

Sumter County Movement
Post Office Box 91
Americus, Georgia

Dear Friend:

We, the members of the Sumter County Movement of Americus, Georgia, are a new organization, formed to break down the segregation barriers in this County. Barriers, in this case as in many others, are unequal job opportunities, unequal police protection, segregated public facilities, lunch counters, theatres, and taxi-cabs.

Those of us who have marched to protest this evil system of segregation have been brutalized by the police, our bodies have been beaten and burned, firehoses have been used on us, and guns fired at us. We have gone to jail along with our children, and many of us have remained in jail because we want our freedom.

As a result of these arrests and brutalities we are in dire need of funds to aid in posting bonds, paying attorney fees, doctor bills and court costs. An ordinance has just been passed requiring each person arrested to pay a fee of \$23.50 plus \$2.00 per day for each day that they are forced to remain in jail.

Any contributions that may be forthcoming would be greatly appreciated. All checks should be made payable to the Sumter County Movement and addressed to P. O. Box 91, Americus, Ga.

We are herewith enclosing, for your edification, a resume of events of police brutality and arrests here in the past week.

We shall not turn back.

Very truly yours,

John L. Barnum, Jr.
Treasurer.