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SNCC CHAIRMAN VISITS AFRICAN STATES

ACCPA, GHANA, WEST AFRICA - The Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the head of SNCC's Southwest Georgia Project are in Accra this week on a six-week tour of African countries.

SNCC Chairman John Lewis and SNCC Georgia Project Director Donald Harris arrived here October 9. They were part of an eleven-man group from SNCC that spent two weeks in the Republic of Guinea as guests of President Sekou Toure.

The SNCC group that spent from September 12 until October 5 in Guinea included Lewis and Harris, SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman, SNCC Mississippi Project Director Robert Moses and Mrs. Moses, SNCC Arkansas Project Director Bill Hansen, Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, and SNCC staffers Matthew Jones, Ruby Doris Smith, Prathia Hall and Julian Bond.

While in Guinea, the SNCC group was presented to the National Revolutionary Council and met with President Toure three times.

Lewis and Harris went from Conakry, the Guinea capitol, to Monrovia, the capitol of Liberia, and from there to Accra.

They plan to travel next to Kenya and Ethiopia and Northern Rhodesia.

Lewis said he hoped the African trip "would help cement relations between the liberation movement in Africa and the civil rights struggle in the United States."

The Guinea trip was arranged by actor-singer Harry Belafonte.

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FREEDOM VOTE WORKERS ARRIVE

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI - 50 of the 150 expected out-of-state volunteer workers for the October 29 - November 2 Freedom Vote arrived here October 18, to begin orientation prior to canvassing for a large Freedom Vote turnout.

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