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HAPEVILLE, GA. -- "Upside-down justice" in Albany, Ga., was assailed by the Board of the Southern Conference Educational Fund at its semi-annual meeting here over the week end.

The board called upon the U. S. Department of Justice to confess error in the conviction and sentencing of leaders and members of the Albany Movement in the U. S. District Court.

SCEF, a Southwide civil-rights group based in New Orleans, charged that numerous instances of police brutality against integrationists "have been ignored by the United States Department of Justice and the federal grand juries" in southwest Georgia.

"Yet these same agencies moved swiftly against members of the Albany Movement after they picketed for one hour the supermarket of a friend of leading politicians in southwest Georgia," the board declared in a resolution.

The SCEF leaders urged President Lyndon Johnson to "use his influence to right this wrong." They also called upon Johnson and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to protect students and others aiding in voter registration in the South this summer.

"We are especially concerned about the safety of some 1,000 young people who are following the call of conscience to go into Mississippi to aid in voter registration, community work, and tutoring of underprivileged students," the board said.

"We call upon the President and the Attorney General, as head of the Justice Department, to use their powers to the fullest extent to protect the nonviolent. We ask that this be done through the use of federal

troops if necessary. We ask that the private armies of Gov. George Wallace and other officials be abolished."

The board pledged full support of SCEF to the students and commended "those who are giving up their current summer vacations and customary comforts to try to make democracy real in our land."

SCEF also renewed for the fourth year a grant to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) to finance work on white college campuses in the South. It voted support of a new student organization growing out of this work, the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC).

The board added to its membership Ed Hamlett, Jackson, Tenn., a field secretary of SNCC and member of the executive committee of SSOC; Miss Carol Hoover, Atlanta, administrative assistant to the Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker of the Southern Christian Leadership conference (SCLC); Mrs. Isobel Cerney, professor at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, and Dr. Harry Steinmetz professor at Morehouse College, Atlanta.

Mrs. Jessie P. Guzman, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., was elected secretary to replace Dr. John R. Bross, Talladega, Ala., who is moving to Montana. Mrs. Clarice Campbell, professor at Tougaloo College, Jackson, Miss., succeeds Mrs. Guzman as assistant secretary.

President of SCEF is the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, leader of the civil rights movement in Birmingham, Ala., and secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He presided at the board meeting.