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VOTE RECORDS IN SEN. EASTLAND'S  
HOME OPENED FOR INSPECTION

GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI--United States District Judge Claude F. Clayton has ordered Sunflower County Circuit Clerk Cecil Campbell to open voter registration records for inspection within 20 days.

Field workers from the Atlanta-based Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) have been active in registration efforts in Sunflower County.

The United States Department of Justice, in asking for the inspection said the registration records were necessary for a suit seeking injunction against the state of Mississippi charging interference with Negro registration attempts.

There are 31,020 Negroes in the county, home of Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), but only 1.6% of the voting age Negroes are registered voters.

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SHERIFF SAYS FORCE WILL  
HALT RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA--An Alabama sheriff who raided a Selma, Ala. voter registration office told a conference of state lawmen that force "is the only way to contain demonstrations."

Dallas County Sheriff Jim Clark told the Fourth Annual Conference of Alabama Circuit Solicitors "you don't have to use force but you have to show it."

Clark, Circuit Solicitor Blanchard McLeod, and five other lawmen raided the Selma Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) office on December 16, 1963. The officers also roughed up one SNCC worker, confiscated records of the organization, and broke into a "Freedom House" used to house voter registration workers.

A federal court had denied him permission to seize the records legally.

Although Negroes are 50% of the population of Dallas County, only .9% of the voting age Negroes are registered.

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DOBBS HOUSES OPEN IN  
TEXAS, TENNESSEE

MENPHIS, TENNESSEE--Dobbs House and Toddle House snack bars and restaurants, a target of demonstrations in Atlanta led by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), have integrated here and in other Southern towns, the company president announced this week.

But J. K. Dobbs, Jr., president of Dobbs House, the firm which also operates Toddle Houses, said there were no plans to lower racial bars in all Dobbs House operations.

"We have integrated in Atlanta and in some towns in Tennessee and Texas," Dobbs said.

The decision to integrate came after a series of sit-in demonstrations led by SNCC and comedian Dick Gregory in Atlanta. Gregory's wife was one of several demonstrators who spent Christmas in jail after being arrested at an Atlanta Dobbs House.

The SNCC workers added a new twist to sit-ins in Atlanta. Several of them purchased stock in Dobbs House and were arrested in what was in fact their own restaurant.

SNCC Chairman, John Lewis, one of the arrested stockholders, helped to negotiate the settlement.

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