

Letters to the Editor

Selma

To the Herald Tribune:

When I read of the appalling atrocities being committed against the Negroes in Selma, Ala., I am forced to wonder what right we have of condemning the Germans for their treatment of the Jews. Of course, they killed many Jews outright. Is it more humane to kill inch by inch?

ELISABETH GODWIN

New York

To the Herald Tribune:

The shocking television spectacle of brutality against Negroes on their orderly and quiet march from Selma to Montgomery was to us, as white Americans and Christians who believe Jesus' command that we "love one another," nauseating and revolting.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE DWIGHT KAHLO
Brookfield, Conn.

To the Herald Tribune:

The sickening brutality of Sunday's clubbing of Negroes peaceably marching in Alabama to petition their government makes it imperative that the Federal government act now. It is too late to continue the search for legal reasons to intervene on behalf of human rights in Alabama.

Throughout the world we are able to justify intervention when people are denied democratic rights. We fight for the downtrodden in Asia and Africa. What about Alabama?

MARTIN L. PARKER

Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

To the Herald Tribune:

I wish to thank the 70 white people of Selma, Ala., who marched, forthright, in the face of oppression, taunts and ridicule to support the Negroes in their struggle to obtain the right to vote.

Their bravery inspired me, and I hope others, to new confidence that there are some Southern white Americans of conscience and with a sense of justice who are not content to stand by and do nothing while their fellow man is being beaten and intimidated by gestapo-like would-be law enforcement agencies.

BETTY TATUM

New York

Richest City, Dreadful Conditions

To the Herald Tribune:

Thanks for your notable series, "New York City in Crisis." It is creating an awareness of the dreadful conditions under which the people of the richest city of the richest nation in the world are obliged to live.

It should be published in paperback form. It can be a strong factor in electing a reform Mayor this year.

DEAN ALFANGE

New York