

STOKELY'S ARREST

Statement from Atlanta SNCC on Arrest of Stokely Carmichael
September 9, 1966

At approximately 11:10 p.m. on September 8, 1966, Stokely Carmichael was arrested by the Atlanta police. He was charged with creating a disturbance and inciting a riot. The charge of creating a disturbance included charges of making speeches and encouraging people to block the street and sidewalks and encouraging people to shout black power. The charge of inciting a riot charges that Stokely Carmichael did commit an act of inciting a riot at Capitol Ave. and Crowder on September 6, 7, and 8.

Fifteen policemen entered the SNCC office with 6 or 7 police cars on the streets outside. At the time of the arrest, Howard Moore, SNCC's Atlanta attorney, was in the office. Stokely left stating to the staff members that were present "Remember, this is a political arrest. Stokely Carmichael is the chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee." (Hearing had been scheduled for the morning of September 9, but was postponed instead to 4 P.M. on September 9, 1966.)

Re: The Political Arrest of Stokely Carmichael

SNCC friends and supporters are asked to send telegrams to protest the political arrest of SNCC Chairman Stokely Carmichael. Telegrams should be sent to:

- (1) Mayor Ivan Allen, Atlanta, Georgia, and
- (2) Police Chief Herbert Jenkins, Atlanta, Ga.

When calling Western Union, please be sure to ask them to send a copy to the Atlanta SNCC office — 360 Nelson St., S.W. There is no extra charge for this.

ATSO calls should be made to:

Mayor Allen — 404 (code) 522-4463
Chief Jenkins — 404 (code) 522-7363

Telegram Messages can be brief (\$2.70 for 15 words or less):

Examples:

RELEASE SNCC CHAIRMAN STOKELY CARMICHAEL.
DOWN WITH POLITICAL ARRESTS OF BLACK LEADERS

Or simply:

BLACK POWER NOW, ARRESTING STOKELY CARMICHAEL ONLY INCREASES BLACK POWER,
JAIL STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND BLACK POWER WILL SET HIM FREE.

A one-sentence 10-15 word telegram costs about \$2.00) Call Western Union