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NOVEMBER'S INCIDENTS INCLUDE ARRESTING  
CHILDREN, KILLING DOGS, BURNING CHURCHES

ATLANTA, GEORGIA- The Atlanta based Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) reported "more than 50" incidents of harrassment and intimidation aimed at civil rights workers and local citizens during November in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Georgia.

The SNCC office said the incidents included the killing of a dog belonging to a Negro woman active in the rights drive, the continued burning and bombings of churches throughout Mississippi, an FBI agent calling a SNCC worker "just a nigger", the jailing of two children under ten years of age, and numerous traffic arrests of of civil rights workers.

"The pattern of Harrassment shown especially in Mississippi, clearly indicates that local law officers are conspiring to prevent any sort of organizing campaign or drive to register Negroes", the SNCC office said. A COPY OF THE INCIDENT SUMMARY IS ENCLOSED.

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GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI- Despite a plea from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) to forgo two segregated concerts in Mississippi, French-born Jazz pianist Bernard Peiffer appeared before Jim Crow audiences here December 1st and in Columbus, Miss. November 30th.

A SNCC telegram urging Peiffer not to appear was sent after an official of the sponsoring group in Columbus said Negroes would not be permitted attend. "In addition" the Atlanta SNCC office said, "Peiffer's Columbus concert was held at the all-white Mississippi State College for Women and the Greenwood concert at a segregated, all-white high school".

An intensive SNCC campaign last year resulted in several cancellations by musicians, artists and government speakers who were urged not to appear before segregated audiences in Mississippi.

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