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Protesters rally near City Hall during anti- fascist protest, **"No Kings Day"** in Los Angeles, California.

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With a Little Help From Our Friends,
We'll keep on keeping on.

Ever since we established the CRMA (originally known as "CRMVet") in 1999, it has been almost entirely funded by personal donations from Freedom Movement veterans and individual supporters. We carry on this work with almost zero institutional support, foundation grants, or philanthropic contributions. So if you find our CRMA site useful and worthy, please click donate to keep us alive and growing. You can donate via **check,** your bank's **Bill Pay** service, or **PayPal.** Thank you for anything you are able to contribute.

WEBSITE REPORT

As of April 1st, our online archive contained 11,886 viewable pages, documents, images, and recordings, 490 videos in our Vimeo video channel, and listings for 697 Freedom Movement veterans. Google reports that out on the global internet there are 22,817 backlinks to materials on our site by people, organizations, schools, and colleges using us as a trusted information resource.

According to Google, there were 130,828 visits to our CRMA website during March for an average of 4220 per day. This is **four times greater than March of last year** when we averaged 1170 per day. For some reason, there was an unexpected and highly-unusual spike in the number of visitors to our site between March 3rd and March 17th. During those 14 days, our daily traffic was **seven to ten times higher** than in corresponding days of March 2025. We have no idea what caused this traffic surge.

Was it an AI info-harvest or experiment somewhere in the world (such as China)? A mass media story or news event sending traffic our way? Some social media event we're not aware of? Your thoughts and theories welcome.

Roughly 50% of our visitors came from outside the U.S. in March. On average over the course of a year, international visitors used to comprise 15%-20% of our users. But starting in August of last year, there was a ten-fold increase in the number of visits from China. Last month, traffic from China surged to 28% of our total visits. And the number of "active users" (as defined by Google) from China was much greater than the number from the U.S. We have no explanation for, or understanding of, this large traffic from China. However, we remain proud that our Freedom Movement of the 1960s is still of interest to people around the world and that our site still stands as a free, publicly-available, un-censored international information resource.

OUR SISTER SITES

SNCC Legacy Project (SLP). SLP preserves and extends SNCC's legacy. Although SNCC the organization no longer exists, we believe that its legacy continues and needs to be brought forward in ways that continue the struggle for freedom, justice and equality today.

Movement History Initiative. A collaborative effort by multiple organizations to build an integrated platform for preserving — and continuing to make freely available to the public — the history, thoughts, stories, strategies, images, videos, and materials of up-from-below peoples' struggles for freedom, justice, and equality. It is being created by veterans of the 1960s Freedom Movement and modern-era, grassroots social- justice activists in Black communities who share their lives-lived experiences from the inside-out to combat distortions, false-narratives and censorship. And to provide momentum for movement building today.

SNCC Digital Gateway (SDG). A joint project of SLP and Duke University, SDG tells the story of how young activists in SNCC united with local people in the South to build a grassroots movement for change that empowered the Black community and transformed the nation.

Black Power Chronicles. The SNCC Legacy Project created the Black Power Chronicles (BPC) in 2015 to help fill the informational void that exists in our historical record about the impact of the Black Power Movement in local communities throughout America.

SCOPE 50. Preserving Civil Rights and the Story of Voting. Website of SCLC/SCOPE project activists.

Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement. Empowering the next generation, passing it on to carry it on by preserving the history of the Mississippi Movement.

Teaching for Change and Zinn Education Project. Provides teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write, and change the world by promoting and supporting the teaching of people's history in middle and high school classrooms across the country.

TOP-TEN MOST VIEWED

According to Google, here are the top-ten, most-visited sections and individual pages in March. (Note that Google does not count how often PDF files are accessed. Since most of our documents are in PDF format, the "Top Ten" lists are not all that accurate.)

Sections, Landing & Reference Pages

1. Freedom Rides and Freedom Riders Resources
2. Freedom Movement Bibliography
3. Selma Voting Rights Campaign & March to Montgomery Resources
4. Civil Rights Movement Major Topic Resources
5. Poems of the Civil Rights Movement
6. Freedom Movement Photo Album
7. C.R. Movement History 1950-1970
8. About the Civil Rights Movement Archive
9. Freedom Movement Videos
10. School Desegregation Resources

Individual Pages & Documents

1. Photo Album: The Children's Crusade: Birmingham (1963)
2. C.R. Movement History: 1960 (student sit-ins)
3. The Other America, Dr. Martin Luther King. (1967)
4. Photo Album: The Freedom Rides (1961)
5. Documents From the Montgomery Bus Boycott
6. Poems of Langston Hughes
7. Poem: *Ain't I A Woman*? Sojourner Truth

8. Photo Album: They Say That Freedom is a Constant Struggle (1962-1963)
9. C.R. Movement History: 1961 (Freedom Rides, MS voter registration, Albany GA)
10. Photo Album: Freedom Movement Posters

Top Ten Sections & Pages That Others on the Internet Link To

1. CRMA Home Page
2. The Other America, Dr. Martin Luther King. (1967)
3. Are *You* "Qualified" to Vote?—Literacy Tests & Voter Applications
4. The Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR)
5. Public Opinion Polls on Civil Rights Movement activities, 1961-1969
6. *Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story* Comic Book. (FOR)
7. Speech to Anti-War Protest, Dr. Martin Luther King. (April 15, 1967)
8. C.R. Movement History: 1961 (Freedom Rides, MS voter registration, Albany GA)
9. C.R. Movement History: 1963 July-Dec (Mass Protests, March on Washington JFK assassination)
10. C.R. Movement History: 1963 Jan-June (Birmingham, Greenwod, Danville)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Protest to Power Podcasts. SNCC Legacy Project (SLP). The central theme of these visual podcasts is the ongoing effort of the Black community to achieve the power to define its existence in America.

Now Available: *Civil Rights Warrior: A Life on the Front Lines of Justice, Equality, and the American Dream,* by Evelyn (Evie) Jones Rich. Skyhorse. 2026. Autobiography of CORE activist and leader

Movement Art: If you are aware of any works of art related to the Freedom Movement such as paintings, drawings, murals, statues, and so on, please take a look at our Civil Rights Movement Art page to see if we already have an image of it in our collection. If it isn't included in our collection please email us an image we can post, or a weblink, or some other information that we can use. Thanks.

Movement Materials: Please continue to email to us documents, letters, reports, stories, and other Southern Freedom Movement materials from the period 1950-1970. *See* Submissions details.

New Movement Documents

1950s? Depositing money in a bank and writing a check. Unsigned (probably SCLC Citizenship Education Program). Undated (probably late 1950s or early 1960s)

1954 Letter to Sen. Langer re Senate Un-American hearing in New Orleans. Multiple signers, SCEF. Undated 1954.

1954 Memo to Friends of the SCEF re award and fund appeal. Jim Dombrowski, SCEF. 5/10/54

1961 Freedom Rider arrests, police report. Trailways Bus depot. Capt. John Ray, Jackson MS police department. July 9, 1961. 12 pages.

1961 FBI report on Freedom Rider convictions, Jackson MS. July 14-17, 1961. 4 pages.

1963 Notes from meeting to plan unemployment democration in Washington DC, Bill Mahone SNCC, Allen Weinstein CORE, and others. 12/23/63. 4 pages

1963 SNCC Executive Committe Agenada (ExCom). December 27-29, 1963. 3 pages.

1963 SNCC Executive Committee Minutes, December 27-31, 1963. 31 pages.

1964 Voters League mass meeting flyer/agenda. East Feliciana Parsish, LA. 2/1/64

1964 Letter to Attorney General Robert Kennedy re police beatings of voting rights activists in Canton MS. Ed Hollander, CORE.

1964 Observer Ministers to Canton MS, list of. Kent Thompson, National Council of Churces (NCC). 2/25/64

1964 Attention: Robert Gore memo re plan for CORE trip to east Louisiana parishes. Unsigned CORE. 3/9/64

1964 Monroe Workshop on Non-Violence agenda. Monroe LA. Unsigned CORE. 3/2864

1964 Note to Norma Becker from Hattie Chaney, Queens School. Re elementaryschool books. 5/11/64

1964 Dear Norma, letter to Norma Becker from Lois Chaffee, COFO. Re Summer Project dangers and realities. 5/27/64

1964 Thank you note to Norma Becker from "Bob." 5/27/64

1964 Copy of note to Mary Reiss from Lois Chaffee (COFO) re recruitment of freedom school teachers. 5/29/64

1964 Nonviolence. Unsigned (probably distributed to Freedom Summer volunteers during training). Undated (probably June 1964).

1964 CORE Training Session for summer volunteers schedule of activities June 10-17. Unsigned CORE. 3 pages.

1964 Not For Release, report from M. King to John Doar (DoJ). Re unconfirmed reports of violence in Mississippi. 7/1/64

1964 A Call for Support Young Democratic Clubs of Mississippi. R. Hunter Morey. Re attempt to obtain charter from national Democratic Party. 6 pages.

1965 We Want the Vote (statement and appeal). Unsigned, SNCC. April 8, 1965

1965 The New Voting Bill: Rhetoric and Reality. Votring Rights Act of 1965. SNCC Research Dept. 3/24/65. 2 pages.

1965 To Campus Friends of SNCC and Campus Contacts. Esther Heifetz, SNCC. 3/24/65

1964 Note to Norma Becker and Stanley Zibulsky, from Penny Patch re freedom school teacher materals. 5/3/64

1964 Letter to Bob Gottlieb re books for freedom schools. Jim Monsonis, SNCC. 5/8/64

1964 Note to Norma Becker re effort to deliver freedom school materials. Penny Patch. 5/8/64

1964 Note from Connie Lee Claywell to Norma Becker re Note to Norma Becker, re volunteering to be a freedom school teacher. 5/9/64

1964 Letter to Norma Becker about cars and other freedom school difficulties from Lois Chaffee. 5/9/64

1964 Note to Norma Becker re freedom school books. 5/11/64

1966 Letter to John J. Burns re role of national Democratic Party in ensuring democracy in Mississippi. Robert Lewis, New York Committee for MFDP. 3/7/66. 3 pages.

1966 Report to Dorothy Cotton on Mississippi Citizenship Education program (SCLC). April-November 1966. By Victoria Gray. 6 pages.

1966 Letter to John J. Burns re role of national Democratic Party in ensuring democracy in Mississippi. Robert Lewis, New York Committee for MFDP. 3/7/66. 3 pages.

1966 Report to Dorothy Cotton on Mississippi Citizenship Education program (SCLC). April-November 1966. By Victoria Gray. 6 pages.

1967 The Middle East Question and the NCNP. Statement by Martin Luther King, SCLC. September, 1967

Freedom Information Service (FIS) Newsletters

January 26
February 2
February 9
February 16

WATS & Phone Reports (Log of daily phone-in reports)

COFO? July 2, 1964. Ruleville, Holly Springs, Jackson, Tchula. June 30-July 2.

SNCC July 3, 1964. Gulfport arrests & John Doar, New York CRC meeting and Forman

SNCC July 4, 1964. Americus and Tifton GA SNCC workers assaulted after trying to integrate facilities in compliance with Civil Rights Act.

SNCC July 5, 1964. Americus GA white and Black mobs (re Civil Rights Act), reports to FBI , shots fired into Black community.

SNCC July 6, 1964. Americus GA white mobs and shots fired into Black commuity (re Civil Rights Act), Selma Alabama police intimidation, Moss Creek Mississippi interactions with police.

New Letters & Reports From the Field

54? 55?	NCADH	Ghettos: The Last Barrier to Civil Rights. National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing. Undated (possibly 1954 or 1955). 4 pages
5/21/56	NCADH	Testimony Before the House Committee on Banking and Currency. 7 pages.
8/56	NCADH	Trends in Housing, NCADH newsletter. August 1956. 8 pages.
4/2/57	NCADH	Testimony Before the House Committee on Banking and Currency. 5 pages .

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Documents

1965?	1965? South Africa – A Brief Introduction. Bob Laufer, SDS. Undated (possibly 1965 or later). 11 pages.
65?	The New Radical Encounters the University. Paul Potter, SDS.
66?	Undated (possibly 1966). 8 pages.

New Letters & Reports From the Field

Dear Family, Joyce Brians. Wilcox Co. AL. SCOPE Project 1965. July 5

Dear Family, Joyce Brians. Wilcox Co. AL. SCOPE Project 1965. July 9

Dear Family, Joyce Brians. Wilcox Co. AL. SCOPE Project 1965. July 12

Dear Family, Joyce Brians. Wilcox Co. AL. SCOPE Project 1965. July 16

Dear Family, Joyce Brians. Wilcox Co. AL. SCOPE Project 1965. July 25

New Stories & Narratives

Bruce Hartford	Marching Through Mississippi: 1966
Bruce Hartford	Grenada Mississippi: 1966

New Articles & Speeches From the Southern Freedom Movement

1962	An Appeal for Action Against Apartheid. American Committee on Africa (ACOA), July 1962
1962	The Negro Looks at Africa. *New York Amsterdam News*, December 8, 1962. Statement on colonialism.

New Thoughts & Commentaries

Collapse of the Black-White Alliance? Bruce Hartford

Activist Roll Call, New Names

Stephen Cecil Thomas - Freedom Rider, 1961, AL, MS

In Memory, New Tributes

Bernard Lafayette

Chico ("Sekou") Neblett

Frequently Asked Questions, New Answers:

No new answers added this month.

New Poems

No new poems added this month.

New Photos, Art, & Posters

Freedom Movement Posters

Web Links and Bibliography updated, revised, & expanded.

Archive of Previous Monthly Newsletters

Recent Books by or About Movement Veterans:

Civil Rights Warrior: A Life on the Front Lines of Justice, Equality, and the American Dream, by Evelyn (Evie) Jones Rich. Skyhorse. 2026. Autobiography of CORE activist and leader.

Police Against the Movement: The Sabotage of the Civil Rights Struggle and the Activists Who Fought Back. Clark Davis. 2025. Princeton University Press. An examination of the civil rights struggle through its work against police violence, malpractice, and illegal surveillance such as the FBI's massive CONINTEL disruption and political-repression program. Describes CORE, SNCC, and other organization's direct action resistance to police abuses.

Spell Freedom: The Underground Schools That Built the Civil Rights Movement. Atria/One Signal Publishers (Simon & Schuster) March 2025. The little known story of how four activists in the 1950s created and built a semi-clandestine network of Citizenship Schools across the Jim Crow South. A network that formed a foundation for the Freedom Movement's voting rights battles of the 1960s. Septima Clark, Esau Jenkins, Bernice Robinson, and Myles Horton of the Highlander Center.

Mississippi's Black Cotton. By MacArthur Cotton and John Obee, foreword by Nikole Hannah-Jones. University of Georgia Press. May 1, 2025. A personal history of the 1960's Mississippi Civil Rights Movement by SNCC Field Secretary MacArthur Cotton, who lived it.

If Anybody Should Ask You ... This Is What Happened: A Memoir, by Gwendolyn J. Dennis-Mack. 2024. The personal story of an African American high school girl who joined the movement of young people to desegregate American classrooms in Deep South Georgia.

As always comments, suggestions, corrections, and submissions from Freedom Movement activists are welcome. Veterans of the Southern Freedom Movement who are listed on the website's Roll Call are encouraged to contribute to the website their stories, thoughts, documents, and memories & tributes of those who have passed on by emailing them in to us.

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