

BAIL FOR BELZONI

8 STILL IN JAIL

\$16,000 NEEDED FOR BAIL

Since the beginning of the month, eight people have been arrested in Belzoni, Mississippi for Criminal Syndicalism with bail set at \$1,000 each.

The Criminal Syndicalism bill was passed by the Mississippi Legislature in the spring along with other bills designed to thwart the Summer Project. Now that national attention is somewhat averted from Mississippi and the program that grew out of the Summer Project, the local police are using the bills passed in the spring, to intimidate local people and workers involved in the movement.

----- EIGHT ARRESTED -----

On October 3rd, seven local citizens all but one, high school students were arrested for passing out leaflets telling about a community meeting and charged with Criminal Syndicalism with bail set at \$1,000 each. After much confusion, many attempts at bail reductions and some students being released, four remain in jail:

JOSEPH LEE * DAVID CARPENTER * HENRY WARE * W. THOMAS

During this past week four more were arrested for distribution of leaflets about the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Their charge was Criminal Syndicalism; their bail \$1,000 each. One of them, WILLIAM WARE is a volunteer from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Two others ROBERT BASS and JOE STEIGLER went to nearby Isola, Mississippi on October 5th to investigate a killing of a Negro, eyewitnesses, if any were too frightened to talk and the workers felt the situation was too risky to return to Isola. Less than ten days later, all three and ELLIS JACKSON were arrested.

At their hearing on October 19th, their bail was raised to \$2,000 each for "destroying city property."

----- THEY REMAIN IN JAIL-----

PUBLICIZE the situation in your local newspapers and radio shows

HELP RAISE THE MONEY by starting a bail drive. We need \$16,000 and only joint efforts can raise it.

Only through your mobilizing public pressure can the situation be alleviated. Write the SNCC office in Atlanta, Ga. for more information. Let us know what you plan to do to help.