

Dear Jim: Below is copy of letter from Conrad J. Lynn after we sent him a clipping about formation of the Freedom Now Party. There is a lot of sentiment among Negroes for this, so he is not too far out. --CB

Sept. 10, 1963

Dear Anne & Carl,

It was so wonderful receiving that clipping from you and sensing that you did not entirely disapprove. We have gotten the cautious opposition so far of established heads of civil rights organizations such as Roy Wilkins and the shrill anger of white liberals like Max Lerner. Enclosed please find my answer to a radical white friend, editor of 'Turning Point,' a Neo-Stalinist mimeo sheet. These breaks are painful--all the more so since, as you know, I am basically an integrationist. I was at World Fellowship camp when I got the call from NYC to head the group. I hesitated for quite a few days and thrashed the whole thing out. Then I came to the position that the black people in their disillusionment were heading this way anyhow and I, at least, might try to steer along the road that you and I know must be taken in the end.

At the moment we are overwhelmed in NYC. In other places, such as San Francisco, Cleveland, Detroit, and New Haven, working Negro organizations with our objectives had already been built up. All they had to do was formally affiliate with me at the Park-Sheraton Hotel in Washington on the night of Aug. 28th. The next morning a delegation of seven of us walked over to J. Edgar Hoover's office to stage a sit-in but that wily old codger spread out the welcome mat and after an hour's conference announced that he would answer personally any charges of FBI dereliction that we would send in to him.

This is where you come in. Please send me any detailed instances you have of FBI failures, so I can send them in. Also encourage your friends to write me and form discussion groups, preliminary to formal political organization. Above all, if either one of you come to the New York area, try to save one night for us, stay over and talk things over. My wife is all-out now for the Freedom Now Party!

Hope the children are well! Ours are.

Love,

s/ Conrad

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It was so wonderful receiving that clipping from you and seeing that you did not entirely disapprove. We have gotten the genuine opposition so far by established heads of civil rights organizations such as Roy Wilkins and the shrill anger of white liberals like the liberal "National Guardian" and my enemy the radical white crowd editor of "Turning Point," a neo-Stalinist, same sheet. These people are behind all the talk of since, as you know, I am basically an internationalist. I was at World Fellowship camp when I got the mail from you to read the group. I hesitated for quite a few days and then read the whole thing out. When I saw the position that the black people in their disillusionment were heading this way anyhow and I at least might try to steer along the road that you and I thought to take in the end.

At the moment we are overwhelmed in NYC. In other places, such as San Francisco, Cleveland, Detroit, and New Haven, working Negro organizations with our objectives had already been built up. All they had to do was formally affiliate with us at the Park Sheraton Hotel in Washington at the height of Aug. 28th. The next morning a delegation of seven of us walked over to J. Edgar Hoover's office to stage a sit-in but that city officials spread out the net to come out and we were not allowed. Hoover announced that he would answer personally any charges of discrimination that we would bring in to him.

This is where you come in. Please send me any detailed instances you have of your failures, as I can use them in. Also encourage your friends to write to me and form themselves a group, preliminary to formal political organization. Above all, if either one of you come to the New York area, try to have one night for us, stay over and tell things over. My life is all-out now for the Freedom Now Party.

Hope the children are well. Love are.

Love,
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