

VIII THE FREEDOM RIDERS

It was a new kind of protest to end segregation on the buses between states as well as on buses in cities and towns that started in the summer of 1961. People held sit-ins in bus stations and for ten days they did not meet any trouble. But the white segregationists in the South were very angry. When the first Freedom Riders reached Alabama, they were attacked with great violence by members of the Ku Klux Klan. The students did not fight back.

A number of students were almost killed and then the Klansmen set fire to their bus.

Newspapers and televisions reported what had happened and the world saw it. People everywhere were shocked.

The US Supreme Court decided that segregation on buses between states and their bus stations was illegal.



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