

T. 10-29-62
BM:DHM:rb 9200
144-101-33-7

LIST OF EXPECTED WITNESSES FOR THE UNITED STATES
AND SUMMARY OF THEIR EXPECTED TESTIMONY

1. Hugh B. Walmsley, Manager, Trailways Bus Terminal, Shreveport, Louisiana.

I am the manager of the terminal and have been so employed for several years. On October 31, 1961, I was visited by Sheriff Flournoy, Deputy Gossin, Mr. Downs and Mayor McGraw and advised as to state law requiring that signs be posted. I removed the signs required by state law and put up the signs required by federal law later on October 31, 1961. On November 1, 1961, I was arrested and charged with a violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 43, Section 1302. These charges are still pending. Enforced segregation at the terminal creates a burden on the carrier and upon commerce. I have observed and have knowledge of several incidents where Negroes were denied the use of the bus terminal facilities by officers of the Shreveport Police Department.

2. Reverend Harold Lee Bethune, II, 1740 Oakdale Street, Shreveport.

On February 16, 1962, I arrived in Shreveport from New Orleans by Trailways bus. I entered the main waiting room and entered a telephone booth. A police officer (badge No. 302) came and told me I could not use that booth but would have to go to the colored waiting room. He stated in response to an inquiry from me that he was telling me to get out and that that was what he was there for.

On March 23, 1962, I entered the main waiting room and was met by a Shreveport policeman. He told me to leave. He stated he was stationed there to enforce segregation.

On April 14, 1962, I entered the main waiting room and was ordered to leave by a Shreveport policeman. I did.

cc: Records
Chrono
Marlin
Barrett
Investigative File (Room 1140)
Mr. Cook
Mr. Curtis

3. Reverend Harry Blake, 2834 Abbie Street, Shreveport.

On April 21, 1962, I went to Trailways Terminal with Reverend Horn. We entered the main waiting room. Reverend Horn purchased a ticket and left his bag in a locker. We returned to the terminal several hours later at departure time and entered the main waiting room. A police officer stopped us, ordered us to identify ourselves, and threatened to arrest us if we attempted to use the main waiting room again.

4. Dr. Merlin L. Reddix, 1038 1/2 Texas Avenue, Shreveport.

On or about May 20, 1962, I went into the main waiting room of the Trailways Terminal with another Negro who was in a United States Marine Corp uniform. We were stopped by a Shreveport policeman and ordered to leave the main waiting room.

5. Harold Bledsoe, National Bank Building, Detroit, Michigan.

I arrived at the Trailways Bus Terminal on June 7, 1962, traveling from Detroit, Michigan, to Marshall, Texas. I was stopped by a uniformed police officer after I entered the terminal and told to go to the colored waiting room in the back. When I refused to leave, I was told I was under arrest and escorted from the building by the officer. I was told the officer was a member of the Shreveport Police Department.

6. Reverend Pickens A. Patterson, 603 West Victory Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

I arrived at the Trailways Bus Terminal during the middle of May, 1962, traveling from my home enroute to Denver, Colorado. I entered the terminal in the company of Reverend Wood of Cordale, Georgia. A policeman shouted at us and told us to leave the terminal. I felt that if we had not obeyed and left

the station the policeman would have taken action. I then went to the colored waiting room of the bus station.

7. Reverend W. D. Wood, 409 - 24th Avenue, West, Cordele, Georgia.

I arrived at the Trailways Bus Terminal in Shreveport, Louisiana, during the middle of May, 1962, enroute from my home to Denver, Colorado. I entered the terminal in order to get something to eat accompanied by Reverend Fickens Patterson of Savannah, Georgia. We were told by a police officer to leave the main area of the terminal as colored people were not allowed there. We did as we were ordered and I remained by the bus until it departed.

8. Arthur R. Smith, Sp/4 Class, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

I arrived at the Trailways Bus Terminal in Shreveport on August 18, 1962, enroute from my home in Dallas, Texas, to report for duty at Fort Polk. I was accompanied by Basic Trainee Larry C. Sisk. Since I am the higher rated enlisted man, I had the official meal tickets for Sisk and myself. As we attempted to enter the bus terminal, an officer stopped me and said the terminal was segregated and there was a place for me around the back. I told Sisk, who was white, to go in and eat. Sisk did go into the main restaurant and ate. I refused to sign the meal ticket as I was not permitted to eat in the restaurant. The officer threatened to arrest me and told me not to return to Shreveport.

9. Private Larry C. Sisk, Fort, Polk, Louisiana.

I arrived at the Trailways Bus Terminal in Shreveport, Louisiana, on August 18, 1962, enroute from my home in Dallas, Texas, to report for basic training at Fort Polk. I was accompanied by a Negro soldier, Arthur R. Smith, who had the official meal ticket for both of us. As we attempted to enter the

terminal restaurant, a uniformed policeman said the restaurant was segregated and told Smith to go to the back of the station in order to get something to eat. Smith told me to go into the restaurant to eat and I left. After I ate Smith refused to sign the meal ticket. The officer took Smith's identification papers but then returned them.

10. George F. Pratt, Manager, Shreveport Continental Restaurant, Trailways Bus Terminal, Shreveport, Louisiana.

I am the manager of the Continental Restaurant at the Trailways Bus Terminal in Shreveport. The restaurant is operated by the Continental Restaurant's, Inc., a subsidiary of the Continental Bus System. I was transferred from Shreveport on February 9, 1962. I had been instructed to provide service to all customers, fully and equally, regardless of their race. I know that police officers who are stationed at the terminal prevent Negroes from being served in the restaurant. I also know that when Negroes do enter the restaurant for service they are told to leave by police officers. I understand that officers have told my staff not to wait on colored people or they will be put in jail. I know that the police officers prevent Negro servicemen, who often travel in military groups that include white servicemen, from using the facilities of the restaurant.

11. Mrs. Bessie Lee Pratt, Assistant Manager and Cashier, Shreveport Continental Restaurant.

I have been instructed not to refuse service to anyone in the restaurant. On several occasions police officers have ordered Negroes to leave the restaurant.

12. Mrs. Gladys Gibbs, Cashier, Continental Restaurant.

I have been instructed to serve all persons regardless of their race. I have observed several incidents where police officers told Negroes to leave the restaurant and have prevented them from entering.

13. Clarence A. Beeson, Cashier, Continental Restaurant.

I have been instructed to serve all persons regardless of their race. I have observed police officers refuse to permit Negroes to enter the restaurant or to be served therein.

14. Mrs. Valentine Gonzales, Waitress, Continental Restaurant.

I have been instructed to serve all persons regardless of their race. I have observed two incidents where an officer of the Shreveport Police Department told Negroes to leave the restaurant and go to the waiting room in the rear.

15. Mrs. Ernestine Hammock, Waitress, Continental Restaurant.

I have been instructed to serve all persons regardless of their race. I have observed a Negro escorted out of the restaurant by a police officer. This police officer then returned and told me not to wait on colored people or I would be put in jail.

16. Special Agent David P. Hurley, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Shreveport.

Notified City authorities on February 27, 1962, that I was conducting an official investigation. I interviewed Mr. Fant, Mr. Downs, Chief Teasley, Captain A. B. Tabor, and policeman Walton concerning police enforced segregation at the terminal. I also interviewed Chief Teasley on September 5, 1962. I have viewed the terminal at various times and have seen policemen there. I am familiar with the facilities at the terminal and have observed persons using the terminal on various occasions.

17. Special Agent Donald R. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Shreveport.

Notified City authorities on September 4, 1962, that I was conducting an official investigation. I interviewed policeman Walton, policeman Walden, policeman Gusko and policeman Hunley concerning police enforced segregation at the terminal. I have viewed the terminal at various times and have seen policemen there. I am familiar with the facilities at the terminal and I observed persons using the terminal on various occasions.

ST. JOHN BARRETT