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CORE ENDORSES NEW YORK CITY PRIMARY CANDIDATES

New York, N.Y., August 30, 1965 -- For the first time in its history, CORE chapters in the New York City area endorsed candidates in the city's primary elections. CORE National Director James Farmer, speaking on behalf of the sixteen New York City CORE chapters, announced that CORE endorsed Congressman William F. Ryan in the Democratic Primary for Mayor, as well as the rest of his city-wide slate, Mrs. Anna Hedgeman for City Council President, and Mr. Melvin Dubin for Comptroller.

In describing Congressman Ryan, a leader in the drive to unseat the five Mississippi Congressmen, Farmer said that he considers Ryan "a very courageous man whose actions are not calculated to win votes, but to do the right thing." Mr. Farmer pointed out that Mrs. Hedgeman, who has been long active in city and national affairs, is the first Negro woman to run for city-wide office.

In a Brooklyn City Council fight, the CORE chapters endorsed Brooklyn CORE chairman Major Owens. Major Owens is the head of a new and highly significant political development, the Brooklyn Freedom Democratic Movement. Also endorsed were Rudolph Jones, for State Senator in the Democratic Primary, and Gilberto Huerana Valentin for Councilman-at-Large in Manhattan.

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