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SNCC ASKS SANDERS TO PROTECT SIX IN ALBANY CHURCH

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, June 25 - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has asked Georgia Governor Carl E. Sanders to "intervene immediately to insure safety of our workers" seeking refuge from police harrassment in an Albany, Georgia, Negro church.

The six -- Joyce Barrett, Faith Holsaert, David Bell, and Peter Rothstein, all whites, and Joyce Ladner, Prathia Hall and Martha Prescod, all Negroes-- have been in Shiloh Baptist Church since Friday, June 22.

The six, plus SNCC's Southwest Georgia project director Charles Sherrod, who is still living in Albany - are all that remain of a staff of 25 in Albany. 20 SNCC staffers have been arrested this week on a variety of charges, from "passing out handbills without a permit" to "disorderly conduct" to "investigation of vagrancy."

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10 JAILED IN GREENWOOD
5 SHOT NEAR CANTON, MISS.

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, June 25 - Ten Negroes were jailed today in front of the LeFlore County Courthouse where they were eating their lunch. The Negroes, waiting for a chance to take Mississippi's complicated voting test, had defied a decision by the county board of supervisors "designed to make it even harder for Negroes to vote." County Supervisors decided this afternoon that Negroes could not eat their lunch on the courthouse lawn and that Negroes wanting to register would be admitted to the courthouse one at a time only.

Among the 10 arrested today were SNCC workers Jimmy Pruitt, Hollis Watkins, McArthur Cotton, Will Henry Rogers, and Mary Booth.

SNCC worker Frank Smith, who has been working in LeFlore and Marshall Counties here, said five Negroes, returning to their homes from a voter registration meeting, were shot last night near Canton, Mississippi. Smith said that none of the five was seriously injured, but all required hospital treatment.

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