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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAIRO, ILL. AUGUST 23 - Demonstrators began picketing at Banks' Super market in Cairo today after beatings of students Monday night. The Roller Rink, scene of previous demonstrations, has been closed indefinitely. Student here say as soon as it is reopened they will begin demonstrating again.

Officials of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee wired the President of the United States National Student Association and Dr. W. G. Anderson of the Albany Movement to alert them to the situation in Southern Illinois, and Missouri. Marshall Currins, President of the Charleston, Mo., NAACP also asked for aid from the Missouri Commission on Human Relations.

James Forman, SNCC executive secretary, wired Edward Garvey, USNSA President: " Please advise 1,500 delegates attending USNSA Congress that Negro and white students sit in jail in Charleston, Mo. They suffer for freedom. In Cairo, Ill. students have been beaten and await trial. Urge delegates to attend trials in Charleston, August 28th and Cairo, August 31st."

The telegram to Dr. W. G. Anderson stated: "Please urge all Albany citizens to stand by for a mass jail-in in Charleston, Mo., and Cairo, Ill. At this point in history, American Negroes must demonstrate a united concern against segregation wherever it exists. Trials will be held in Charleston, August 28th, and in Cairo, August 31st."

Mr. Currins asked the Missouri Commission to investigate "rampant discrimination" in Charleston.