

TWO BEATEN, THREE JAILED
AS SELMA NEGROES TRY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

SELMA, ALA., Oct. 8 - Two civil rights workers were brutally beaten by police and three others arrested as they walked on federal property as a 10 month long voter registration campaign continued here.

Negro author James Baldwin and Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Executive Secretary James Forman witnessed the beating of SNCC workers Carver Neblett and Alvery Williams by 15 state troopers.

Baldwin and his brother are in Selma to urge the voter drive onward. The noted writer spoke at a registration rally last night.

During the day, Baldwin canvassed Negro neighborhoods with SNCC workers, urging Selma Negroes to go to the courthouse to register.

Only .9% of the voting age Negroes here are registered voters, according to the 1961 Civil Rights Commission Report.

The two SNCC workers were beaten when they approached a line of 450 Negroes outside the Dallas County Courthouse. Forman, who witnessed the beating, said 15 troopers grabbed the pair, beat them and "stomped them on the ground."

Both were arrested.

Three other registration workers were arrested at the Federal Building here Monday morning when they carried signs urging Negroes to register to vote.

Telegrams protesting the arrests and intimidation of voters here were sent to President Kennedy, the Justice Department and the Civil Rights Commission. SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman asked Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to place Federal Marshalls in Selma to protect Negro voting rights.