

North's First 'Freedom-Ride' Will Test All-White Dearborn

DEARBORN, Mich. (UPI)—The Ann Arbor "freedom riders" announced Tuesday they will ride on nearly all-white Dearborn in July, but Dearborn Mayor Orville L. Hubbard said they will find no discrimination and invited them to come to the mayor's office for tea.

Announcement of the "freedom ride" was made by Judith Yesner, a young research assistant at the University of Michigan Medical Center and currently a patient in the hospital after an appendectomy.

Hubbard called them "freedom clowns making the rounds."

From her hospital bed, Miss Yesner said that 40 members of the Ann Arbor chapter of the Congress on Racial Equality, which she heads, will make the ride to Dearborn, and they will be joined by several Detroit chapters of CORE.

She called Dearborn a "Jim Crow town" and said the ride would be directed against discrimination in public facilities.

The CORE organization has sent numerous groups into Southern states recently to try to break down segregated facilities in lunchrooms and waiting rooms at bus and railroad stations. It has also organized parties to try to break down segregation at Southern restaurants and chain store lunch counters and movie houses. But except for picketing Northern chain store branches to break down segregation at branches of these stores in the South, CORE has made no organized moves against segregation or discrimination in the North.

Mayor Hubbard asked where Miss Yesner "comes from," and

then suggested she return there, "wherever it is."

Dearborn, a Detroit suburb of 112,000, has no Negro residents according to real estate agencies, and the real estate agents openly tell home buyers that "Mayor Hubbard sees that non-whites don't buy in Dearborn."

But Hubbard told UPI that Dearborn has a "few" non-Caucasian residents and he assumed these included some Negroes.

Hubbard also said Negroes just "don't have the occasion" to use such recreational facilities as Camp Dearborn, a lake-studded Oakland County summer camp for Dearborn residents.