

NEWS RELEASE

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
6 RAYMOND STREET, NW
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30314

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 27, 1964

#81

U. S. GIVES \$30,000 TO MISSISSIPPI MURDER TOWN

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The federal government has given the city of Philadelphia, Mississippi - scene of the murder of three civil rights workers this past summer - \$33,400 in federal funds.

The money, which will help construct an airport and related facilities, was awarded by the Federal Aviation Agency under the Federal Aid Airport Program and is part of \$626,402 awarded to seven Mississippi cities.

-30-

NEGRO TRIES FOR AMERICUS COUNCIL SEAT

AMERICUS, GEORGIA - The first Negro to ever seek public office here has qualified to run for a post on the Americus City Council.

Samuel Weston, 70, qualified to run in the October 27 city primary. He is the owner and operator of a tailor shop and an eating establishment.

There are approximately 3,000 registered voters in the city, including about 500 Negroes. The Atlanta-based Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has been conducting a voter registration campaign in Americus and Sumter County for two years.

-30-

SNCC HISTORY PUBLISHED

ATLANTA, GEORGIA - Workers from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) are described as the "ragged, incorruptible frontline in the struggle to abolish racism in the United States" in a new book about the militant anti-segregation group.

The book: "SNCC: The New Abolitionists", was written by Boston University Professor Dr. Howard Zinn and was published by Beacon Press. The book is available from SNCC, 6 Raymond Street, NW., Atlanta, Ga.