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## ACROSS THE EDITORS' DESK

America today is at a crossroads. The two-thirds of mankind that are non-white are raising their heads and calling for their just due in 1961. It is time that our nation, and particularly our Southern states, recognize our responsibility to the world, to mankind, and to ourselves by ridding our country of the cancer that is segregation. This sense of urgency is accentuated by the ever increasing momentum of world events. The admission of thirteen new African and Asian nations to the United Nations in one day literally shifted the weight of international authority from white to non-white hands. The deepening crisis in Laos and the fevered reaction to Israeli's announcement of a nuclear plant dramatize again the fearful prospect that mankind, both white and non-white, may be destroyed in an atomic holocaust of man's own making.

Such signs of the time speak to America in clear and precise words. They say that our country must purge itself of the rabies of racism and not with the "deliberate speed" evidenced in school desegregation. On the time-table of the world, tomorrow is today; and only bold forthright action can square America's racial practices with the coveted role of world's champion advocate of democratic human rights.

Equal access of all Americans to all public facilities is basic to ridding America of second class citizenship. This is the goal of the student protest movement. We are dedicated to this end because we know that our destinies as individuals, as Americans, and as citizens of the world will inevitably be determined by whether we conquer racial prejudice or race prejudice conquers us.

## NEWS FROM THE STATES

### ALABAMA

Mobile—A federal court has directed the city of Mobile to desegregate all public golf courses.

Montgomery—The Alabama Court of Appeals set aside convictions against seven Montgomery Negroes, a white professor, Dr. Richard Nesmith, of MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill., and a white minister, the Rev. R. Edwin King of Boston University, who dined together in a Montgomery restaurant. The Appeals Court ruled that the charges did not spell out what offense, if any, the diners had committed.

## NEWS FROM THE STATES CONTINUED

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington—The George Washington University Student Council voted to discontinue the student body's annual "Colonial Cruise" to Marshall Hall Amusement Park because the park will not admit Negroes.

### FLORIDA

Miami—The Baltimore Orioles announced that tickets for exhibition games at Miami Stadium will be sold on an integrated basis. Heretofore portions of the grandstand have been designated for fans on racial lines, with larger sections made available when the demand warranted it. The action by the Orioles management established Miami as the fourth Florida city to remove the ban on exhibition game seating.

Vero Beach has maintained a come-one-come-all pattern since the Dodgers erected their new park in 1952.

Al Lang Field in St. Petersburg has been desegregated by the Cardinals and Yankees since 1958.

The Braves also issued instructions to integrate ticket sales and to remove "colored" and "white" signs from the washrooms at Bladenton Field.

### GEORGIA

Atlanta—The agreement arrived at between leading merchants, 11 students and adult leaders to desegregated lunch counters in Atlanta, were entered upon with the intention of achieving the following objectives:

- (1) Desegregation of the lunch counters and other facilities by the largest number of merchants within the shortest period of time.
- (2) Rehiring of those persons who were released from employment during the sit-in and boycott period.
- (3) Lifting of all charges brought against students and dismissal of all cases from last March, 1960, to the present.
- (4) Adoption by the merchants a policy of upgrading and hiring Negroes in various job categories on the basis of merit.
- (5) Equal representation and responsibility by Negroes and whites in planning and carrying out orderly desegregation. These negotiations have already begun.

NOTE: It is not true that the integration of the lunch counters and other facilities is left to some uncertain "if or when" situation; nor is it true that desegregation of same is dependent upon the settlement of the public school desegregation issue. The FACTS are: It is agreed that desegregation of the lunch counters and other facilities will take place no later than next fall, regardless of what occurs in connection with public school desegregation.

Atlanta Police Department Superintendent, J. L. Tuggle, announced that 10 to 15 additional Negro policemen will be hired in the near future after completion of the five-week training course.

Athens—The dining room and all other facilities at the University of Georgia were ordered open to Negro students Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes.

## NEWS FROM THE STATES CONTINUED

## G E O R G I A

Macon—Fifteen young Macon Negroes were arrested when they took seats in front sections of buses at four downtown locations and refused to move to rear sections. They were charged with violating a state law requiring persons to sit where they are assigned in buses.

Savannah—Mayor Malcom Maclean announced the appointment of a colored minister to one of the city park boards, while also confirming the city-owned Bacon Park Golf course has been desegregated. The Rev. Oliver W. Holmes is the new commissioner on the board which supervises Bacon Park.

Augusta—Well known entertainer, Mr. Ray Charles, canceled an appearance at Bell Auditorium Wednesday night, March 15th, after learning that he was to appear under segregated conditions. Students at Paine College had sent a telegram informing him of the situation. Mr. Charles said that "I feel that it is the least that I can do to stand behind my principles and help the students in their fight for their principles".

## I N D I A N A

Elkhart—More than 50 Negroes picketed in front of the Mayors office in protest against racial discrimination in employment in this Indiana city.

## K E N T U C K Y

Louisville—More than 280 Negro and white students were arrested for staging demonstrations against racial discrimination in movie theaters and restaurants in downtown Louisville. The fact of the matter is there has been considerable progress here already in integrating business establishments. Governor Combs entered integration talks at City Hall and was closeted for 2½ hours with Mayor Hoblitzell's emergency integration committee and two officials of the State Commission on Human Rights, Thursday, March 16th. Afterward, Combs said: "It was a very informative discussion....We're going to play it by ear".

## L O U I S I A N A

New Orleans—About 100 song-singing, praying Negroes marched on city hall and the Louisiana Supreme Court building in protest to racial discrimination, on March 11. No incidents marred the demonstration, which followed a four-front picket movement in front of a grocery store and three five and dime stores

It was reported to the SNCC office that the New Orleans Greyhound Bus Cafeteria has lowered its racial bars and are serving Negroes. Further, the Trailway Bus Cafeteria will serve Negroes if they hold interstate tickets.

## M A R Y L A N D

Montgomery County—The owners of Glen Echo Amusement Park, scene of protest over refusal to admit Negroes last summer, recently announced that the Park will open soon on an integrated basis.



NEWS FROM THE STATES CONTINUED

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson—The reason why white politicians are determined to prevent Negroes from voting freely in this state was revealed in a study of the 1960 census report for Mississippi. Mississippi Negro citizens could be mass voting, control 36 per cent of the seats in the House of Representatives under present legislative apportionment. The census report shows 27 counties with more Negroes than whites. The report also upsets the argument by opponents of legislative reapportionment that redistribution of House seats now might open the doors for Negro representatives from urban areas. As of present, doors are open for Negro lawmakers from rural areas, too, if there were no voting restrictions. The 27 counties hold 49 seats in the House of Representatives, a 36 per cent of the total 149. Noxubee County, pointed out frequently as the most underpopulated, over represented county in the state, has three House members for a total population of only 16,826. Of that population, only 4,724 are white.

MISSOURI

St. Louis—The vice chairman of the Missouri Advisory Committee of the President's Commission on Civil Rights was denied public accommodations because of race at Flat River, Mo., Greyhound Bus terminal.

Kansas City—More than 100 persons picketed stores that have jim crow hiring policies in downtown Kansas City.

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte—Students are presently in negotiations with owners of local theaters in an effort to desegregate these facilities. Charlotte has been the scene of stand-ins at movie houses since February 1st.

Durham—Faculty members of Duke University and North Carolina College picket jim crow theaters here. The group carried signs in front of the Carolina and Center theaters. The Rev. J. Neal Hugley, spokesman for the protesting group, said the picketing would be "continuous until the theaters integrate their audiences".

Fayetteville—Students started picketing four theaters in downtown Fayetteville that have segregated balconies for Negroes on March 11th

Reidsville—A drive for jobs and the abolition of racial segregation in public places was launched recently in Reidsville. The action is spearheaded by the Rockingham County Improvement League. One store here and the public library are reported to have discontinued racial segregation.

Charlotte—Trustees of Charlotte and Carver Colleges, now largely segregated, declared formally that the two institutions are open to all qualified students. "Race", the trustees said, "is not a factor in determining entrance requirements".

Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital opened membership on its medical staff to Negro doctors on March 7th.

Raleigh—The state of North Carolina, during this centennial year of the War between the states, is finally getting around to blotting slavery off its lawbooks. It's 91 years late. But it had to happen sometime.

NEWS FROM THE STATES CONTINUED

O K L A H O M A

Oklahoma City—More than 50 Negro and white students staged a "squat-in" demonstration outside a downtown Oklahoma City restaurant which refuses to admit Negroes. The Rev. Robert McDole, a Catholic priest and one of the 13 adults in the group were arrested.

S O U T H C A R O L I N A

Rock Hill—Four members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, who followed the "Jail, No Bail" policy, completed 30-day terms growing out of anti-segregation demonstrations at Rock Hill, S. C. Freed were Diane J. Nash of Fisk University; Ruby D. Smith of Spelman College; Charles M. Sherrod of Virginia Union University; and Charles C. Jones of Johnson C. Smith University.

The State of South Carolina has taken the first step toward revoking the driver's license of a cripple minister because he is one of the leaders of the anti-segregation drive here. The Rev. C. A. Ivory, who has been driving for 20 years, was told he could not be recommended for renewal of his driver's permit. The minister told the license department official: "This is being done because of my active opposition to racial segregation".

Columbia—More than 188 Negro collegians and the chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Mr. Charles McDew, were arrested in anti-segregation marches to the South Carolina State House.

The SNCC office learned recently that the Greyhound Bus cafeteria at Columbia has quietly dropped segregation in these facilities.

Greenville—Airport waiting rooms here will be integrated under a federal district court order.

Sumter—Morris College students held anti-segregation demonstrations at Lawson's and Alderman's drug stores, and at the Carnegie Public Library which resulted in the arrests of more than 65 collegians.

T E N N E S S E E

Chattanooga—Harassment has begun to plague demonstrations here at downtown theaters as arrests and ducktail hair white youths moved in on the students. Rocks were hurled in the first racial tiff in brief exchanges, after a shoving incident at a downtown movie. There were no injuries and police made no arrests. The whole thing stemmed from an incident in front of the Rogers theater, on Market St. when a white Riggold, Ga., laborer and an 18 year old high school youth were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct. Incidentally, the Negro youth arrested was Willie Ricks, who has been fined three times for disorderly conduct in connection with the theater "Stand-Ins". It is reported that the Ricks family have received many threatening calls and on last Wednesday night, March 15th, a cross was burned in the yard of the family. The picture at the Rogers theater when the tussle occurred was, "Hell Is A City".

NEWS FROM THE STATES CONTINUED

T E N N E S S E E

Nashville—Theater "Stand-Ins" continue at major downtown Nashville movie houses.

Jackson—Lunch counters remain closed here and students at Lane College report that their movement is still underway and community support is growing.

T E X A S

Austin—Approximately 50 Negro and white students from the University of Texas have renewed movie "Stand-Ins" at the Texas theater. The theater is located across the street from the university campus.

Dallas—Students resumed theater "Stand-Ins" at the Majestic theater, this time with no incidents. Two week ago 80 Negro and white students staged demonstrations at both the Majestic and Palace theaters, both owned by the Interstate Theaters, Inc. The Majestic's balcony is reserved for Negroes and the lower floor is for whites.

Houston—More than 27 Negro and white students have been arrested for theater "Stand-Ins" in this city of 1,000,000 population. The students are presently demonstrating in front of the Lee's State and Metropolitan theatres. Most demonstrators were members of the Progressive Youth Association, but one white students from Rice University, said "refusing to serve Negroes is a silly discrimination. When I take part in this, I think I am defending my own rights and the rights of all Americans".

Mr. Eldrewey J. Stearnes, president of the Progressive Youth Association, has announced plans to file a \$500,000 suit against the operators of the Union Station coffee shop, where 12 Negro students were arrested for requesting service as interstate travelers.

The SNCC office was informed that the Greyhound Bus Terminal cafeteria has dropped segregation as now serve Negroes in Houston.

San Antonio—A group of Negro and white students staged what was called an "orderly" demonstration in front of the Majestic theater in downtown San Antonio recently.

V I R G I N I A

Charlottesville—After six Negro students were refused entrance to the off-campus University Theater, students and faculty members of the University of Virginia, launched a petition to gain community-wide boycott of the facility.

Hampton—Students continue boycotting segregated theatres here after the arrests of 14 Hampton Institute collegians.

Lynchburg—Two Negro women were hired recently by Leggett's Department in Lynchburg as saleswomen. Five other Lynchburg stores are reportedly interviewing potential saleswomen.

Norfolk—Signs marking segregated restrooms in Norfolk's newly dedicated Public Safety Building were removed shortly after the building's dedication.



NEWS FROM THE STATES CONTINUED

V I R G I N I A

Roanoke—The tea room in one of this cities largest department stores, Miller and Rhodes, has quietly desegregated. This change in service to Negro customers adds to the more than 15 eating establishments in downtown Roanoke, a western Virginia community of nearly 200,000, that have desegregated their eating facilities.

It appears that Lee Junior High School will be the next Roanoke city school to face desegregation this fall. Since last September nine Negro children have added to the numbers now attending formerly all-white Monroe Junior High School, Melrose Elementary and West End Elementary schools.

A N N O U N C I N G . . .

THE ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP to be held June 25 to August 5, 1961, in New York, California and Puerto Rico. The purposes of the Encampment are to promote a deeper understanding of the varied peoples who make up America and a deeper appreciation of the problems they face. To inspire the individual student, as a result of his personal and educational experiences, to enter more actively and purposefully into the mainstream of his own community's life.

Applications forms can be secured by writing:

ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP  
2 West 64th Street, New York 23, N.Y.

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A NORTHERN COUNTERPART to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee will be established at a meeting in Chicago, April 14-16. All groups and individuals interested in attending should contact the Emergency Public Integration Committee, Adams C-5, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

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The SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE recently announced that their Leadership Training Program is underway at Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee. Further information can be secured by writing to Mrs. Dorothy Cotton, Educational Consultant, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 208 Auburn Avenue, NE., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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Freedom Ride, 1961, sponsored by CORE, will be a dramatic move to complete the integration of bus service and accommodations in the deep South. The ride will begin in Washington, D.C. about May 1 and end in New Orleans on May 17. Traveling via Greyhound and Trailways, the Ride will test the recent Supreme Court decision banning segregation of interstate passengers in lunch room facilities operated as an integral part of a bus terminal. Cost for Freedom Ride, 1961, will be borne by CORE. Participants will need to pay only incidental expenses. For further information write Gordon R. Carey, Field Director, -- Congress Of Racial Equality, 38 Park Row, New York 38, N.Y.

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# NEWS - NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ATTENTION ALL JAIL BIRDS!!! We need letters written by students who were arrested for sitting-in for their rights all over the Southland. The public should know why you accepted "Jail versus Bail". They should be reminded of the principles involved. And last but not least, they should be clearly told how they can help.

We need at least one letter from every student who has gone to jail explaining his motives and expressing his concern. These letters may be argumentative, exhortatory, inspirational, analytic or invective. We believe that the value of this undertaking can be of historic importance. PLEASE DO NOT put this letter-writing campaign off.

Send all letters to:  
Mr. Timothy Jenkins, Nat'l Affairs  
Vice-President, National Student  
Association, 3457 Chestnut Street,  
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

## 100,000 BACK SIT-INS

One hundred thousand university students of Canada and thousands of others in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Luxembourg and the Netherlands have expressed solidarity with and moral support of the Negro and white students who served jail and chain gang sentences in Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia.

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## L A T E NEWS

Students have begun picketing the Southwestern Bell Telephone because the company refuses to hire Negro telephone operators in Houston, Texas.

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## REED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Students and faculty members of Reed College, Portland, Oregon, have informed the SNCC office that they have a scholarship available for a southern student who has been active in the "Sit-In" Movement. The amount of the scholarship will depend upon need and will meet all expenses beyond what the student and his family can supply for tuition, room, board & transportation. Both men and women are eligible.

For further information about this scholarship, write to the Director of Admissions, Reed College, Portland 2, Oregon.

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## IT'S YOUR VOICE

We think "The Student Voice" serves an invaluable service to the students and adults \* throughout the United States \* who actively and nonviolently Are \* trying to abolish this evil \* that is segregation. We think \* the student movement needs and \* wants a "Voice". However, \* in order for us to continue to \* publish this newsletter, we \* must depend upon your financial \* contributions to do so. We \* regret having to cease from \* printing the "Voice", but we \* must have the support of all \* of you to do so. We hope you \* will continue to support the \* work of the "Voice" in the \* future.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

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