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Don't ride the bus to work, to town, to school, or any place Monday,
December 5.

Another Negro Woman has been arrested and put in jail because she
refused to give up her bus seat.

Don't ride the buses to work to town, to school, or any where on Monday.
If you work, take a cab, or share a ride, or walk.

Come to a mass meeting, Monday at 7:00 P. M. at the Holt Street
Baptist Church for further instruction.

On 2 December 1955, the day after the arrest of Rosa Parks, Jo Ann Robinson and the members of the Women's Political Council (WPC) wrote and distributed a leaflet calling for a one-day boycott of buses on Monday, 5 December. That evening, African-American religious and civic leaders met at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church and planned the boycott. A committee that included Martin Luther King, Jr., and Ralph Abernathy edited the leaflet and added a call for a mass meeting Monday evening. It was reproduced on the Dexter mimeograph machine and distributed by volunteers over the weekend.