

In its general observations on the journey, the Fellowship of Reconciliation came to the conclusion that "the one word which most universally describes the attitude of police, passengers, and both Negro and white bus riders is confusion; and this state results from the fact these various groups taking part in the psychological struggle in the buses and on the trains either did not know of the Morgan decision or, if they did, they possessed no clear understanding of it." The great majority of the passengers were sympathetic; Negroes tended to follow the dominant reaction of what was occurring on the bus; there was not one overt act of violence.

"Uncle Toms"

On three occasions Negroes called Uncle Toms as a result of fear; there was not a single case of police inconsideration; the chief danger of violence lies in crowds which gather outside buses, whose members are unable to hear the discussion or to know and debate the facts developed in the bus. No matter what the condition of the whites, they feel "better than niggers."

The F.O.R. is of the opinion that the people are prepared for change, and the responsibility for success or failure depends in large part on the position taken by policemen and bus drivers.