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

S E L M A, A L A., 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.