

# A German in Mississippi: Is This Hitler All Over?

JACKSON, Miss., July 31 (UPI).—A German journalist testified in broken English today that Mississippians demand the same blind obedience to police orders that they condemned Germans for in the days of Hitler.

Hilmar Pabel, fifty, a reporter and photographer for "Quick" magazine in Munich, German, took the stand during his trial in city court on breach of the peace charges. He was acquitted, but eight Freedom Riders he accompanied here by bus from Nashville, Tenn., were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200 each.

Mr. Pabel was arrested over the week end when he refused police orders to "move on" while the Freedom Riders were being loaded into a paddy wagon for removal to jail. The German said he wasn't trying to cause trouble, "I just wanted to get a story for my magazine.

### Police Version

"You people condemned us German soldiers and Adolph Eichmann for obeying Hitler's orders without question," he said. "But now you say we must not question police orders."

The officer who arrested him, Capt. J. L. Ray, said police did not plan to arrest Mr. Pabel but "he" tried to get in the paddy wagon with the others. I ordered him to move on and arrested him when he kept trying to make conversation with me." He said persons standing near by indicated they would "take care" of Pabel if he were left alone at the bus station.

Mr. Pabel testified he "just wanted to go with the group to the police station and get more pictures."

Judge James Spencer, in freeing Mr. Pabel, said there seemed to be a "misunderstand-

ing" because of the language barrier. "No journalist has ever been arrested in Jackson for plying his trade in good faith. We believe strongly in a free press," he said. "But it first appeared in this case that Pabel went beyond this scope and became part of the group. However, from testimony presented today it appears his efforts were purely journalistic."

City Prosecutor Jack Travis, in discussing the "move on" orders given riders, said, "American soldiers got a lot of Purple Hearts in Germany and I know that when a German tells you to move, you do."

Mr. Pabel apologized for his appearance but said officers would not let him receive clean clothes or a comb during his two-day stay in jail here. "They even give Eichmann a clean shirt and a clean tie," he commented.

The courtroom audience laughed when he said he used "only a camera" to shoot at Americans during World War II. "But," he said, stabbing the air with an imaginary pistol, "the American soldiers shot back with real bullets."

### Robert Kennedy Heard

ATLANTA, July 31 (AP)—Attorney General Robert Kennedy said tonight he did not encourage "Freedom Riders on a journey that was punctuated by riots in Montgomery.

On the contrary, he said, his representatives tried during the week preceding the Montgomery incident to persuade Freedom Riders not to make such trips.

Mr. Kennedy defended the Administration's actions in sending Federal marshals to Alabama in an interview with Ray Moore, news director for WSB-TV. The interview, taped in Washington, was broadcast tonight.

# Voice Of The People

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## Another Conscience Ride

Editor, The Record:

At 8 P. M. Saturday night, October 21, citizens of Bergen County will have an opportunity to express their support of the heroic action taken by the three Bergen County freedom riders.

Responsible citizens with a serious and thoughtful interest in the ideals on which this nation was founded should consider it their individual duty to attend this rally.

It is sponsored by a committee of 15 Bergen County clergymen, two organizations, and four civic leaders. We appeal to all citizens throughout the County to let their conscience guide them on a ride for freedom to the rally at the Central Unitarian Church, 156 Forest Avenue (near Route 4), this Saturday, just as the original freedom riders let their conscience guide them on a ride for freedom to Jackson, Miss.

Let us individually, as a community, and as a nation register our vote of confidence for this step toward true democracy! Let us welcome home the freedom riders!

CHARLES C. PARLIN SR.

Chairman of the  
Sponsoring Committee

123 Hillside Avenue

Englewood, Oct. 18, 1961. [2]

## Rally Backing Freedom Riders Scheduled Saturday In Paramus

A rally in support of the freedom riders of Bergen County will be held Saturday night at 8:30

p.m. at Central Unitarian Church, Forest Avenue, Paramus.

Sponsors include Rabbi Judah Washer and Rabbi Louis Siegel of Teaneck, as well as leading ministers and rabbis from all over the County. Chairman is Charles Parlin of Englewood, a vice-president of the National Council of Churches and senior partner in a Wall Street legal firm.

On the program will be three Bergen County freedom riders, Barbara Kay and Byron Baer of Englewood and Rabbi Herman Stern of River Edge. Other free-

dom riders from the metropolitan area will join them in singing some of the songs which originated in the jail to enable them to communicate from cell to cell. The three will describe their experiences during bus rides in the South.

The goal of the committee is to collect \$5,000 to help defray legal expenses for those arrested in the south. Those who are unable to attend the rally may send their contributions to the treasurer, Rabbi Herman Stern, 266 Kensington Road, River Edge.

Charles Campbell of 1443 Neldon Rd., Teaneck, will be master of ceremonies at the rally.

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## Antique Fair Oct. 21

OLD TAPPAN — The Old Tappan Outdoor Antiques Fair scheduled for October 14 has been postponed due to rain and will be held October 21 at Lein's Grove, Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults 50 cents, children free. The Fair is sponsored by the Old Tappan Chapter of the Pascack Valley Hospital Auxiliary.

## Freedom Rally Set Sat.

A mammoth rally in support of the Freedom Riders of Bergen County and their quest for equal rights for all American citizens will be held Saturday night at 8:00 at Central Unitarian Church, Forest Avenue, Paramus. Rabbi Louis Siegel and Rabbi Judah Washer of Teaneck are members of the sponsoring committee. On the program will be Bergen County's three Freedom Riders, Byron Baer and Barbara Kay of Englewood and Rabbi Herman Stern of River Edge. Other Freedom Riders from the metropolitan area will join them in singing some of the stirring songs which were developed in the jail to enable them to communicate from cell to cell. The three will describe their dramatic experiences. Everyone cannot be a Freedom Rider, but Bergen County residents can support the ones who are fighting in their stead by coming to the rally, or by sending contributions to help with legal expenses of the trials to the treasurer, Rabbi Herman Stern, 266 Kensington Road, River Edge.

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## The Strategy Of Freedom

Editor, The Record:

With the October 21 rally to welcome home the Bergen County freedom riders, with the opening of the Freedom Rider Fund drive, and with Mayor Volk's support by his official proclamation of October 21 as Freedom Rider Day, the issue of this method of nonviolent action in the South is once again brought to the public attention.

Many people desirous of progress in the field of race relations question the value of the costly mass freedom rides and jail-ins such as those in Jackson, Miss. As the wife of a freedom rider who spent more than 40 days in the Mississippi penitentiary, I am convinced that these jail-ins were in a number of ways more effective than single test cases:

1. In dramatizing to the American public the existing conditions in the South.

2. In helping to compel the federal government to seek prompt remedies for these conditions. Example: the new Interstate Commerce Commission regulations of September 22 prohibiting carriers from practicing segregation.

3. In helping to encourage citizens to challenge racial segregation wherever it exists by showing that many people are willing and able to join in challenging it even in the very heart of the South. Example: about 160 citizens from Mississippi alone have been arrested this summer while seeking their rights in parks, libraries, lunch counters, zoos, and terminals. Citizens in communities in both the South and the North are more active than ever before in demanding an end to all forms of segregation.

4. In discouraging other Southern communities from taking the same stand as Jackson. These communities do not want the problems that come with jailing over 300 freedom riders, nor do they want to become a national symbol of backwardness and controversy. Example: since the freedom rides started, terminals in 35 Southern cities have voluntarily desegregated. This does not include the very recent desegregation of the three Southern railroads, just announced.

5. In gaining respect for the sincerity and purpose of the integrationists, by their readiness to suffer for their convictions. Example: freedom riders willingly submitted to beatings from mobs, to sleeping in jail on steel slabs with no mattress for weeks, to high-pressure hosing-down, to being confined without exercise for many weeks or months in bug-infested cells, sometimes three to a cell the size of a ping-pong table; and worse. However, over a period of time even some of the guards became friendly and sympathetic.

6. In working for a more lasting resolution to problems through a nonviolent approach which precludes retaliation and replaces it with a spirit of good will and understanding. The aim is to overcome injustice whenever possible while gaining the respect and support of your opponent, rather than to defeat him.

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135 Belmont Street  
Englewood, Oct. 18, 1961. [5]

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# Parlin To Preside At Freedom Rider Rally



CHARLES C. PARLIN

ENGLEWOOD — Charles C. Parlin, Sr., prominent Englewood citizen, will serve as chairman of the newly-formed Committee for Bergen County Freedom Riders, it was announced here last night. Mr. Parlin, a specialist in international law, is senior partner in a prominent Wall Street legal firm. Active locally for many years in a host of good causes, he is a vice-president of the National Council of Churches and World Church Service. Mr. Parlin revealed that the committee is making plans for a rally, to be held Saturday, Oct. 21 at 8:30 at Central Unitarian Church, Forest avenue, Paramus, at which time the public will be given an opportunity to hear the dramatic stories of the three Freedom Riders from Bergen County. Two of these crusaders in the cause of civil rights are Mrs. Barbara Kay and Byron Baer, Englewood residents; the third is Rabbi Herman S. Stern of River Edge.

During the summer, Mrs. Kay and Mr. Baer, neighbors in town, participated in a freedom ride which terminated in arrest in Jackson, Miss., on a charge of breaking the peace. Mr. Baer revealed that his offense had consisted of entering a colored waiting room. Both received sentences of four months in jail and \$200 fines. Having served forty days of the sentence, they have been released on bail, but will soon have to return to Jackson to face trial. The committee has been formed to indicate support of their stand on equal rights for all Americans, and to assist them in raising the money they will need to finance the coming trial, including legal fees, travel expenses, and bail money already advanced.

The names of three Englewood ministers are listed on the sponsoring committee, which has been recruited from all over Bergen County. They are Rev. Harry E. Chase, Rev. Walter Taylor and Rev. Gabriel Ashie.

Mrs. Kay, mother of three young children, said she placed her ten-year-old girl in a summer camp and hired a babysitter for the two and four-year-olds in order to participate in the freedom ride. Her husband, a composer, is classical music adviser and consultant for a New York firm of music publishers. He

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himself has done traveling of a very different sort, having recently been sent by the U. S. Government to Russia on a cultural exchange program. Both he and Mrs. Byron Baer declared themselves proud of their mates' action and strongly in support of their stand. Baer, the father of a girl of five and a boy of six, is a special effects technician for motion picture firms.

The October 21 rally is open to the public, and a large attendance of Englewood sympathizers is expected.

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