illegal photographs (a picture of a policeman

Sixteen (16) negroes in groups of eight (8) bordered two public service bus lines and members of the Ouachita Chapter of CORE will resume testing on Monday and will later move to the town of West Monroe, Louisiana.