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ANTI-SEGREGATION DEMONSTRATOR Quinton Baker, vice-chairman of the Chapel Hill Freedom Committee, is held by a white youth after the owner of a segregated eating place forced him to swallow ammonia.

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CHAPEL HILL DEMONSTRATORS FACE VIOLENCE

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA, JANUARY 6: More than 150 anti-segregation demonstrators have been arrested since protest demonstrations began here December 3.

Members of the Chapel Hill Freedom Committee - a coalition of civil rights groups here - are pressing for a public accommodations law and equal employment for Negroes.

Three of the demonstrators spent Christmas in jail, after they were sentenced to 30-day jail terms.

While police treatment of demonstrators has generally been orderly, several demonstrators have been subjected to rough treatment by restaurant operators here. Quinton Baker, state NAACP youth chapter president, was forced to swallow ammonia by the owner of one eating place. Baker, SNCC worker David Davis, and three other demonstrators, were treated at a local hospital.

One store owner swore out "breaking and entering" warrants against thirteen demonstrators jailed December 31, and on January 2, six more protestors were jailed.

SNCC field secretary J. V. Henry said Carlton Mize, owner of the Rock Pile, a grocery and general store, poured ammonia and clorox on sit-in demonstrators on December 31. Henry said a waitress at another eating place spat on a University of North Carolina faculty member who was photographing a demonstration.

Other demonstrators at the Rock Pile January 1, were "mopped" with ammonia, according to Henry.

One jailed demonstrator, Patrick Cusick of Rome, Georgia, has been placed in the county prison infirmary after eight days of fasting.