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Julian Bond, militant Negro Representative to the Georgia state Legislature who recently was barred from taking his seat in the House, will speak at a rally in Harlem, Sunday, January 30th, at the Union Baptist Church, 240 West 145th Street, at 3:30 p.m.

Speakers at the rally will include Mr. John Lewis, Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, a student from the Dominican Republic, a representative from one of the African missions to the United Nations, and Mr. Jesse Gray of the Community Council on Housing.

Mr. Bond became the center of controversy as a result of S.N.C.C.'s opposition to United States' involvement in Vietnam, as well as in Santo Domingo, and Rhodesia. Mr. Bond is Communications Director for S.N.C.C.

Mr. Bond's right to dissent has been defended by many prominent Americans including Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Congressmen Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., and William Fitts Ryan, and New York Assemblyman Percy Sutton.

Mr. Bond has requested that the United States government provides alternatives to serving in the armed services. These alternatives would provide potential draftees with the option of working with civil rights organizations in the black belt counties of the South, or the ghettos of the North.

Mr. Bond stated, during his recent visit to New York, that he believes that most Negroes would prefer not to fight abroad for a freedom which they never have had at home. He believes that most Negroes would prefer "to fight to build democracy in this country."