

Wednesday
August 28, 1963

MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM

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NEWSLETTER #2

To Leaders of all Participating Groups:

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(1) This edition of the Newsletter contains information about participating organizations, the progress of the March, key people in many areas of the Country, health instructions.

(2) In a few days time you will receive from us organizing manual #2. This will contain detailed instructions for August 28 -- timetable, conduct of groups, program, method of assembly and dispersal, etc. Read this carefully and be sure that copies get into the hands of all March leaders and bus captains in your area. It is the final instruction manual that you will receive.

(3) Keep your local press and publicity media posted on your activities. Send them names of participating groups, names and addresses of committee officers, news about rallies and fund raising events. Let the press know where people who want to go to Washington from your area can get information about travel. Send carbon copies of all releases to us so that we may have a picture of what is going on in your area. (See attached memo.)

(4) Enclosed with this letter is a Bus Captain form. All groups chartering buses should select their captains, fill out this form, and return to us not later than August 19.

(5) Unemployed people are anxious to come to Washington from both Northern and Southern communities. They cannot do so in any numbers unless this is made financially possible by other communities. Please send us any funds that you have raised for this purpose -- payable to MARCH ON WASHINGTON and marked 'unemployed' -- now.

WHY WE MARCH

The historic March called for August 28 of this year raises demands for speedy action on two fronts, civil rights and jobs. It insists that only national action through the Federal Government, can achieve full and speedy integration of public facilities and schools, the end of police brutality, and full equality before the law. It underlines the gravity of the economic crisis, with at least five million people out of work; and insists that only swift Federal action through a massive public works program, can eliminate this threat to national security.

The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom that will be held on August 28th will mark a new stage in the struggle against the brother evils of American society: racial discrimination and economic deprivation. Never before have such numbers of citizens, of all races and for a wide range of purposes, united in direct action at the seat of the Federal Government to protest their enemies and to inspire their friends. Time is heavy with proofs that there is no substitute for the personal involvement of people who are outraged or oppressed by social wrongs; and the solutions to the great wrongs that affect us all are in a large measure in the hands of the Federal Government.

Thus we call on all Americans to join us in Washington:

to demand the passage of effective civil rights legislation which will guarantee to all

... decent housing

... access to all public accommodations

... adequate and integrated education

... the right to vote

to prevent compromise or filibuster against such legislation

to demand a federal massive works and training program that puts all unemployed workers, black and white, back to work

to demand an FEP Act which bars discrimination by federal, state and municipal governments, by employers, by contractors, employment agencies and trade unions

to demand a national minimum wage, which includes all workers, of not less than \$2.00 an hour.

ORGANIZATIONS SPONSORING THE MARCH AND PARTICIPATING IN IT

I SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

American Jewish Congress
 Congress of Racial Equality
 Industrial Union Department AFL-CIO
 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
 National Conference of Catholics for Interracial Justice
 National Council of Churches of Christ in America
 Southern Christian Leadership Conference
 Student non-Violent Coordinating Committee
 National Urban League
 Negro American Labor Council

II PARTICIPATING GROUPS
 (Partial list)

Churches

Hundreds of churches of every denomination are sending buses to Washington and joining the March. Those that have reported to the office their participation include Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopalian, and Lutheran denominations.

Community Organizations and Institutions

Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights
 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
 Alumni Association of Catholic University
 American Civil Liberties Union
 Americans for Democratic Action
 American Friends Service Committee
 American Jewish Committee
 Association of Catholic Trade Unionists
 Chicago Commission on Human Relations
 Committee on Religion and Race
 Committee of Conscience
 Council of Community Churches
 Delta Sigma Theta Center of Human Relations
 Japanese American Citizens League
 Jewish Labor Committee
 Jewish War Veterans
 Mobilization for Youth
 National Council of Jewish Women
 National Council of Negro Women
 New York City Commission on Human Rights
 New York City Mission Society

National Federation of Settlements-Neighborhood Centers
New York State Association of Elks

Pan African Student Organization
Presbyterian Interracial Council
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Masons of the State of N.Y.
Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Stars
Princeton Human Rights Group

Queens's College Student Association

Rutgers University Labor Institute

Union of American Hebrew Congregations
United Conference of College Teachers
United Hebrew Trades

Workmen's Circle
Workers' Defense League

Young Christian Worker
Young Israel (Pelham Parkway and West Side)
Young Men's Christian Association (National Board)
Young Women's Christian Association (Pittsburgh)

Zeta Nu Omega

LABOR

State Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial
Organizations

New York City Central Labor Council

Long Island Federation of Labor

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America AFL-CIO

Amalgamated Laundry Workers

Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen and Fur
Workers Division

American Federation of Teachers AFL-CIO

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Building Service Employees

Cleaners and Dyers Joint Board

International Union of Electrical Workers (District 33/4)

Retail Wholesale Department Store Workers

Hotel and Restaurant Workers Joint Board

International Association of Retail Clerks

International Jewelry Workers

International Ladies Garment Workers Union

International Association of Machinists (District Council 15)

International Maritime Union

Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers

Painters District Council #9

Seafares' International Union
United Steelworkers of America
United Furniture Workers
United Transport Workers
United Automobile Workers

The National Council of Churches of Christ in America has announced that August 28, the day of the March, will be a Church Assembly in Washington. A special printed folder has been distributed to thousands of churches throughout the Country explaining the Christian purposes of the March and the reasons for church involvement in it.

"We need," says the National Council, "thousands of Christians, white and Negro in Washington on August 28. Put everything else aside and COME."

A similar position has been taken by the Catholic Church. A pastoral letter read in Catholic churches August 11 from Cardinal Spellman urges a similar involvement in the March upon American Catholics.

Jews as well as Christians of all denominations have responded to the call to come to Washington. The organization of Methodist and Lutheran Marches to facilitate involvement may be mentioned; and in many areas the churches and synagogues have set up their own coordinators to facilitate involvement of their congregations.

Doctors, dentists, nurses and health workers are participating as part of a medical group. This will make clear to the nation that health workers stand solidly with clergy, labor, and the unemployed in the effort to secure freedom and jobs for all. The medical groups will each march under their own banners (caducei). Further information may be obtained from Medical Committee for Civil Rights, P.O. Box 499, Madison Square Station, New York 10, N.Y. or 4 5660.

NEWS OF THE MARCH

News is pouring in to us of March preparations being made around the country. Committees to publicize the March and arrange transportation and recruitment have sprung up literally in hundreds of communities. City and country-wide committees are coordinating these activities. We include a list of people in different States who are organizing for the March, with their addresses, area codes, and phone numbers.

In the South plans are under way for a Freedom Train from Tallahassee, Florida on August 27, and will travel along the east coast to Washington, picking up people as it goes. Those desiring passage on this train should call Rev. Abraham Woods, 334 Auburn Avenue Atlanta, Georgia. 404 524 1378. Stops at Brunswick and Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, S.C.

Floyd McKissack, National Chairman of CORE, reports that he has eleven buses ready to leave from North Carolina, and will fill many more before August 28. Robert Moses, director of voter registration in Mississippi, is certain that he can get more than 1,000 people from Mississippi to participate in the March if there is money to pay for transportation (those of you who have not sent funds to the National Office, please note.)

News reaches us of preparations for the turning out of many thousands of people from Baltimore and Washington, D. C. In the latter city government authorities have advised departmental heads to give their employees the day off where possible.

In the mid West two trains and a number of planes have been chartered from Chicago, and one train is scheduled to come from Detroit. Busloads will arrive in Washington from Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Youngstown, Ohio; from Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri; and from Louisville, Kentucky.

In New York our smallest calculations include that at least thirty or forty thousand people will leave the city by bus, plane, and train. Mayor Wagner has declared August 28 Jobs and Freedom Day. City employees have permission to take the day off, presumably with pay.

MARCH ORGANIZERS

Contact the following people in your area for further information:

California

Fredericka Cushner 1958 Golden Gate #3 San Francisco	415 FI 6-9082	Rev. Maurice Dawkins 1025 E. 18th Street Los Angeles 21	213 RI 7-6365
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Colorado

Tom Milstein Boulder March on Washington Com. 870 Hudson St. Denver 20, Colo.	322-9219	Rev. Joseph L. Griffin Greater East Denver Action Com. 3240 Adams St. Denver 5, Colo.	377-1910
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Connecticut

Rev. James Peterson 511 Central Ave. Bridgeport	203 366 0688
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Delaware

General Jackson 402 Robinson Dr. Wilmington	302 OL 6-1777
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Georgia

Joseph Eyer 416 W. Park Ave. Savannah		Worth Long 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ Raymond St. Atlanta	404 668-0331
Rev. Abraham Woods 334 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta	404 525-1378		

Illinois

Timuel Black 4859 South Wabash Ave. Chicago	312 268-5077 312 624-1810
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Indiana

Curtis Strong 1978 Harrison St. Cary	219 885 8307
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March Coordinators - 2Kansas

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Kentucky

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Louisville 502 774-1174

Louisiana

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St. Louis 314 FO 1-9202

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Kansas City 816 VI 2-5121

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 New York City 202 FI 8-1900

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Pennsylvania

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 Philadelphia 215 PO 5-2229

Rev. Herbert Wilkerson
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 Pittsburgh 412 GR 1-1024

Virginia

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Rev. Virgil Wood
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 Lynchburg

Rev. Robinson
 920 Lexington St.
 Norfolk 203 MA 2-9798

Washington, D. C.

Ed. Brown
 1417 U St., NW

HEALTH INSTRUCTIONSFor organizations and bus captains:

- (1) A professional nurse or a person trained in first aid should be on each bus or train.
- (2) The following first aid supplies should be on hand with each transportation unit:

spirits of ammonia	aspirin
travel sickness pills	enteric coated
gelusil or antacid tablets	salt tablets
waterproof paper bags for	band aids
travel sickness	paper towels

- (3) In case of emergency en route requiring the help of a physician contact the local police and request transportation to nearest hospital with emergency service. If you run into difficulty contact --:

Medical Committee for Civil Rights
 Willard Hotel
 Washington, D. C. 202 NA 8-4420 collect

This number will be staffed continuously from 8:00 p.m. Tuesday night until 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning (27 - 29th August)

- (4) In Washington the D. C. authorities are establishing field hospitals at the assembly areas where emergency cases may be brought.

For Individuals

- (1) Supply yourself with plenty of water. Do not bring alcoholic refreshments, only water and soft drinks.
- (2) Avoid using sandwich fillings that will spoil rapidly in the heat. In particular avoid the use of mayonnaise, as it deteriorates rapidly and may cause serious diarrhoea.
- (3) Wear low-heeled comfortable shoes, and bring a light raincoat. Be sure and bring a hat or other protection for your head, as you may be standing and walking for a number of hours in the hot sun. And don't forget sunglasses.
- (4) Supply yourself with enough food for two meals. Include fresh fruit, and also dried fruit like raisins which supply energy, and hard candy. Enteric coated salt tablets may help you guard against heat exhaustion. (any food in a cold insulated bag.)