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CANTON CRACKS DOWN ON RIGHTS ACTIVITY

CANTON, MISS. --- Sixteen civil rights workers have been arrested here in a three day period in what appears to be the first sign of a forthcoming crack-down on integration activity in this central Mississippi city.

Between January 22 and 24, 16 workers for the Council of Federated Organizations - a coalition of civil rights organizations in this state - were arrested while either inside or in the vicinity of the community center-voter registration office of COFO.

Among the arrested was Carole Merritt, a 23-year-old worker for SNCC from Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Merritt was arrested January 24 on a charge of "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" and allegedly causing a juvenile to distribute "leaflets of a libelous nature." Bond was set at \$500.

Eight persons were arrested January 23 under a newly-passed

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12 Convicted In Greenwood

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI - Forty-five Negroes arrested and convicted here last June after they were smoke bombed from a voter registration meeting face sentencing Monday, January 27.

Twelve were found "guilty as charged" by a jury last week. Attorney Carsie Hall, acting for the group, said the remaining 33 will plead not guilty and will waive their right to a jury trial, since evidence in all cases is the same.

The case has been complicated with Federal litigation.

On December 26, the United States Department of Justice asked a Federal judge to dismiss its appeal of a suit against Leflore County officials.

The Department had been appealing Federal Judge Claude Clayton's denial of a temporary

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In Atlanta

JAILS FILL AS PROTESTS RISE



GETTING CARRIED AWAY is SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman, jailed during a Sunday night demonstration at a segregated eating place. Seventy-nine demonstrators arrested Sunday night were released later on their own recognizance.

Eighty-Six Arrested

ATLANTA, GEORGIA - Eighty-six anti-segregation demonstrators were arrested, held on two sets of different charges and under two bonds, and finally released here under their own recognizance on Sunday night.

The 86 were arrested during full day demonstrations at segregated restaurants here.

Among those jailed were comedian Dick Gregory and SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman.

All were originally charged with "disorderly conduct" and "inciting to riot," and bond was

set at \$1000 each.

Later, the charge was changed to "disorderly conduct" and bail reduced to \$15 cash and \$50 property.

Still later, all were released on their own recognizance and allowed to sign their own bonds.

SNCC's James Forman, Attorney Donald L. Hollowell and Atlanta Police Chief Herbert Jenkins signed a statement saying all would be released and that SNCC would make "every effort" to comply with Atlanta picketing regulations.

Demonstrators were critical of police handling of the protests. Four girls were hospitalized -

two knocked unconscious - after the protests.

Negro demonstrators and robbed and hooded (but not masked) members of the Ku Klux Klan met for the second time in downtown Atlanta Saturday night, January 25.

The demonstrators, numbering as many as 500 at some points, had met on the Atlanta University Center campus and marched into the downtown area.

On Friday night, SNCC workers and members of the Committee On Appeal For Human Rights

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Freedom Day In Hattiesburg



A NEGRO TRIES TO REGISTER during Hattiesburg's Freedom Day. More than 150 Negroes tried to register, saying they were tired of the "inactivity of the Federal Government and of Forrest County registrar Theron Lynd." (at right).



OUTSIDE THE FORREST COUNTY COURTHOUSE Negroes wait for a chance to register. Only 2% of the voting age Negroes are registered in Forrest County.



SNCC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JAMES FORMAN talks to Negroes standing in line outside the Forrest County Courthouse on Freedom Day. Many stood all day in a pouring rain to try to register to vote.

FREEDOM WALKERS CASE APPEALED

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA - An appeal by 10 white and Negro Freedom Walkers - members of SNCC and CORE - who were arrested May 3, 1963 as they attempted to walk into Alabama from Georgia has been taken under advisement by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Attorneys for the Walkers appealed the dismissal of an injunction brought against Colonel Al Lingo, head of the Alabama State Police, prohibiting him from interfering with the Freedom Walkers' right to travel.

The Walkers were enroute to Jackson, Mississippi from Chattanooga, Tennessee, as a memorial to William Moore, a Maryland postman murdered near

Gadsden, Alabama while carrying signs urging an end to segregation.

Lingo announced that the integrated Walkers would be arrested if they entered Alabama, and arrests were made on breach of the peace charges after the group was 50 feet inside the Alabama state line.

Later a state attorney obtained an injunction against them. Jack Greenberg, head of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, argued in court here that the Walkers had experienced no trouble in Tennessee and Georgia.

"We are not going to have a Federal union if citizens cannot go from one state to another without being arrested," Greenberg said.

After being jailed, the Walkers spent 31 days in jail.

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 city ordinance for "distributing leaflets without a permit." The law had been passed by the city council two days prior to the arrests. Bond was set at \$800 each - an unusually high bond for that offense.

Other charges included "intimidating an officer," "breach of the peace" and "burning trash without a permit."

Two rights workers, Clarence Chinn and James Collier, were charged with "violation of the building code," and were arrested while making repairs on the COFO office. Their bond was set at \$350 each.

SNCC workers in Jackson report that simultaneous to the passage of the new city law, two constables and another police cruiser were added to law enforcement agencies in Canton. A bill recently passed by the state legislature will aid cities in making exchange of jail space.

The leaflets, which pressed for continuation of an effective boycott already underway here, asked Negroes to withhold patronage from merchants who address

SONGS OF THE SOUTHERN FREEDOM MOVEMENT WE SHALL OVERCOME

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WE SHALL OVERCOME is a new book of "songs of the Southern Freedom Movement." It is available from SNCC, 6 Raymond Street, Atlanta, for \$1.95.

Negro customers as "boy" or "nigger."

SNCC spokesmen have labeled the anti-circular law as "a clear violation of First Amendment rights guaranteed by the Constitution."



YOUNG FREEDOM FIGHTERS march away from the White House after picketing there. The group had tried to see President Johnson, and when they failed, sent him a letter saying they want "equal rights today, not tomorrow, not next year, but today!"

NEGRO CHILDREN PICKET WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A group of Negro fifth grade students picketed the White House here January 18 with signs demanding an end to "Rats, Roaches and Rent-robbers."

The group told newsmen they had consulted the Washington SNCC office and asked the SNCC workers to get them an appointment with President Johnson.

The group's leader, 10-year-old Lawrence Dunbar Twyman III, admitted the notice was short, but said, "It seemed to me that although the President is busy with a lot of things, he has a lot of assistants."

Ten-year-old Jackie Scott said, "I'll bet the President is not too busy to see white folks."

Before leaving the White House the fifth graders sang "We Shall Overcome" and "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round."

RENT STRIKE ORGANIZED

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Tenants at a Girard Street tenement, assisted by SNCC workers, have organized a rent strike against property realtor David E. Barry because of poor conditions in their building.

All seven household heads in the building signed an agreement saying living conditions in the house are "unhealthy and not safe."

"When we paid our rent," the tenants said, "we expected services which the landlord has chosen to deny us. Before we resume payment of rent to the landlord at the present level, this apartment must be made sanitary and safe," the tenants said.

SNCC worker Bill Mahoney said "This is the first in the strides toward freedom of Washington Negroes. As long as slumlords don't supply services and repairs, and as long as they overcharge tenants, the tenants should assert their right not to pay rent."

The rent strike began when the landlord tried to evict a family of six. Fifteen members of the Nonviolent Action Group (NAG), the local SNCC affiliate, entered the apartment and prevented the eviction.

Mahoney said the landlord denied he was delinquent in making repairs, but was struck by water dripping from a ceiling when he left the building.

He collects \$600 a month rent from the building.



DEMONSTRATOR FACES KLANSMAN in downtown Atlanta. Over 500 protesters confronted the Klu Klux Klan during the 11 hour demonstration Saturday.

Atlanta

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 (COAHR) had demonstrated before the Riviera Motel where members of the United Nations Subcommittee of the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities were meeting. The group carried signs reading "Welcome To Atlanta, a Segregated City." Other protesters Friday night staged a four hour sit-in at the Segre-

gated Travel Lodge Motel. There were no arrests.

During Saturday's demonstration, which ended after midnight, the Klan and protesters often picketed a few inches apart.

Two fist fights occurred, one involving Klansmen and police.

The protesters were joined by comedian Dick Gregory who flew into Atlanta from Chicago to join the demonstrations.

A special target of the sit-ins is Leb's Restaurant, where several demonstrators were

jailed during last summer's demonstrations.

While marching, the demonstrators chanted "The old KK, she ain't what she used to be" while Klansmen yelled "We want a white Mayor."

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A LONG LINE OF demonstrators in Chapel Hill, North Carolina protest the city's failure to pass a public accommodations law. Major demonstrations are expected here on February 1, anniversary of the birth of the sit-in drive.

Protests Continue In Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA - Anti-segregation protests are continuing here with daily marches protesting the failure of the city's board of aldermen to pass a public accommodations ordinance.

Demonstrations were begun here before Christmas by the Congress of Racial Equality. Other groups joined the movement to form the Chapel Hill Freedom Committee, and local leaders are planning massive demonstra-

tions on February 1, the fourth anniversary of the beginning of the student anti-segregation movement.

A civil rights leader from Danville, Virginia, the Rev. A. I. Dunlap, told a mass meeting crowd that Negroes elected North Carolina Governor Terry Sanford and "they ought to put him out."

Dunlap, head of the Danville Christian Progressive Association (DCPA) "served notice" on Governor Sanford that "he can

STUDENTS PICKET GREENVILLE LIBRARY

GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI - Seventeen Negro students picketed the all-white public library here Saturday, January 26. They were led by Carol Bolton, SNCC worker.

After picketing the library, the group entered Greenville's white park and was asked to leave by a policeman.

During a trial of anti-segregation demonstrators here this summer, Greenville police chief Burnley said the park was integrated.

send out all troops, call out the National Guard, but nobody is going to stop the movement in Chapel Hill."

Sanford promised last week to use his full resources to support the aldermen's refusal to yield to "pressures" from the Freedom Committee.

Demonstrators have been staging a sit-in in the aldermen's office since January 13, saying they are waiting for them to return to "take up unfinished business."

SNCC worker Avon Rollins announced from Danville that he and Mrs. Gloria Richardson, head of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee and a member of the SNCC Executive Committee, were ready to assist protesters here.

CORE executive director James Farmer also indicated his group's support of integration efforts in Chapel Hill.

Over 250 people have been arrested since the current drive began.

SNCC Asks Cancellation

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI - SNCC has wired protests of the planned appearance of two government officials at a segregated meeting to be held here January 28.

SNCC Chairman John Lewis telegraphed James E. Webb, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA), and Congressman George P. Miller, (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Science and Astronautics Committee that their presence would be an "embarrassment to the United States Government" and an "endorsement of the systematic segregation found throughout the state."

Lewis urged Webb and Miller to cancel their appearance at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce "rather than force open protests in that city" upon their arrival.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting is closed to all except members of the state legislature, local officials and Chamber members, according to Mendel Davis, vice-president of the Chamber, Lewis reported.

"There are no Negroes in those positions," Lewis said, "because the state does not permit Negroes to vote in sufficient numbers to elect public officials. The Mississippi state legislature publicly supports a policy of segregation which includes inequality of employment."

The telegram continued "It is therefore inappropriate and inexcusable for officials of your stature to participate thereby indicating government approval, in the program of a body which openly opposes President Johnson's position on equality of employment."

Greenwood

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injunction against prosecution of the 45.

They were accused of throwing rocks and "causing disturbances" when a smoke bomb was thrown into a church where a vote meeting was in progress.

The Justice Department maintained the group was walking toward the sheriff's house to seek protection when they were set upon a group of Negroes hired for that purpose.