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SIX STUDENTS ARRESTED IN GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 9--Six Negro students were sentenced to six months in jail and \$500 fine each because they tried to enter a "white-only" park here today.

The six, all members of the Greenville Student Movement, were arrested for "breach of the peace" today at Strange Park. At their trial--immediately after the arrest took place--the six were convicted and sentenced. They are: Jacob Bayas, 16; Mike Hutchins, 16; Luretha Jefferson, 18; Ella Louise Louis, 18; Lessie Clifton, 18; and Matthew Johnson, 15.

Officials of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee wired the Attorney General of the United States to protest "the excessive sentence to penalize American students for trying to exercise their rights."

Two field secretaries of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee--Charles Cobb and Charles McLaurin were charged with "disturbing the peace" and sentenced to four months in jail.

All the students arrested have committed themselves to serve their sentences.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee has five field secretaries in Jackson, Mississippi, conducting non-violent workshops in lieu of the violence which occurred there after Medgar Evers' murder. Under the leadership of director Robert Moses, some 25 young people are working on various voter registration programs in Greenwood, Itta Bena, and Lexington.