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HALT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PERSECUTION of Albany, Georgia's Integration Leaders

The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee appeals to all citizens to join in protest against a flagrant interference with the right to petition for redress of wrong. Read the facts, sign this petition directed to U. S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

For months in 1962, in full view of FBI agents and network television cameras, members of the Albany Movement were flagrantly denied their rights to protest against racial discrimination in Southwest Georgia.

One of the beatings inflicted by the officials caused Mrs. Slater King's unborn child to die. Another beating bloodied the head of Attorney C. B. King.

Three churches were burned.

Countless affidavits and complaints filed with the Justice Department in 1962 still gather dust — if in fact, they have not been thrown out.

~~Demands for prosecution have been ignored. The Justice Department gives as an excuse in Albany the same excuse it gives everywhere in the South:~~

"We don't prosecute racists when we know local juries will convict."

Dr. W. G. Anderson, President of the Albany Movement, criticized the Justice Department on nationwide TV for failure to protect the rights of Negroes.

The Albany Movement leaders have been indicted. An Albany storeowner, arch segregationist with all-Negro trade, in a Negro neighborhood, was picketed for one hour on April 20, 1963 for his refusal to hire Negro clerks. He complained to the Justice Department that the Albany Movement had singled him out because he had served as a juror in a police brutality case.

As a result of his complaint, Slater King, Dr. W. G. Anderson, and Mrs. Goldy Jackson were charged with obstructing justice. Six other persons, including a SNCC field secretary, Miss Joni Rabinowitz, Rev. Samuel Wells, Thomas Chatman, Robert Colbert, Luther Woodal, Robert Thomas, were charged with perjury. All nine face five or more years in federal jails after trial by a Georgia judge and Georgia jury in a Georgia court.

Now, therefore—

We the undersigned, petition the Justice Department to dismiss the indictments of nine civil rights workers in Albany, Georgia.

We call upon the Justice Department to halt persecution of The Albany Nine people, and to assure Negroes in the South that justice will be invoked against those who have beat, jailed and intimidated them.

We call for action against Southern policemen whose brutalities against man far exceed any alleged acts committed by the Albany Nine.

We call upon Attorney General Kennedy for enforcement against those who hinder liberty — not against those who seek to foster and support liberty. We ask for proof that in Southwest Georgia "the Federal Government is not a white man."

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When filled out with signatures, mail this petition to STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC), 8½ Raymond St., Atlanta, Georgia.