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Five Students were arrested here today as they attempted to
use the interstate facilities in the Trailways Bus Terminal. The
five, Eddie Wilson, 19; Evelyn Toney, 20; Julian Carswell, 18; all
of Albany, and Bertha Gabor, 19, of Atlanta; and Blanton Hall, 24,
of Athens, Georgia, were booked on charges of disorderly conduct
tending to create a disturbance. Police Chief Pritchitt, present
at the station for the arrests said, "We explained that their pres­
sence tended to create a disturbance and to disrupt the peace and
quite of our city and we asked them because of these circumstances
to leave."

When the students insisted that they were interstate passengers
and that those who were disturbed had no legal right to be there,
they were arrested and taken to the city jail. Bonds were set at
$100 each; three posted it and were released. Two of the students,
however, 19 year old Bertha Gabor, of Albany State College and Blanton
Hall also enrolled at Albany, made a personal decision to remain in
jail rather than post bond.

Miss Gabor in making her decision to stay in jail rather than
post bond said, "I hope my stay in jail dramatically presents to
the community of Albany and the nation, the evil and inconvenience of
segregation. We have a legal and moral right to use the facilities
at the bus station as interstate passengers, and those who should
be arrested are those who would violently attack us and actually
disturb the peace of the city."