

Operation Plan
Bruce Hartford

5/25/65
5/22/65

1. Meet at the church at 9:00 A.M. by 9:30 enough people should be present to begin singing in the church. Between 9:30 and 10:00 there should also be a non-violent workshop due to the strong possibility of violence.

2. At approximately 9:45 the observers will go to their stations and the downtown co-ordinators will also go downtown. The observer will be stationed near phonebooths (see attached list of locations and numbers) with the duty of reporting what is going on to the church. The downtown co-ordinators will be responsible for keeping the church informed of the situation and making on the spot decisions such as when to pull all demonstrators out of the downtown area due to violence. Lonzo West will be in charge of the area of Broad street and to the West of Broad. Charles Bonner will be in charge of the area to the East of Broad. Each observer will have to have about 5 or 6 dimes to make phone calls.

3 Starting about 10:15 the first picket teams begin to leave the church. The pickets as they leave the church will turn in to someone at the door a power of attorney form these will let us know who is in each group. The pickets will be driven to the point from which they start picketing by one of the busses. The point on the other side of town are to be reached by going around the center of town not through it.

There are 8 picketing ~~points~~ points, where pickets will be left off they will picket in the following directions.

1. drop off at Selma & Franklin-picket over Franklin to Alabama, then up and down Alabama.
2. drop off at Selma & Lauderdale-Picket up Selma to Broad down Broad to Water, Back up Broad
3. drop off at Water & Lauderdale-picket up Water to Broad up Broad to Dallas back Down Broad
4. drop off at Selma & Washington-picket up and down Washington
5. drop off Lauderdale & Alabama-picket up and down Alabama
6. drop off Dallas & Broad-picket up and down Broad.
7. drop off Franklin & Water-up water to Washington over Washington to Alabama up Alabama
8. drop off Selma & Franklin- up Selma to Broad up and down Broad:

all of the teams that picket on Broad will have from 10-12 members, those that do no picket on Broad will have from 6-8 members.

1.-4-5-7 have 6-8 members.

2-3-6-8 have 10-12 members.

This means that one pattern of pickets (8 teams) will have from 64-80 demonstrators.

these patterns ~~will~~ will be repeated 2 or 3 more times during the day unless the police interfere. Ideally pickets will be downtown from 10-2 (4 hours)

4. If the police stop the busses and they will not let them take the pickets to the drop-off points, the pickets will walk in small groups to their points and they will wrap the signs in newspaper which one person will carry. (the signs are made small so that they are easily hidden). If these persons are stopped and can not get through the picket teams will ~~exit~~ in twos walk to either Walkers or Millers Funeral home, and assemble there. The signs will be taken by car to these two places. If this does not work and we are unable to get downtown at all we will form up all of the remaining demonstrators and march out of the church and try to march downtown (being stopped and leading to a confrontation) it might be a good idea if we have to march to not go directly downtown but to march through the Negro community across the railroad tracks in order to confuse the cops and to also build up our numbers before we try to get downtown.

5. If there is an injunction we may not be able to get any of the picket teams downtown in which case we will have to march in the beginning.

If there is 200 demonstrators and we use from 64-80 on each of 2 picket patterns (128-160) the remaining demonstrators will be divided up among three other types of actions.

6. Groups singing on the corners of Alabama & Washington and Alabama and Franklin about 10 person in each of these groups. The purpose of this action is to gather a large crowd around them (made up from the usual people who hang out in those areas). This will block the sidewalk making it hard to get to the stores in that area. If these groups are arrested it will also involve new people in the movement as some of the people not in the team sent out from the church will probably be arrested.

7. A shop-in at Chance & Sons Grocery. 6-8 demonstrators go into the grocery and each take a shopping cart into which they put one or two items. They then wheel this cart around for about 4 hours pretending to shop when they leave they buy a candy bar or some small item for legality sake.

8. the third special action that we can do is sip-in at Selma Dell, Thirsty Boy, or Tims or we can try to integrate Carters drug store. (previous attempts to intergrate this store have resulted in the integrators being beaten up). I am not sure that a ~~sip-in~~ sip-in is a sound idea (a sip-in is where they go into a restaurants and sit at the booths, tables, and counter, order a coke and take 4 hours to drink it). The reason that it might not be a good idea to do this is that we are not (i just found out) boycotting the restaurants, they have all (except Carters) integrated and at least Selma Dell hires some Negroes for some sort of job. If we sip-in at one of these restaurants it might be hard to make them understand why. Anyway if we do have a sip-in it will take

No { 12-15 demonstrators for Thirsty-Boy
15-20 demonstrators for Tims
20-30 demonstrators for Selma Dell
these numbers are enough to compleatly tie up the bussiness.

Yes { Carters - 15-20 demonstrators

- 1.- (6-8 members)
- 2.- (10-12 members)
- 3.- (10-12 members)
- 4.- (6-8 members)
- 5.- (6-8 members)
- 6.- (10-12 members)
- 7.- (6-8 members)
- 8.- (10-12 members)

A-Washington & Alabama	-874-9328
B-Selma Deliv	874-9212
C-Selma & Broad	874-9184, 874-9337
D-Broad & Alabama	874-9302
Walkers Cafe	874-9120
booths	874-9130
Millers	874-9081

TB*-Thirsty Boy
S -Selma Dell
C -Carters Drug
T-Timms
G- -Chance & sons Grocery
W -Walkers
M -Millers Funeral Home

