

Demonstration Plan (6-4 & 6-5-65)
Bruce Hartford

1. Demonstrators meet at ~~1st Baptist Church~~ Brown's Chapel (it is probable that we can not get the church to meet in but we can meet on the outside)

2. The demonstrators will be divided into team ~~depending on~~ the size and number of which will depend on the number of demonstrators.

3. the 1st team will picket downtown on Alabama St. (est. size-6 demonstrators)
2nd- will go by bus (parked behind Brown Chapel) to Boutwells (est-10)
3rd- will go to I.G.A. (est 10)
4th- by bus to Big Bear (est 10)
5th- by Bus to ASP (on Broad) (10)
6th-by bus to Delchamps (10)

this will certainly use up the demonstrators that come to the church with the possible exception of a group from Ward 5B. This group says that will have approx 30 demonstrators. down to the church Sat but that they want to picket as a group. If they arrive we will send them out in as large a group as they have to picket down Broad (starting at the Albert Hotel) between groups 4 & 5 (while 5 is loading). The theory behind the timing of these groups is this; It only takes one or two police to stop a picket line and if they are close to the jail the same one or two can march the pickets to the jail house through alleys (as was done Tuesday), however if the pickets are far away then they need cars to take them to the jail. It seems to me then that the best thing for us to do is to keep as many cops in the downtown area as possible to delay as long as possible the arrest of the outlying pickets. This is why I choose for the first group to go downtown. This will make the cops think that we are concentrating in the downtown area as usual and they will be reluctant to dispatch many cars to outlying areas.

4. After the pickets have left the church I and the other staff will go downtown to the office and start trying to recruit picketers from off the streets as usual. This might be more effective than usual as by the time we get downtown many of the cops will be in the outlying areas. I do not know what staff will be in town Sat. If Middlebrook and Webb are gone it would probably be a good idea for Fager to be in charge of the office and of getting the process started for releasing demonstrators, notifying the press, and the justice dept etc. Due to the fact that Baker has already spotted me as the person doing the leg-work for the demonstration and has already arrested me once for it I think that it would be best if I stayed off the streets as much as possible. This leaves Rev. Blackstone to be in charge of recruiting pickets off the street and sending them into me at the office for assignment.

5. With each of the groups that go to an outlying area (and the Ward 5B group) there should be an observer with them to report back to the church and office what happens. It also might be a good idea that if we are able to have 10 persons in each of these groups and that they split-up into teams of 5 and one team hides until the other is arrested. As soon as the police car leaves with the first half of the team the other half begins picketing.

6. For Friday leaflets about boycotting will be given out from 3-5 in the afternoon.

7. I feel that this should be the last picket (for the boycott) we should have for at least 3-4 weeks. The reason is that I think that we have made our point in the community with the previous 166 arrests and further arrests at this time would be superfluous. Also I think that in terms of building a movement less and less persons are going to be willing to go to jail for the boycott because of the first reason. I think that what is needed is to shift our target to Judge Reynolds, or Carters, or something else which will continue to involve more people. If we have to send 50 persons a week to jail just to continue a boycott we are in trouble.