

7 'RIDERS' GET 2 MO. IN JAIL

2 Chicagoans in New 'Freedom' Group

Jackson, Miss., June 6 [Special]—The stiffest sentence of the "freedom ride" campaign was imposed late today on seven new riders, including two from Chicago, who arrived here earlier in the day and stood in a segregated bus waiting room until they were arrested.

Four month jail sentences and maximum fines of \$200 each were imposed upon the seven, but two months of the jail terms were suspended. Sixty-five convicted predecessors of today's batch were fined \$200 and sentenced to 60 days with the jail term suspended.

Chicago Pastor Pays Fine

City Prosecutor Jack Travis said he would ask for the maximum sentences — four month active jail terms — in trials of future freedom riders on breach of peace charges.

Municipal Judge James L. Spencer said the longer sentences were prompted by reports that some of the earlier defendants "have served time in federal prisons for refusing to bear arms in defense of their country, some have discharges under other than honorable conditions, some have atheistic beliefs, and there are those who have beliefs, leanings, and ideologies contrary to the principles on which this country was founded."

Most of the convicted riders have gone to jail to work out their \$200 fines at the rate of \$3 a day, but the Rev. Richard Gleason, 24, a white Baptist clergyman from Chicago, arrested as a freedom rider Friday and fined yesterday, paid the \$200 today and left for Chicago.

Jail Can Hold More

All except one of the latest freedom ride arrivals were from the north, the source of a majority of recent riders as the assault on bus and train depot segregation appeared to be losing some of its steam.

Altho sponsors of the rides have vowed to "fill up the jails" here with riders protesting travel segregation, authorities indicated the plan is far from being realized.

An officer of the county jail, where 35 are now housed, said, "We have room for 60 or 70

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more." At the city jail, where 18 are held, an officer said:

"I don't like to talk about how much room we have, because it sounds like we're inviting more to come—and we're certainly not doing that—but we do have adequate space."

Wait for Their Arrest

Today's group of five white persons and two Negroes came here by bus from New Orleans, marched into the segregated waiting room and stood just inside the door, apparently waiting to be arrested. Their spokesman said when they left New Orleans they expected to be arrested and would serve out their fines in jail, as have a majority of their convicted predecessors.

The white riders in the group are Terry Sullivan, 22, Chicago; James Wahlstrom, 24, Madison, Wis.; Newell Weber, East Orange, N. J.; Abraham Bassfield, 24, Brooklyn, and James McDonough, 22, Huntington, N. Y. The Negroes are John Ashford, 22, Chicago, and Shirley Thompson, 18, New Orleans.

First Fly-in Today

The first "freedom fly-in" was expected tomorrow from St. Louis. A group sponsored by the Jackson chapter of the Committee on Racial Equality (C. O. R. E.), said they would take off aboard a Delta airliner to come here tomorrow to challenge the use of facilities at the Jackson airport.

Meanwhile, tension remained high at Trinity, N. C., where a roadhouse battle between young whites and Negroes last night threatened to become a full scale race riot.

Squads of highway patrolmen, sheriff's deputies and police broke up a battle that involved about 40 Negroes and 10 whites.