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CORE has a moral responsibility to the principles of American democracy which have been spelled out in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, but never acted out in the lives of the American people. If this nation and this city acted in accord with what we say is America, there would be no need for CORE. Members of this chapter could celebrate Christmas with a feeling that this one day simply represented a climax to 364 days of good will and responsible Americanism. But it is not true that Christmas is a climax to a constant atmosphere of goodwill. And it is not true that American principles of fair play and equality are American facts.

CORE finds itself engaged in a moral action, a disturbing action, an unpopular action. Yet, rather than engage in Christmas parties for poor children, CORE will continue to engage in direct action for human rights.

Perhaps our continued fight today means that members of CORE will go to jail. We would rather spend Christmas in jail for a righteous cause than spend Christmas out of jail in a false and dangerously deceptive atmosphere of good will.