

ALBANY SIX SEEK CHANGE OF VENUE
IN FEDERAL INDICTMENTS

MACON, GEORGIA, October 2 - Six anti-segregation movement leaders from Albany indicted by a Federal Grand jury here on perjury charges have asked that their trials be moved outside this federal court district.

United States District Court Judge W.A. Bootle said he will hear arguments before the trial, now set for October 21. All six entered guilty pleas this week.

The charges against them arose from a grand jury investigation during which three others were indicted on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice.

Indicted on the perjury charges were: Slater King, acting president of the Albany Movement; Mrs. Eliza Jackson, recording secretary of the group; the Rev. Samuel B. Wells; Robert Thomas; Thomas J. Chatmon; and Joni Rabinowitz.

All are Negroes except Miss Rabinowitz, 21, who is from New York. She worked with the Albany Movement this past summer as a field worker for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

They are charged with false testimony in an inquiry that led to charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice against Dr. W.G. Anderson, former head of the Albany Movement; Luther Woodall, Jr., and Robert Albert. The conspiracy charges stem from the picketing and boycotting of a supermarket in Albany owned by a white man who served on a jury which voted against a Negro in a civil rights suit against a Georgia sheriff.

Dr. Anderson's attorneys also sought a change of venue and challenged the legality of the indictment on grounds that it was illegally drawn because too few Negroes were on the jury list.