

MINISTERS' VISIT

1. Name: Ms. S. N. (Velma) Voroshne

2. Church: First Presbyterian

3. Denomination: United Presbyterians

4. Address: Route 1 Boon, Iowa

5. What area canvassed: near Mt. Zion Baptist Church

6. Number of people visited: 16

7. General Response: to go to attend Sunday Schools - both adult and youth - anxious for opportunity to learn - A strong, steady determination to continue voter registration even tho' man had failed to several times. Know the strength in numbers and lack of effort of some affate all.

8. Did you have any contact with white community? Explain. _____

I talked with one student at Univ., several women officers of churches and officers in a dying Council of United Church Women - also pastor of First Baptist Church

9. Did you have any contact with police? Explain. None

10. Give your impressions of community, evaluation of your work, what you think can be done.

It seems this community is a captive people. Whatever cleansing, healing power in decent, responsible citizenry must surely be discouraged by sick power structures - the church, press, TV, corrupt and lawless law, etc. - those that fail to be true to the gospel, true in full reporting of news, the leader -

ship in violence, terror, etc on Jim's in everyone in high and low places of responsibility and authority.

I was glad to be able to tell the true and full story of CFC work, the caliber of workers, etc. which surprised misinformed whites. To be able to tell sad story of Negro to some who say, "We love our Negroes and they are so happy," etc. etc. I made an effort to challenge the church officers and pastors to take the initiative in communicating with Negro leadership, to really live the true role of the church in reconciliation, reunion, healing the brokenness, deep wounds in the family of mankind, "loving thy neighbor," etc. which demands much more than "practicing our old traditions." The meeting in Negro homes on voter registration, etc. and their messages have been most helpful and enlightening as I've paid together my Miss. story to tell to people back home where, sad to say, discrimination breeds and lives also. There is work to be done here and I'm scheduled for programs on Miss. for study club, church groups and have sent reports to congregation, friends and relatives in many states hoping this will help.

I really feel communication - meaningful and sincere must be established somehow and I think we need to continue our effort to penetrate the white community with the story of Negro - his hopes, fears, dreams. To challenge whites to look beyond blackness to see and know people ^{who are} just like all of us. I would hope it would start when it belongs - to the only ones who "have been entrusted with the message of reconciliation - the church!"