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TWO HELD BY HATTIESBURG POLICE

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, September 21, 1963 -- Two white students from Illinois have been held incommunicado here since Thursday evening, the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee charged today.

SNCC Chairman John Lewis asked Attorney General Robert Kennedy to "act immediately to investigate the arrest of Keith Tharris and Richard Ward in Hattiesburg, Mississippi last Thursday night."

The two youths, both graduate students in history at Southern Illinois University, were in Hattiesburg to inspect a voter project carried out by the Forrest County Voters League here.

They were arrested at a Negro cafe, the Whirly-Bird, on Thursday evening.

Sheriff Bob Waller of Hattiesburg admitted the two were being held, but said they had not been charged.

Keith is from West Frankford, Illinois. Ward is from San Francisco, California

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DEMONSTRATION BAN THREATENED IN SELMA

SELMA, ALABAMA, September 21 -- Circuit Court Judge James A. Hare threatened this week to issue a temporary injunction against Negro protest demonstrations here unless they are halted voluntarily.

The warning came at a closed meeting between representatives of the Negro community and local law enforcement agencies.

Hare said he told the Negroes "if the demonstrations don't stop, I will order a cooling off period."

Negro leaders here said an injunction would have little if any effect on Negro protests here.