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JUDGE REFUSES TO ACCEPT
\$5,000 CASH TO FREE ELDERLY MINISTER

Reverend Jones Behind Bars Since
August 28, 1963



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ATLANTA, GEORGIA - A Fulton County Superior Court Judge has rejected \$5,000 in cash offered as bail to free an elderly white man held behind bars in Atlanta since August 28, 1963.

Superior Court Judge Durwood T. Pye said state law requires an appeal bond to be made with unencumbered real estate.

Pye, who tried and sentenced the minister, the Reverend Ashton Bryant Jones of San Gabriel, California, had originally set the 67-year-old clergyman's bail at \$20,000.

The Georgia Supreme Court ordered it reduced last month.

Pye set a new bail at \$5,000, the maximum allowed by the court.

Jones was arrested here last summer when he and two Negro teenagers tried to enter all-white First Baptist Church of Atlanta. He was sentenced to 12 months in prison, six months on the public works, and fined \$500.

His time in jail since August 28 - nearly six months - is "dead time" an attorney said, since he is appealing his sentence and it will not be counted in his favor.

The church where Reverend Jones was arrested has since voted to accept Negroes.

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PINE BLUFF EATERY INTEGRATES

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, February 15 - A Pine Bluff branch of the nation wide McDonald's eatery chain has integrated less than a week before a scheduled hearing to determine whether an injunction sought by the owner against racial demonstrations should be made permanent.

William Hansen, head of the Arkansas Project of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) said the injunction was now dismissed.

William Knight, the owner of McDonald's here, had obtained the court order after two weeks of anti-segregation protests.

It names SNCC, the NAACP and the Black Muslims and barred them from sponsoring integration drives aimed at the business.

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