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ABOUT THE JOURNEY OF RECONCILIATION

The Journey of Reconciliation is being sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Congress Of Racial Equality. Its purpose is generally to present to various groups in the upper South the importance of the methods and techniques of non-violence in challenging race discrimination. More specifically, the purpose of the Journey will be to challenge Jim Crow in interstate travel. Members of the Journey of Reconciliation are of both the Negro and white races. In traveling to the points listed on the itinerary they will not allow themselves to be segregated. They are interested not only in discussing non-violent methods for challenging Jim Crow, but also in practising what they preach. Therefore they will travel together and will experiment with techniques for implementing the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Irene Morgan vs. the Commonwealth of Virginia, by which the segregation of races in interstate travel received a legal set-back.

Members of the Journey of Reconciliation include George M. Houser, Racial-Industrial Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and Executive Secretary of the Congress Of Racial Equality; Bayard Rustin, field representative of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and part-time worker with the American Friends Service Committee; Ernest Bromley, minister of the Methodist Church of Stonewall, North Carolina; Wallace Nelson, former Director of Youth Activities of the Lexington Conference of the Methodist Church, and now a free-lance lecturer; Joseph Felmet, Southern Field Secretary of the Workers Defense League; Homer Jack, Executive Secretary of the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination; William Worthy, Field Secretary of the Workers Defense League; Wilson Head, Acting Director of the Social Service Division of Flanner House, in Indianapolis.

Whenever necessary the members of the group will divide up to fill a number of engagements simultaneously in the cities where they are stopping. Enclosed is a form on which you can indicate the kind of meeting that you wish to arrange for the Journey. Some of the topics on which the members of the Journey of Reconciliation will be prepared to speak are:

1. Non-Violence vs. Jim Crow.
2. The Meaning of the Irene Morgan Decision.
3. Brotherhood Knows No Color Line.
4. We Challenged Jim Crow on Buses.

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