

# 500 Riders hit Route 40 diners

## BALTIMORE

Below freezing temperatures failed on Saturday to dim the ardor of an estimated 500 Freedom Riders who staged a series of anti-discrimination demonstrations along Route 40.

Fourteen persons were arrested as a result of the demonstrations which were staged at both Maryland and Delaware restaurants along the highway.

The demonstrations were backed by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and among the persons arrested was the editor of the CORE magazine, James Peck.

Mr. Peck is one of the original Freedom Riders. In May he was brutally beaten in Birmingham, Ala. Fifty-seven stitches were required to close his wounds.

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THE SATURDAY demonstrations got underway late in the morning, after the protestors attended a briefing session at Baltimore's Enon Baptist Church.

There they were told to remain seated in the places visited until the trespass law was read to them, and then to leave and picket the establishment.

In Maryland, police have evolved a technique for handling sit-in demonstrations,

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at the Aberdeen Diner and three more at nearby restaurants.

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AFTER THE arrests, Freedom Riders returned to Baltimore where they staged a protest ride to the State Office Building.

Saturday's Freedom Ride was called after 11 of 35 restaurant owners who had agreed to desegregate, changed their minds.

Originally, CORE had scheduled the ride for Nov. 11, but called it off when the desegregation announcement was made about the 35 restaurants agreeing to serve all.

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that calls for the reading of a law against trespassing, as a prelude to arrest.

If the person does not leave a place after the law is read, then the owner may swear out a warrant for that person's arrest.

AFTER THE SATURDAY briefing session, the riders left the church in cars with about five persons to each car.

Meanwhile, other demonstrators gathered at the southern end of the New Jersey Turnpike, for the ride on the highway leading from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to Baltimore.

At most of the places visited in Delaware, the demonstrators were served, even though several of the managers admitted that they would resume their policy of segregation as soon as the demonstrators left.

Even on the northern part of the highway in Maryland, restaurant owners served the groups, but it was in the southern part of the highway that discrimination took over.

**TROUBLE ERUPTED** at Aberdeen, a small town, which depends for its existence on the nearby Aberdeen Proving Ground, a military establishment.

At the Aberdeen Restaurant, 50 Freedom Riders sat inside while a mob of some 100 persons, including some soldiers, hurled threats and obscenities at them.

Police were summoned and dispersed the crowd.

The first arrests came at the Double T Diner, scene of several prior demonstrations.

This is the same restaurant where Percy Sutton, president of the Manhattan branch of the NAACP, and five other New Yorkers, were arrested Oct. 27, when they sought service.

Last week, all five were convicted of trespassing. They have appealed the cases.

Those arrested at the Double T Diner on Saturday, were:

Dennis C. Lewis, 21, a student, of New York City; James D. Peck, 47, a writer for CORE, of New York City; Richard William Gumbert, 22 a teletype operator, of Brooklyn; Constantine Sedare, 29, a labor organizer of Newark, N. J., all white, and Miss Toni Alston 33, of Staten Island. Bail was set at \$103 each.

Six persons were arrested