

SNCC PROTESTS GEORGIA "POLICE TERROR"
Asks Senator to Speak Out

ATLANTA, GEORGIA --- The Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has asked Senator Richard Russell (D-Ga.) to speak out against "police terror" in Southwest Georgia rather than calling for investigations of police brutality in other states.

An April 22 letter from John Lewis, Chairman of SNCC, had reference to a Senate speech by Russell the same day, where the Senator charged brutal police treatment of New York City racial demonstrators.

Lewis cited the police shooting of 15-year-old Bobby Miller in Albany, Georgia, April 18.

"He was shot down by police who later claimed he was a burglary suspect. This was the sixth such death in the past two years there, according to SNCC workers based in the Albany area," Lewis stated.

"Our position is becoming more and more strained in the community of Southwest Georgia as incidents of law officers shooting - and shooting to kill - at any Negro who appears in 'suspicious' circumstances, continues," Lewis said.

Don Harris, 23, director of SNCC's Southwest Georgia project, said in Albany that affidavits were being gathered from persons at the scene of the killing who "witnessed the fact there was no warning call or warning shot before the slaying."

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NEGRO TRIES FOR SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA OFFICE

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA --- A Negro civil rights leader is making a second try for a seat on the all-white Danville City Commission.

He is the Reverend Lendall Warren Chase, pastor of the High Street Baptist Church here, and president of the Danville Christian Progressive Association (DCPA.)

Rev. Chase ran for a city commission seat in 1963, and placed tenth in a twelve-man race for four seats. He received 1,212 votes. There were 1,388 registered Negro voters then.

During last summer, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Congress of Racial Equality conducted a voter registration drive here, and nearly doubled the number of registered voters.

Chase is married and has five children, four of them now attending formerly "white" schools here. He has been arrested five times for his participation in the civil rights drive. He is a veteran, and is campaigning on a platform of improving education, attracting industry to Danville, and the establishment of a City Fairness Commission "to work for equal justice."

The election will be held June 9, 1964.

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