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Republican Party Platform and
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James S. Farmer, the National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality and one of the principal Civil Rights leaders, will personally present CORE's demands to the Republican Party Platform and Credentials Committees. The announcement was made today in a San Francisco Press Conference called by Norman S. Hill, CORE's Program Director from New York.

The following were outlined by Hill as the major demands:

1. Meaningful and immediate implementation of the Civil Rights bill soon expected to be law.
2. Denouncing and repudiation of Republican members of Congress who voted against the Civil Rights Bill.
3. Repudiation of alliance with Dixiecrats on civil rights and social legislation affecting Negroes and other minorities.
4. Full and fair employment (a massive works and training program; \$2.00 minimum wage).
5. Enforce Section 2 and 5 of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution in the Southern States which deny Congressional Representation by denying voting rights.
6. Set up realistic program outlining procedures for the massive and immediate integration of all public schools as ordered by the Supreme Court ten years ago.
7. Draft legislation allocating substantial funds for aid to local communities and states for promoting and effecting quality integrated education.
8. Draft legislation allocating substantial funds for the development and encouragement of integrated housing within the income range of all citizens.
9. Take immediate steps to change the Senate cloture rule from the present 2/3 vote now necessary to a simple majority (51%).

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STATEMENT FROM NORMAN S. HILL: National Program Director

Once again, in this a presidential election year, both parties - Republican and Democratic - are faced with the reality of the existance of a gap between the principals of democracy, equal opportunity and justice and every day practice for Negroes and other minorities.

To bridge this gap, the Civil Rights Bill provides a meaningul and important beginning.....but only a beginning. There remains the crucial problem of im-plementation! Further more, the bill will not change the plight of unemployment and underemployment for far too many Negro and other workers.....the inferior housing of ghettos North and South.....and the inadequate educational opportunities for minority children throughout the country.

In this context and out of recognition of the increasing importance of the minority vote in American politics, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) challenges both the Republican and Democratic parties to declare themselves in unequivocal, forthright and specific ~~fashicn~~ fashion for the immediate elimination of racial segregation and discrimination from American life.

In keeping with CORE's basic policy and:understanding the relationship between the problems af minorities, the life situation of the poor in general and the inadequate response of political, economic and social institutions to the victims of poverty in this country.....we demand that the Republican Party at its 1964 Convention - declare itself for concrete measures that will solve the inequities of poverty and racial bias.