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PROGRESS AT LONG LAST BEGINS TO APPEAR IN BIRMINGHAM

By the President

Birmingham will never be the same because of the A. C. M. H. R. Since its inception, it has attacked segregation without let-up. Intimidation by Police and harrassment by the KKK have not slowed it progress.

Because of its insistence, we can list certain achievements with pride:

"White Only" restrictions have been taken off local civil service applications. . . . . .

Signs are OFF local buses, and Negroes are beginning to "RIDE UP FRONT."

Terminal Station signs are gone by Court Order. L&N Station removed its signs by request from ACMHR.

Greyhound and Trailways Bus Stations were desegregated during the Freedom Rides . . . Signs are gone! . . . and Police Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor can look just across the street to see integration at Greyhound.

Negroes meet massively each Monday night to PRAY, PLAN, and PROD, for full justice despite the police. Here, we practice LOVE in action; here we have become noted for "active persistence."

Our fight is COSTLY . . . In five years our Movement has spent over $60,000.00 in legal fees, court costs, bonds ,transcripts, etc. **The Sit-Ins and Freedom Rides will cost us approximately $11,000.00.** And to date we are obligated to the tune of $12,000.00—all because the City Officials, Police, local and State Courts are arrayed **against Justice and Freedom for the Negro** . . . But we shall OVERCOME . . . because the Lord will see us through!

AN APPEAL

Birmingham is by far the darkest spot on the American Continent—and the hardest! Our fight provides our Friends with an OPPORTUNITY to pray for us, and support us. Help us to persevere in the "BATTLE FOR AMERICA!"

PRAY FOR US and STAND WITH US TODAY!

THE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN MOVING FOR FIVE YEARS

By Lola Hendricks,
ACMHR Corresponding Secretary

After the N.A.A.C.P. was enjoined from operating in Alabama, a committee of 11 ministers and laymen met June 4, 1956, at 2:45 P. M., in the Smith & Gaston Funeral Chapel, 1530 Fifth Avenue, North to discuss plans, Principles and Resolutions to be presented to a mass meeting to be called June 5; Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, Presided.

The discussion centered on the need of an Organization to work in our Civic Interest, and the Statewide implications of such an organization was mentioned by Rev. R. L. Alford. Also discussed was the name by which such an organization should be known. This committee recommended that such an Organization be organized under the NAME OF "THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS."

Each person pledged his and her all to the CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS and spoke of the need now for our ambitions to be realized to the point of activity.

The Mass Meeting on Civic Interest was called by the following Ministers: F. L. Shuttlesworth, N. H. Smith, Jr., T. L. Lane, R. L. Alford, and G. E. Pruitt. The Mass Meeting was held at Sardis Baptist Church, Rev.R. L. Alford, pastor, June 5, 1956. The Organization now known as THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS had its beginning on this night. IT MOVED OFF and HAS BEEN MOVING SINCE!

THE WORLD LEARNS ABOUT A SOUTHERN LIE!

By N. H. Smith, Jr.,
ACMHR Secretary

"For a long time word has come from the South that Negroes were sitisfied with their status in separate facilities." This idea, more or less, was accepted the world over that American Negroes were satisfied with Southern segregation philosophy. But in recent years, with some court decisions on our side, Negroes have made known their true feelings. This truth being told by Negroes has upset the Segregationist because the world knows now that the Negro is not satisfied.

Because the fact has been told by so many Negroes in past few years, the Segregationist does not know how he can show his face as he travels around the world. When he says Negroes are satisfied, he is immediately asked: Why the push by Negroes to vote? Why the Wade-Ins, Sit-Ins, Stand-Ins, and Freedom Rides? The truth is, the Negro has never been satisfied with a second-class status!