

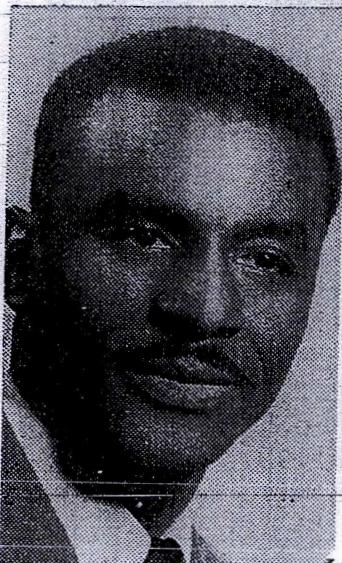
ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

"THE MAN FOR BIRMINGHAM"



REV. F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH

Rev. Shuttlesworth is hailed by CBS Reporters as "The man most feared by Southern Racists, and the voice of the new militancy among Birmingham Negroes". Bombed twice, and beaten by mobsters, he is currently involved in 27 criminal and civil actions; seven of which came as a result of the Freedom Rides. He has been jailed about 8 times—four times during the Freedom Rides!

He has sentences totaling about 3½ years in time, and \$5,000.00 fines. He is sued for \$3,000,000 in the Times Suits, and with three other Negro Alabama Ministers has lost a car and property.

Mrs. Shuttlesworth, once stabbed in the hip during a mob, has developed a nervous stomach condition. The three older children were arrested in Gadsden and convicted on "Delinquency" charges in August-Sept., 1960, and are now under bond. His drivers license has been suspended for a whole year.

Rev. Shuttlesworth is determined to see the Birmingham struggle end in victory. Although he has accepted Pastorate of a Cincinnati Church, he will, at the unanimous request of the Movement, continue to be its leader, commuting weekly, or as often as necessary to insure positive leadership.

At the requests of his other Civil Rights Com-patriots, he will continue to be Secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, and a Board Member of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, New Orleans, La. So the South has not lost Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth — nor has Shuttlesworth

OBJECT OF FREEDOM RIDES

By W. E. Shortridge,
ACMHR Treasurer

We, in Birmingham, more or less, inherited the Freedom Rides. The plans for the rides originated in Washington, D. C., as most of us are aware of by this time. CORE seems to have initiated the idea. Our participation was due to force of circumstances. We have been prone to cooperate with any force which helps for its purpose the breaking down of Freedom Barriers. Consequently, everyone concerned looked to us for guidance, advice, assistance and cooperation. Knowing what we stand for and have pledged to do, we had better get into the act or the situations would have been much worse from a violent standpoint.

We realize that to change or make a decided improvement in laws and customs of a local nature which is in conflict with federal laws, it is necessary to demonstrate to the world what is actually happening in the South and especially in Birmingham. Therefore, we approved the Freedom Rides whole-heartedly. Federal laws have been flagrantly violated to the distaste of travelling citizens. To implement federal laws and let the world know what Negroes are subjected to, it seemed it was necessary to go right into a demonstration of these inhuman atrocities by subjecting ourselves to inhuman treatments. We got it alright, and, as result in thirty days all signs at Bus and Train stations designating "White and Colored" have been removed.

Had not such demonstrations been put on, those signs would have remained indefinitely.

SEGREGATION IS A SIN— A CANCER

Telling Negroes that they are not ready to integrate into the total American stream, is like saying it is wrong for a man to beat his wife, but she is not ready for him to stop.

I am willing to say this the world over, the problem is not in Education, Economic strength, nor Racial Conduct; it is based 98% on color.

Now, if Negroes were segregated and discriminated because they were not educated, then we could go to school. If Negroes were segregated and discriminated because of their economic strength, then perhaps each Negro would see to it that he had enough money. If

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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 its 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, 1600 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 State-wide 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 satisfied with their status in separate facilities." This idea, more or less, was accepted the world over that American Negroes were satisfied with the 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!