

INTERVIEW REPORT

- 1. Name: Don Van Voorhis
- 2. Church: Central Christian
- 3. Denomination: Disciples of Christ
- 4. Address: 418 W Franklin, Elkhart, Ind.
- 5. What area canvassed: Morning Star
- 6. Number of people visited: personally about 50 - 60
- 7. General Response: For the most part the people were cautious though willing to hear the story. Several said they would register, but would not follow thru. The percentage of those who do go to register with those who are contacted is very small.

8. Did you have any contact with white community? Explain. I talked with Rev. Hargis and with two professors in the white community, a Mr. Wilbur and a Mr. Sohn

9. Did you have any contact with police? Explain. Only at one point when the police arrived at Morning Star after the beating. They asked me where the beating occurred and drove off.

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

The Negro community is in part apathetic, and in part ready to make <sup>it</sup> himself felt. Those persons who made us feel so much at home in their community, who fed us each noon, who let us use their homes for community discussions were courageous and dedicated persons. They were a challenge and support to me.

The work is valuable. I was glad to be a part of it. I was glad we stuck with voter registration, community centers and Freedom schools instead of testing Rights bill. This kind of work is more important contribution for we outsiders.

What is being done at present is commendable enough. I believe we ought to be consistent with it and continue along its lines

*Don Van V*