

RELEASE DENIED THREE HELD
ON CHARGES CARRYING DEATH PENALTY

AMERICUS, GEORGIA, OCTOBER 1-- A Superior Court Judge here today denied a defense attorney's motion for release of three civil rights workers facing charges which carry the death penalty.

Judge T.O. Marshall turned down a writ of habeus corpus filed by Albany attorney C.B. King on behalf of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee field workers Don Harris, a Negro, Ralph Allen and John Perdue, both white. They are held without bond on state charges of "attempting to incite insurrection," a capital offense, which carries a possible death penalty.

Thomas McDaniel, a local Negro youth arrested with the SNCC workers during a singing demonstration on August 8, must also remain in jail as a result of Judge Marshall's decision. McDaniel is held under \$20,000 bond on charges of unlawful rioting, unlawful assembly, obstruction of a lawful arrest and assault and battery.

Marshall approved King's request to remand Miss Sallie Mae Durham, 14, to juvenile court. Miss Durham had been held in Sumter County jail on the same charges as McDaniel, apparently because she gave her age as 17 when she was arrested.

King said he will appeal the writ denial to the State Supreme Court. A fourth civil rights worker, Zev Aleony of the Congress of Racial Equality, was not included in the writ motion.