

DALLAS COUNTY POLICE HALT VOTE ACTIVITY

SELMA, ALABAMA, October 2--Ten more Negroes were arrested here yesterday as voter registration activity continued.

Four were arrested at the county courthouse as they walked with signs reading, "Register to Vote." Three were arrested at the Federal building, one as he stepped out of a car with a sign. All arrests were made by deputies of the Sheriff's department.

Two persons who walked with signs encouraging Negroes to register to vote at the federal post office were not arrested.

Tom Brown, workers for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and Terry Shaw, President of the local Selma SNCC group, were arrested as they got out of a car at the First Baptist Church here. SNCC worker Prathia Hall said that city police told Claude Porter, owner of the car, that the two workers were arrested on Sheriff Jim Clark's orders. Brown was charged with "contributing to the delinquency of a minor," and Shaw with "unlawful assembly."

Rev. Lewis Anderson, minister at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, was arrested and charged with "contributing to the delinquency of a minor." Prathia Hall stated city police arrested him because of a warrant held by Sheriff Clark.

"Yesterday's arrests showed a new form of harrassment by Dallas County officials who are trying to deprive Negroes of their right to vote," said Miss Hall. "As they arrested these people, they would take them away one at a time, leaving the last one to bear the intimidation of onlookers alone."

About 320 persons have been arrested in Selma since Sept. 15 in connection with civil rights work.

58% of Dallas County is Negro. 64% of the eligible whites are registered to vote, but 0.9% of eligible Negroes are registered to vote according to the Civil Rights Commission.