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AGREEMENT SETTLES
ATLANTA SIT-INS

ATLANTA, GEORGIA: "A satisfactory agreement" has been reached between the management of Dobbs House, Inc. and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), suspending demonstrations that had closed 12 restuarants in the chain.

Richard Yates, Dobbs House vice president, confirmed that an agreement had been reached.

"We've reached a satisfactory agreement," John Lewis, SNCC Chairman said. Lewis was arrested at a Toddle House restuarant here Sunday, December 22, and spent Christmas in jail with 23 others.

Mrs. Lillian Gregory, 26, wife of commedian Dick Gregory, and two other demonstrators held in jail since Christmas Eve were also released on Thursday, January 2.

Gregory had come to Atlanta to participate in sit-in demonstrations aimed at the restuarant chain, and had succeeded in closing 12 of them. After the original 24 arrests, Dobbs House workers refused to press charges against the protestors. Gregory, his wife, and several other demonstrators had purchased stock in Dobbs House, which also owns the Toddle House chain.

SNCC Chairman Lewis refused to give details on the terms of the settlement. Before protests ended, SNCC workers said they would settle for nothing less than complete integration of Dobbs House outlets here.

The protests against the segregated eatingplace began after SNCC workers visited the Honorable Oginga Odinga, Minister of Home Affairs of Kenya. Two members of the group were refused service at a Toddle House and sit-in demonstrations began.

Other demonstrators came from the Committee On Appeal For Human Rights (COAHR), the Atlanta University Center protest group.

Dobbs House and Toddle House restuarants closed for three days after Negroes tried to eat there.