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Ga. Judge Gives Coed 18 Months

ATLANTA, GA. - An 18-year-old white girl, a student at Connecticut College for Women, was sentenced here Feb. 20 to six months in the common jail and 12 months on the public works.

She was fined \$1,000. Her appeal bond was set at \$15,000.

The girl, Mardon Walker, formerly an exchange student at Spelman College here, was arrested during a Jan. 13 sit-in attempt at a segregated restaurant.

She was charged with violation of Georgia's trespass law, passed in 1960 after student anti-segregation demonstrations began.

The judge, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Durwood T. Pye, requires that appeal bonds be posted with unencumbered property located in Fulton County.

Georgia's Supreme Court reversed an earlier bail of \$20,000 Judge Pye set for an elderly white man, the Reverend Ashton Jones, 67, jailed during a church

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IN PINE BLUFF

LEADERS CALL 72 HOUR TRUCE

Dick Gregory

Released From Jail

PINE BLUFF, ARK. - Anti-segregation demonstrations have halted here for 72 hours while mediators attempt to negotiate a settlement between Ray's Barbecue and members of the Pine Bluff Movement.

Dick Gregory, jailed with SNCC Arkansas Project Director William Hansen on Feb. 17, left the Phillips County jail to make contact with Federal officials and to complain about jail conditions.

"Its like somebody's secret torture chamber," Gregory said. Demonstrations began here on Feb. 17, when Hansen and Gregory were jailed.

On Feb. 18, 15 people were jailed, and crowds of whites - some identified by newsmen as "professional segregationists" - began to gather at the segregated eating place.

SNCC worker James Jones was punched by a state trooper..

On Feb. 19, 39 others were jailed.

Reverend Benjamin Grinnage, chairman of the Pine Bluff Movement, was fired at during a demonstration on the evening of Feb. 20.

A group of protesters were met by two white men, one - who identified himself as the owner - carrying a 12 gauge shotgun and one carrying a .38 caliber pistol.

The owner told the group "I am the owner. This is private property. Why do you want to integrate me? If you come up on the sidewalk, I'll shoot you. I'm a mental patient, I've killed 1,000 Japs. God didn't mean for it to be like this."



ARKANSAS DEMONSTRATORS protest segregation at Ray's Barbecue, where comedian Dick Gregory and SNCC worker William Hansen were jailed Feb. 18.

100 REGISTER IN SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FREEDOM DAY



SOUTHWEST GEORGIA - A four-county "Freedom Day" Feb. 22 has resulted in "at least 100" attempts to register to vote here.

Vote attempts were made in Terrell, Sumter and Dougherty Counties. In Lee County, where registration books were closed, 150 Negroes gathered at New Piney Grove Baptist Church for a vote rally.

Like Hattiesburg, Mississippi's Jan. 22 Freedom Day, Southwest Georgia's was a victory.

"We have never picketed and leafleted downtown without having arrests before today" SNCC's Southwest Georgia project head Charles Sherrod said in Albany.

Here's a breakdown on activity

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Albany citizens attempt to register at courthouse

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COURT HEARS THEIR PLEA -Tougaloo College coeds Ida Hannah, Bette Poole and Julie Zaugg began kneel-in attempts at segregated Jackson churches. They have appealed to the Federal courts in attempt to halt police arresting church integration attempts.

Court To Rule On Police Backed Bias

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. - The United States Fifth Court of Appeals has taken "under consideration" a request made last week to stop Jackson, Miss. police from interfering with attempts to integrate all-white churches. Attorneys for three students at Tougaloo College arrested in Oct. 1963 during kneel-in demonstrations argued that police powers cannot be used to enforce segregation.

The three, Bette Poole of Chicago, Ida Hannah of Carthage,

Mississippi, both Negroes, and Julie Zaugg, white, of Lake Forest, Ill., were sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$1,000. The defense attorneys argued that a church is a public place and the state cannot use its powers to enforce segregation there.

A white native of Atlanta, who tried to integrate a church there last summer, is still being held in jail under a \$5,000 bail. The Reverend Ashton Jones, a 67-year old minister, has been in an Atlanta jail since Aug. 28, 1963.

Sit-ins Begin In Maryland

PRINCESS ANNE, MD. - Anti-segregation protests sponsored by the Student Appeal for Equality (SAFE) at Maryland State College here are growing despite a lack of police protection.

During Feb. 21 sit in SAFE leader John Wilson was "roughed up" by white youths at a segregated restaurant here. Gloria Richardson, head of the nearby Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee (CNAC) indicated "all Eastern Shore restaurants are supposed to be integrated."

Mrs. Richardson, a member of SNCC's Executive Committee, said she would join the Princess Anne protests.

Registration Up Since Food, Clothes Arrive

RULEVILLE, MISS. - Since 10 tons of food and clothing - shipped here by the Greater Boston Friends of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee - were distributed last Tuesday, Feb. 11, over 300 people have tried to register to vote.

SNCC worker Charles McLaurin said another 150 Negroes were eager to go but were hindered by a lack of transportation.

McLaurin, and SNCC worker Charlie Cobb, said conditions here are "most desperate."

Cobb said in one area of Sunflower County, home of Senator James O. Eastland, "many people are without clothes and some are starving."

Canton Workers Out On Bond

CANTON, MISS. - Two civil rights workers who were jailed Feb. 7 on a charge of "conspiracy to intimidate a family" were released Friday, Feb. 21 with others held here.

Appeal bond for the two-Claude Weaver, 20, a Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) worker, and Ed Hollander, 23, of the Congress of Racial Equality - was set at \$500 each, property or surety.

At the Feb. 10 trial they were accused of telling a Canton woman that if she accepted employment in a store under boycott, they would "harm" her six-year old child.

Weaver a former Harvard University student from Atlanta, testified that he and Hollander had not left their residence at the time they were accused of threatening the woman.

Since Jan. 22, more than 20-odd civil rights and voter registration workers have been arrested in Canton on charges ranging from "burning trash without a permit" to "publishing libel."

Atlanta SNCC spokesman have termed the Canton arrests a "purge, since virtually all SNCC and CORE workers who have gone into the city have been arrested, one by one."

Most of the charges have centered around an economic boycott called by rights workers against merchants who insist on addressing Negro customers as "boy" or "nigger."

Cooperative Set Up In S.W. Georgia

ALBANY, GA. - A group of women from nearby Terrell County have organized a sewing cooperative and plan to support themselves selling quilts.

The women, who hand make the quilts, depend upon any revenue from their sale as "their only mens of support," according to SNCC worker Charles Sherrod.

"This area - Southwest Georgia - is extremely depressed economically," a SNCC worker said.

Orders for the quilts, which start at \$17.00, may be directed to Charles Sherrod at the Albany SNCC office, 504 South Madison Street, Albany, Georgia.



DICK GREGORY



WILLIAM HANSEN

Pine Bluff

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He aimed his gun at the demonstrators, and Reverend Grinnage asked them to stand still. The owner asked "Is that the leader." and when Reverend Grinnage said "yes," he fired one shot at him.

Members of the Pine Bluff Movement complained about the lack of police protection during late night and afternoon demonstrations.

Gregory reportedly called Justice Department officials in Washington, and requested an on the spot investigation of jail conditions here.

In Little Rock, Governor Orval Fabus told a news conference "We don't intend to let any group of demonstrators take over any business or the streets of any town in Arkansas."

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BASEBALL STAR CANCELS MEETING

JACKSON, MISS. - Former baseball star Stan Musial has canceled an appearance at a segregated meeting scheduled for Feb. 24.

Musial, now director of the President's Committee on Physical Fitness, told the members of the Jackson Touchdown Club his new duties with the President's Committee forced him to cancel the date.

John Lewis, Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) had asked the St. Louis Cardinals vice-president to cancel in a letter.

Musial's message to the touchdown Club made no mention of Lewis' request.

SNCC workers in Jackson were told no Negroes could attend the Touchdown Club's Hall of Fame dinner, at which Musial was to be the featured speaker.

In recent weeks, several other prominent persons have canceled Jackson appearances because of the city's segregation policies.

Pianist Gary Graffman, scheduled to make a Feb. 29 appearance in Jackson, has also announced he will cancel.

Graffman canceled after protests from the Cultural and Artistic Committee at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, headed by Tougaloo student Austin Moore.

Other groups that have canceled include trumpeter Al Hirt, the Hootenanny show, NASA's James Webb, and stars of tv's "Bonanza" and "Beverly Hillbillies" shows.

MISSISSIPPI STAFF TO BEGIN TOUR

ATLANTA, GA. - Seven members of the Mississippi SNCC staff will begin fund raising and speaking tours "across the country" to raise funds for a summer project in Mississippi, according to SNCC Northern Coordinator Dinky Romilly.

Miss Romilly, who coordinates fund raising activities for SNCC, said the four will handle three geographic regions; the East and West Coasts and the Midwest.

"Interested people who would like to sponsor a speaker to raise needed funds for the summer project are urged to contact me at the Atlanta office immediately," Miss Romilly said.

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!



ATLANTA, GA. - "SNCC needs funds now more than ever before" SNCC Chairman John Lewis said. Lewis said SNCC was asked "friends and supporters to pledge a monthly contribution to SNCC." He suggested \$1.00 per month for students and \$5.00 per month for adults. "The \$1.00 month contribution is about 3 1/2 cents a day for freedom," Lewis said. SNCC workers direct voter registration and action projects in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia. The anti-segregation group depends entirely on voluntary contributions for operating expenses, Lewis said. "Pledges for freedom will help us through the year," he added.

I pledge \$ _____ to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

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integration attempt last summer. The state Supreme Court ordered Pye to set Reverend Jones' appeal bond at not higher than \$5,000. Reverend Jones is still behind bars, however, because Judge Pye, who reset his bail at the \$5,000 maximum, refused to accept \$5,000 in cash to free the minister.

Miss Walker, who was indicted by a grand jury after her January arrest, complained she was beaten by white female prisoners in the county jail during her last arrest. She had asked Carl Smithwick, the Fulton County jail warden, to place her in solitary confinement for her own protection.

Judge Pye was obviously angered by a petition filed in U.S. District Court here Feb. 17 to remove 17 sit-in cases to Federal jurisdiction. The judge sentenced a character witness for Miss Walker to 20 days in jail for contempt of court after the witness, Melvin V. Drimmer, a Spelman College history professor, was accused by the judge of making remarks insulting to the court.

Miss Walker is the third white person given the maximum sentence in a racial case by Judge Pye.

Reverend Jones and Tom Taylor Tolg, a 24-year-old white college student from Ohio, are the two. Tolg is free on appeal bond.

Trials for 28 others, mostly Negroes, have been rescheduled for March 2.



ATLANTA NAACP PRESIDENT Dr. C. Miles Smith (right, background) watches pickets Curtis Clark, a businessman, and Dr. Mark Jackson urge Atlantans to celebrate a "Sacrificial Easter."

The Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference, a coalition of civil rights groups in Atlanta, has asked the community to refrain from all but "necessary" purchases.

High Court Hears Boycott Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The United States Supreme Court heard arguments on Thursday, Feb. 20 in defense of a worker for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) charged with encouraging a student boycott at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La.

SNCC worker Dion T. Diamond was arrested Feb. 1, 1962 after two days of speaking on the Southern University campus. He

was charged with trespassing, vagrancy and disorderly conduct." Charges of "criminal anarchy," carrying a maximum ten-year sentence, were later placed against him, and he was held for 59 days under a \$7,000 bond in the Baton Rouge Parish jail.

Two SNCC workers who tried to visit him there were also charged with "criminal anarchy."

S. W. GEORGIA

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in each county

Terrell County: Over 40 Negroes went to register in Dawson, where pickets urged Negroes to register. There were no arrests.

Sumter County: Over 60 have attempted to register in the past three weeks, and on Freedom Day, voter registration pickets and leafleteers were downtown most of the day. There were no arrests.

Dougherty County: Leafleting and picketing were carried on downtown and an afternoon rally was held. Two pickets walked in front of the county courthouse, two across the street, and four at city hall. There were no arrests.

Lee County: Registration books were closed, but during the past three weeks, many have tried to register. An evening mass meeting was held here, well attended by 150 Negroes. "It was a real victory," a participant said.

In a surprise move, 25 jailed members of the "Quebec - Washington - Guantanamo Peace Walk" were released from the Albany jail Saturday afternoon Feb. 22. They had been in and out of the jail for several weeks, after they refused to adhere to a parade route set out by Albany Police Chief Laurie Pritchett.

Their release was viewed as another victory here.

The Albany story - and the history of the voter registration drive in Southwest Georgia - has been one of denial of the right to picket, the right to distribute leaflets, and the right to organize.

SNCC workers have had to contend with arrests and intimidations from local policemen in their three-year fight to register Negro voters.

Just as on Hattiesburg's Freedom Day, SNCC workers here Feb. 22 were "allowed" to exercise their rights by local law officers.

BUMPER STICKERS NOW AVAILABLE

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BUMPER STICKERS READING "One Man - One Vote" are available for \$1.00 from SNCC 6 Raymond Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

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