Mr. Hugh Smith introduced the following resolution which was duly seconded:

"Be it resolved by the Official Board of Galloway Memorial Church that the greeters or ushers of the church are hereby instructed to decline to admit any person or persons, white or colored, who, in the judgment of the greeters or ushers, seek admission for the purpose of creating an incident, resulting in a breach of the peace."

Before requesting discussion from the floor, Chairman Mann asked Dr. Selah if he would care to make any comments regarding the resolution whereupon he made a statement, copy of which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

After the resolution instructing the ushers to bar potential trouble makers was introduced and before the vote on it was taken, I made the following statement and said that I wished my remarks to be made a matter of public record.

"In my judgment the Freedom Riders hope to be turned away. If we do it, we will be playing into their hands, and they will cry to high heaven that Galloway bars colored people. I feel that the best way to handle these people is to let them in and let me read the statement I have prepared. Listen carefully to my statement which I would have read had the Negroes come.

A STATEMENT TO THE FREEDOM RIDERS

I notice that we have some colored people with us today. In this time of racial tension, I feel that two things should be said:

"First, if you came at the urging of the Congress of Racial Equality or some other organization, I am convinced that you did not come in a sincere spirit to worship God with us. If you came to embarrass us by flouting an old custom, you have not succeeded. If you hoped to be turned away so that you could use the incident for propaganda purposes, you have failed.

"Second, it is not sinful for white people to prefer to worship with white people or for colored people to prefer to worship with colored people. The sin comes when a church seeks to put up a color bar before the Cross of Christ. As Christians we cannot say to anybody, "You cannot come into the house of God." To discriminate against a man because of the color of his skin is contrary to the will of God.

"This pulpit has always preached the law of Christian love. This law means that we must seek for all men, black or white, the same rights, the same justice, the same equality of opportunity to develop the abundant life that we seek for ourselves. Anything less than this is not Christian love. This pulpit has plead for goodwill between the races; for only in an atmosphere of good will can we reach a peaceful solution of our problems.

"In my judgment your coming here today has not increased interracial goodwill or helped in the solution of the race problem. My (continued on next page)"