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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept. 21, 1963 -- Eighty five Negro high school students were arrested Sept. 20 while demonstrating in protest of alleged discrimination by voter registration officials here.

The students, members of the youth corps of the Coordinating Council of Greater New Orleans, were arrested on charges of "disturbing the peace" and "using boisterous language." This was the second day of demonstrations in front of the city hall to protest "unfairly administered registration tests and harrassment at the registrar's office," according to the local students.

Mr. I.S. Daniel, director of the Council's voter project, was among the arrested. He reported earlier that over one thousand Negroes had been brought to the registrar's office by the student volunteers during the last three months. Less than 350 have actually been registered, he said.

Five SNCC workers have aided with workshops for the youth corps during the past week.

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"AMERICUS FOUR" STILL FACING DEATH PENALTY

AMERICUS, GEORGIA -- Four young civil rights workers still remain behind bars here on charges of insurrection. If convicted, they face the death penalty.

The four, Ralph Allen, John Perdeu and Don Harris of SNCC and Zev Aleony of CORE, were arrested after anti-segregation demonstrations here.

They are being held without bail.