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ALBANY MOVEMENT LEADER FOUND GUILTY ON PERJURY CHARGES

MACON, GEORGIA - An Albany, Georgia civil rights leader will be sentenced on perjury charges here February 28.

The woman, Mrs. Elza Jackson, recording secretary of the Albany Movement, was found guilty by a Federal jury here February 24.

Federal Judge W. A. Bootle said he would pass sentence on Friday, February 28.

The jury deliberated for 40 minutes before returning a guilty verdict against Mrs. Jackson, who was accused of lying before a Federal grand jury investigating a boycott called against a white grocer.

She and five other Negroes and a white girl were charged with lying in telling the grand jury they were not present or could not recall having been present at a meeting when the boycott was discussed.

The others indicted for perjury and tried are: Slater King, Albany Movement president and the Reverend Samuel B. Wells, both sentenced to a year and a day in prison; Thomas C. Chatmon and Robert Thomas, both placed on five years probation; and Joni Rabinowitz, a field worker for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), now a student at Antioch College in Ohio, given an indefinite sentence.

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All the convictions have been appealed.

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