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#### GREGORY TO MAKE SNCC BENEFIT TOUR

ATLANTA, GEORGIA- Comedian Dick Gregory will begin a 26-city benefit concert tour for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) with an April 19 appearance in Boston, Massachusetts.

The famed comedian, who has been jailed eight times in racial demonstrations, will travel from Massachusetts to California to Oregon seeking financial support for the student anti-segregation group.

Appearing on the tour with Gregory will be SNCC's Freedom Singers, five young men who sign the songs of the Southern protest movement.

Gregory's participation in the integration drive has cost him "more than \$100,000" in canceled engagements. More than one-half of his earnings have been spent in the equal rights movement.

His participation in the protest movement dates back to his high school days where he led a march on the St. Louis Board of Education protesting the exclusion of Negro high school records from the city's official sports record books.

Most of Gregory's humor is directed at racial targets, although he is noted as a topical comedian.

The tour takes Gregory and the Freedom Singers to:

Boston, Massachusetts, April 19; Schenectady, New York, April 20; New Haven, Connecticut, April 21; New York, New York, April 23; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 24; Washington, D. C., April 25; Detroit, Michigan, April 26; East Lansing, Michigan, April 27; Oxford, Ohio, April 30; Columbus, Ohio, May 1; Cincinnati, Ohio, May 2; Bloomington, Indiana, May 3; Lafayette, Indiana, May 3; Champaign, Illinois, May 4; Carbondale, Illinois, May 6; Chicago, Illinois, May 7; North Shore, Illinois, May 8; Madison, Wisconsin, May 9; St. Paul, Minnesota, May 10; Iowa City, Iowa, May 12; Denver, Colorado, May 13; Los Angeles, California, May 14; San Jose, California, May 15; Eugene, Oregon, May 16; and Seattle, Washington, May 17.

SNCC conducts voter registration and direct action campaigns in deep South states.