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# 54 FROM HERE FLY TO SELMA TO AID MARCHERS

## Clergymen, Lay Leaders to Participate in Demonstrations

Fifty-four clergymen and lay leaders representing local Catholic, Jewish and Protestant churches left St. Louis in two chartered planes today for Selma, Ala., where they will participate in civil rights marches.

The planes were chartered by the Conference on Religion and Race.

A group of students, most of whom from Washington University, marched yesterday for more than an hour in front of the New Federal Building, 1520 Market street, in protest against "police brutality in Selma, Ala."

A telegram was sent to President Lyndon B. Johnson yesterday by three religious leaders of St. Louis urging him "to act at once in behalf of justice" at Selma.

The telegram was signed by Episcopal Bishop George Leslie Cadigan, president of the Metropolitan Church Federation of Greater St. Louis; Rabbi Julius J. Nodel, president of the St. Louis Rabbinical Association, and Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter of the Catholic Archdiocese.

The telegram said:

"There are times when we know we speak for our people. Such a time is now. Our religious communities — the Roman Catholic parishes, the Protestant churches, the Jewish synagogues, unite with us to urge you to act at once in behalf of justice in Selma.

"We urge you to use the resources of the Government to insure the rights of the minority in Selma. The appalling brutality and disregard to human rights in Selma make your intervention imperative. We trust you will act now."