

waiting to get on at Oxford were not permitted to do so during this wait. However, a middle-aged Negro schoolteacher from the community was permitted to board, to plead with Rustin to move: "Please move. Don't do this. You'll reach your destination either in front or in back. What difference does it make?" Rustin explained his reason for not moving. Other Negro passengers were strong in their support of Rustin, one of them threatening to sue the bus company for being delayed. When Durham was reached without arrest, the Negro schoolteacher pleaded with Peck not to use his name in connection with the incident at Oxford: "It will hurt me in the community. I'll never do that again."

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Wright and Jack had reserved seats on an all-coach reserved train of the Louisville and Nashville, in a white coach. There was no difficulty in getting on the train. Two conductors approached to collect the tickets. One conductor told Wright he would have to move to the Jim Crow car. He said it was the rules of the company, and "that is the way it is done down here." When Wright refused to move he said he would be back later. When he came back he said: "If we were in Alabama, I and the other passengers would throw you out of the window." He threatened to have Wright arrested in Bowling Green, Ky., but no arrest took place. A woman sitting the second seat behind the fellows approached them after the conductor left, giving them her name and address, and saying that they could call on her for help.