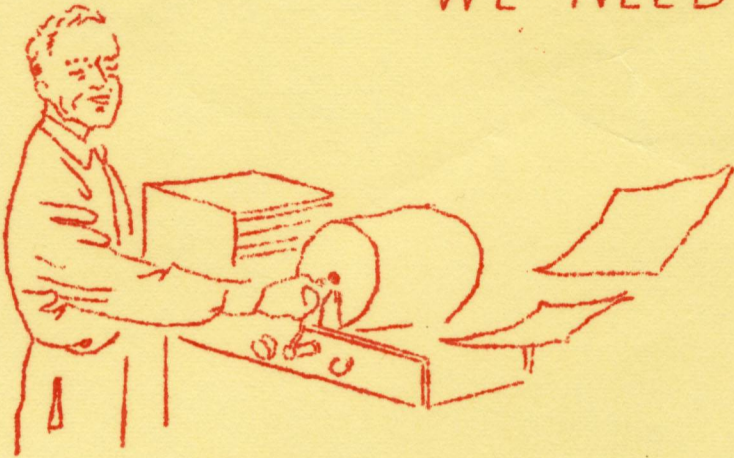


WE NEED-----

YOUR STORY!



DEAR STUDENT LEADER:

We need to get a brief account (8 - 10 pages) of what has taken place at your college and in your community with respect to Sit-Ins or other anti-jimcrow demonstrations. This information is necessary for our forthcoming Student Leadership Conference on Nonviolent Resistance.

PLEASE DRAFT THIS REPORT. IMMEDIATELY, and send a copy to our office. Write the story up in your own way, but we suggest that you will, no doubt, want to cover the following questions:

1. How, when and by whom were your demonstrations started?
2. What was the reaction of (1) student body, (2) parents, (3) Faculty, (4) President and governing board?
3. How have the police and public officials reacted
4. How has the white community reacted?
5. Have any efforts been made to set up bi-racial or student committees to negotiate with businesses and others involved?
6. Have any businesses or public facilities changed their discriminatory practices?
7. What are your plans now?

Please get this information to our office by Wednesday, April 13, so that a comprehensive round-up may be made at the Shaw meeting.

ALSO, you may want to prepare enough copies of your report for general distribution. If so, at least 150 copies will be needed.

May we hear from you without delay.

Sincerely yours,

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SUPPORT SOUTHERN STUDENTS

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*Albert Paul Bonner*

"Doubtless you are familiar with the sit-in demonstrations of recent months in the South. They are non-violent, but emphatic demands by Negro and white students against racial injustice and are directed particularly at nationwide chains and local stores which practice segregation. Of course, the issue is of much greater significance than just a protest that stops at a lunch counter -- this is a non-violent movement to insure civil rights and Constitutional guarantees which are denied the Negro in Southern society.

Students in the South have courageously taken the initiative in this struggle and have gained the sympathy and cooperation of students throughout the nation. It is the feeling of many students and student organizations that action on behalf of the Negro students and civil rights is imperative. You, as a college student, can help to actively support the struggle in the South."

The contents of this booklet provide a brief summary, up to the present, of the situation in the Southern states as it regards violations of human rights, equality and academic freedom.

Also outlined is the action that Pratt's National Student Association Committee, Pratt Student Government Association, USNSA and other organizations have taken on these issues.

The pages immediately following offer a list of suggestions for your own individual action to SUPPORT SOUTHERN STUDENTS.

NSA Committee Publication  
March, 1960.



SUGGESTIONS FOR PRATT STUDENT ACTION TO  
SUPPORT SOUTHERN STUDENTS

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1. Attend the SUPPORT SOUTHERN STUDENTS Rally on March 31st at 4:00, in the Student Lounge.

2. Send letters and telegrams of support to the students whose names and addresses are listed in the booklet. You may use as samples the night letters sent by the NSA Committee.

The following is a partial list of schools involved in the Southern movement:

Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia  
Agric. and Tech. College, Greensboro, N. Ca.  
Shaw University, Raleigh, N. Ca.  
Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee  
Alabama State College for Negroes, Montgomery, Alabama  
North Carolina College, Durham, N. Ca.  
Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama  
Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. Ca.  
Winston-Salem Teachers College, Winston-Salem, N. Ca.

3. Send letters and telegrams of protest to United States Senators (address U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.) and Governors (address State Capital) and city officials in the states where demonstrations are taking place.

Key Senators in the Civil Rights issue are:

Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas.  
Everett R. Dirksen, Illinois  
Paul A. Douglas, Illinois  
Jacob K. Javits, New York  
John Sherman Cooper, Kentucky

4. Watch the National Student Association bulletin board (near the PI Shop) for listing of rallies in which you may actively participate.

5. Form groups to picket local Woolworth, Walgreen, Grant's, Kress and Kresge stores. These chains allow discrimination in their Southern stores.

6. Send post-cards, letters and petitions to:

Mr. E.F. Harrigan, Public Relations Director  
F. W. Woolworth and Company  
233 Broadway

New York, New York, in protest of the discriminatory practices in Woolworth's Southern stores, and stating that you will not patronize their northern branches until such discrimination is stopped.

7. Send letters to the editors of our New York newspapers stating your feelings, as students, on these issues.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE PRATTLE AND THE PRATT NSA COMMITTEE (letterboxes in Room 111 CU) OF YOUR ACTIONS.

THANK YOU.

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"In 1956, American students looked on in helpless horror while Russian tanks slaughtered the youth of Hungary, but the courage of the Hungarian students reminded us, at least, that the spirit of freedom can survive the worst degradation of man by man. The Southern Negroes now struggling against century-old indignities have rekindled our faith in that spirit" ---- and we can all help.

Here are an outline of Southern happenings and reports of Pratt's SGA actions and actions of other organizations to supplement the suggestions on how you can help to SUPPORT SOUTHERN STUDENTS.

On Thursday, 25 February, the Pratt NSA Committee learned of the arrest of 100 Nashville, Tennessee, students who were engaged in non-violent sit-ins in restaurants, and sent the following night letter to Miss Diane Nash

Livingston Hall  
Fisk University

Nashville, Tennessee, in support

of the students:

ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY AT PRATT INSTITUTE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY PRIDE AND ADMIRATION FOR YOUR NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC PLACES IN NASHVILLE.

THE COURAGEOUS AND DEMOCRATIC STAND TAKEN BY YOU AND YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS WILL PROVE TO THE NATION THAT STUDENTS CAN AND WILL TAKE FIRM AND UNITED ACTION TO ASSURE A FUTURE WHEN ALL AMERICANS ARE OFFERED EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW--THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR DEMOCRATIC IDEAL.

Sheila Hoffman

National Student Association Coordinator

(Cost of this night letter was a little more than \$2.00)

Other colleges and universities throughout the nation sent telegrams and letters deploring the arrests and expressing sympathy with the sit-in movement to:

Mayor Ben West

Nashville, Tennessee

City Police Commissioner

Nashville, Tennessee

Senators Relfauver and Cone of Tennessee

U.S. Senate

Washington, D. C.

USNSA sent a telegram to the following Governors:  
OUR WHOLEHEARTED SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE COURAGEOUS STUDENTS STAGING SIT-INS IN THE SOUTH. WE VIEW THIS AS ONE OF THE MOST POSITIVE STEPS TOWARD DESEGREGATION SINCE 1954. WE ARE SHOCKED AND DISMAYED BY THE ARREST OF THESE STUDENTS FOR NO JUSTIFIABLE REASON. YOU, AS THE HIGHEST OFFICIAL OF YOUR STATE, ARE IN A POSITION TO CORRECT THESE WRONGS. WE DEMAND ACTION.

Governor

State Capital

Atlanta, Georgia

Governor

State Capital

Tallahassee, Florida

Governor Luther Hodges

State Capital

Raleigh, North Carolina

Governor John Patterson

State Capital

Montgomery, Alabama

Governor Lindsey Almond, Jr.

State Capital

Richmond, Virginia



Informed of the expulsion of nine students from the University of Alabama, the Pratt NSA Committee led a one-day drive on March 7th, and raised \$8.00 to send the following night letters:

To Governor John Patterson  
State Capital  
Montgomery, Alabama

ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY OF PRATT INSTITUTE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, I MUST EXPRESS MY SORROW ABOUT THE EXPULSION OF NINE COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO WERE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION IN YOUR STATE. ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE FAILED TO UPHOLD OUR NATION'S DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, AMERICAN STUDENTS WILL STAND FIRM AND UNITED ON THIS ISSUE AND OTHERS TO ASSURE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

(Cost of this night letter was \$1.74)

To Governor Luther Hodges  
State Capital  
Raleigh, N. Ca.

To Governor Ernest F. Hollings  
State Capital  
Columbia, S. Ca.

To Governor J. Lindsey Almond, Jr.  
State Capital  
Richmond, Va.

ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY OF PRATT INSTITUTE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SORROW AND DISBELIEF ABOUT YOUR UNFAIR TREATMENT OF THE STUDENTS WHO ARE STAGING NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST SEGREGATION IN YOUR STATE. OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND CONDEMNATION OF YOUR REPRISALS WILL PROVE THAT AMERICAN STUDENTS CAN STAND FIRM AND UNITED ON THIS ISSUE AND OTHERS TO ASSURE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW--THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR DEMOCRATIC IDEAL.

(Cost of these three night letters was \$5.61)

To Mr. Bernard Lee (leader of the Montgomery students)  
c/o Reverend Abernathy  
First Baptist Church  
347 North Ripley Street  
Montgomery, Alabama

ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT BODY OF PRATT INSTITUTE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PRIDE AND ADMIRATION FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS ACTION AGAINST SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION IN ALABAMA. YOUR STAND IN THE FACE OF HARSH REPRISALS WILL PROVE TO THE NATION THAT AMERICAN STUDENTS WILL TAKE FIRM AND UNITED ACTION ON THIS ISSUE AND OTHERS TO ASSURE FUTURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW---THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR DEMOCRATIC IDEAL.

(Cost of this night letter was \$1.82)

On Tuesday, March 8th the Pratt Student Executive Board passed the following resolution (copies of which were sent to the Governor and Senators of each state and to USNSA headquarters):

NON-VIOLENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS  
AGAINST SEGREGATION

FACT:

The 1954-55 rulings of the Supreme Court have declared segregation in the public schools unconstitutional. The problem of implementation has been relegated to local authorities with the good faith that compliance would be prompt and just. At present, various stages of progress have been reached; however, student groups in six Southern states have found it necessary to band together to take non-violent action to progress toward equality of facilities, treatment and education. This action will also serve to express student concern with the entire Civil Rights situation; to protest unfair actions against students in the South; to bring to the attention of the public the abominable situation in the South, and to speed passage of the current Civil Rights Bill in Congress. Unfortunately, accomplishment of these aims is being retarded through overt and explicit actions by various individuals, organizations and governmental agencies.



PRINCIPLE:

Segregation in education by race is incompatible with human equality. It is now also unconstitutional. Pratt Institute Student Government Association, pledged to seeing the elimination of segregation and discrimination, supports the non-violent student demonstrations in Southern states; condemns official reprisals toward the students involved, and is shocked by the blocking of the Civil Rights measures now in Congress, and urges the swiftest possible integration of all races at all educational, religious and civic levels, in all parts of the nation.

DECLARATION:

Pratt Institute Student Government Association reaffirms its acknowledgement of the concept of equal opportunities and equal protection for all people and remains opposed to all forms of discrimination which are based on race, religion, and national origins. We hereby pledge to support any non-violent action taken by students in states where discrimination is practiced, and stand opposed to all actions, legislative and otherwise, which frustrate and prevent the obligation and right of any students to progress toward compliance with the 1954-55 decision of the Supreme Court and the aims of the current student demonstrations.

ACTION:

The Student Executive Board, on behalf of the student body, directs the USA Committee to:

1. Participate in USNSA cooperative efforts with groups working non-violently toward desegregation, including religious, student, civic, and governmental organizations by:
  - a. Sending telegrams in support of the non-violent demonstrations.
  - b. Sending telegrams expressing protest of arrests; concern with the entire Civil Rights situation, and support of the aims of the students who are demonstrating.
  - c. Having all Pratt actions covered by the Prattler.
  - d. Supporting and participating actively in USNSA-organized non-violent demonstrations.
  - e. Sending copies of this resolution to involved parties in the states where action is being staged, to USNSA Headquarters and to Congressmen.

The Student Executive Board will also encourage student groups to work with interested civic groups toward integration.

On Saturday, March 5th Pratt students participated in a USNSA Regional demonstration (see Prattler, March 18) of student concern in the Washington Square area in downtown New York. Demonstrators marched from 8th Street to the Woolworth store on 38th Street and Fifth Avenue. The objective of this action was to bring to public attention the discrimination practiced at lunch counters of Woolworth's southern branches. This type of sympathy demonstration began on the east coast and spread through the nation in hourly demonstrations as it became 12 Noon in each time zone.

On March 23rd, three Pratt representatives attended a city-wide coordinating committee meeting at which they pledged the support of the Pratt Student Government Association for any organized non-violent demonstrations which may take place in New York.

This committee is composed of student government representatives, religious groups and democratic student political organizations including NSA; the New York branch of the NAACP; Hunter College (Bronx) Student Council; Americans for Democratic Action, Campus Division and Queens College. A second meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday, March 30th at Hunter College, at which time, it is believed, many other metropolitan schools and organizations will be represented.



On Saturday, March 26th a delegation of Pratt students attended a Youth Rally to Support Southern Negro Students at 7th Avenue and 125th Street, in Manhattan. Speakers included Buell Gallagher, President, City College of New York; Jackie Robinson; Bernard Lee, Montgomery Student Protest Leader; Bayard Rustin, Special Assistant to Martin Luther King; Curtis Ganz, Vice President of the National Student Association, and A. Phillip Randolph. Immediately after the Rally, over 1,000 of the participants picketed the Woolworth and Grant's stores on 125th Street and succeeded in closing these branches.

CORE, Congress of Racial Equality, is coordinating all the picketing in Metropolitan New York City, and has released the following information:

"The policies in Southern Woolworths can be changed, but only if we see to it that Northern dollars are not spent in support of segregation. The New York office of Woolworth can change the policy in the South. They will do so only if you show them that present policies cost them profits in New York.

The big push on picketing will come next Saturday, April 2, when we hope to picket every Woolworth in the Metropolitan area.

YOU WILL BE NEEDED. Picketing will start at 1 and last until 6 in most areas. To insure covering every store, call CORE's Boycott Coordination office, Plaza 2 2875, and receive your assignment.

If you have a group or organization which can run its own picket line, please check with Bob Howard, Plaza 2 2875, so that you will cover a store not already covered.

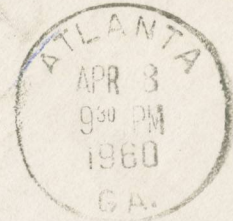
CORE- Congress of Racial Equality  
38 Park Row, New York 38, New York

At this time, students all over the United States are taking non-violent action in SUPPORT OF SOUTHERN STUDENTS. Let us, at Pratt, do our share in this struggle for racial equality.

In addition, a fund-raising drive is being started in order to provide scholarships, food and housing, and bail for Southern students who have been expelled from school or arrested for joining the Southern struggle. Watch for notices of Pratt's Drive to raise money for these students.



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