Protest for right and justice



A.D. King, brother of M.L. King, and Rev. C.T. Vivian join sit-in. Reverend Wyatt Tee Walker stands behind them.

In January, 1960, black students ignited the student revolt with a spontaneous sit-in at the Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro, North Caroline. By the end of March sit-ins had spread to more than 50 cities.

In 1961, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the newly formed Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) mobilized sit-ins and the Freedom Rides.

The Freedom Rides were met with violence, resulting in the eventual appearance of 700 U.S. Marshalls and the Alabama National Guard.





Anniston, Alabama May 15, 1962

"Freedom riders must develop the quiet courage of dying for a cause. We would not like to see anyone die. We all love life and there are no martyrs here — but we are well aware that we may have some casualties." — M.L.K.



Now let me suggest first that if we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective. No individual can live alone; no nation can live alone, and as long as we try, the more we are going to have war in the world. Now the judgement of God is upon us, and we must either learn to live together like brothers or we are all going to perish together like fools.

