

April 26, 1961

CORE - Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row, New York 38, New York

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 - Participants

James Farmer, New York

National Director, Congress of Racial Equality; founder of CORE and first national chairman. Former Program Director, NAACP; union organizer; race relations secretary, Fellowship of Reconciliation; and student secretary, League for Industrial Democracy. Native of Texas.

Miss Julia Aaron, Louisiana

Student, Southern University of New Orleans, Member, New Orleans CORE; jailed-in recently on CORE project in New Orleans.

Mrs. W. G. (Frances) Bergman, Michigan

Retired school administrator; Member CORE, ACLU, WILPF. Participated in direct action projects in Kentucky and Michigan.

W. G. Bergman, PhD., Michigan

Retired school administrator; former teacher at University of Michigan and Wayne State University; former Education Director of UMRRA in Germany; member CORE and ACLU.

Albert Bigelow, Connecticut

Architect; captain of Golden Rule in Pacific atom test protest; Captain of three combat ships, U. S. Navy World War II; member CORE and NAACP.

Edward Blankenhelm, Arizona

Carpenter, Member Tucson CORE (Students for Equality) and NAACP.

Rev. B. Elton Cox, North Carolina

Minister, Pilgrim Congregational Church, High Point, N. C.; former youth secretary, NAACP; member NAACP and AFSC.

Miss Genevieve Hughes, Maryland

Field Secretary, Congress of Racial Equality; formerly active in New York CORE; former employee, Dun & Bradstreet.

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John H. Woody, Jr., Washington, D. C.
Senior, Howard University; member, D. C. Area Nonviolent Action Group, and Philadelphia NAACP; participated in action projects in Virginia, Maryland and D. C.

James Peck, New York
CORElator editor; national officer, Congress of Racial Equality; participant in numerous civil rights and pacifist action projects including 1947 Journey of Reconciliation (predecessor to Freedom Ride).

Joseph Perkins, Jr., Kentucky
CORE Field Secretary; former member of Ann Arbor CORE; served 10 days in jail in Miami, Florida as a result of a CORE sit-in.

Charles Person, Georgia
Morehouse College, Atlanta; member, Atlanta Committee on Appeal for Human Rights; served 16 days in jail for siting-in.

Rev. J. Metz Rollins, Jr., Tennessee
Minister, Field Director United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; former leader of Tallahassee, Florida bus boycott; member, Nashville Christian Leadership Conference and NAACP.

Jerome M. Smith, Louisiana
Longshoreman; former student at Southern University in Baton Rouge; project chairman, New Orleans CORE; participated in sit-ins in Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama and Kentucky. Recently jailed in New Orleans.

James McDonald, New York
Entertainer; member, New York CORE; active in volunteer capacity on many national CORE projects.