

Some plans and suggestions for a
march to Washington for Civil Rights
October 1956.

I. general considerations:

1. The march shall be interracial in every respect
2. The march committee shall be interracial, broad and ad hoc. It should include persons from the following segments:
 - a. Brotherhood of sleeping car porters
 - b. NAACP
 - c. Fraternal organizations
 - d. churches
 - e. Women's groups
 - f. Labor groups
 - g. Youth groups.
3. The aims of the march are the following
 - a. to call attention to the struggle for integration
 - b. to encourage negroes to register and to vote in mass
 - c. to demonstrate the militancy of the negro masses.
 - d. to exert pressure on the political parties
 - e. to broaden non-violent protest to which there will be some very real accommodation
4. Organizers

In order to carry out this project for the end of October the following minimal organizational set up is imperative.

 - a. a full time coördinator
 - b. two full time assistant coördinators
 - c. two full time secretaries.
 - d. about one dozen volunteers to work part time as heads of important committees
 - e. a volunteer chairman of youth activities who has some time to travel especially on week ends.

5. Planning committee.

This committee should be made up of the paid staff and about six volunteers who can give a considerable amount of time to intelligent and efficient planning. This group is of course responsible to the march committee and will make periodic reports to it.

6. Working Committee.

This committee is directed by the planning committee. It should be made up of one committed person from every major participating group in the New York area. Persons serving on this committee should realize that this must become their major activity from August 1st till the day of the march.

7. Timing of committee activity

- a. The coordinators should begin drawing plans now.
- b. The paid staff should begin working no later than August 15th on a full scale.
- c. Major committees should be set up prior to August 1st.
- d. A general press conference should announce the march no later than the political conventions.

