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Yesterday six carloads of SIED agents, a special unit of Governor's troopers, moved on the campus of South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, S.C., where student protest demonstrations have been in progress since last Thursday. The riot squad is on alert in Orangeburg also. At a hearing yesterday, President B. J. Turner refused to reinstate Benjamin Bryant, Joe Hammond, and James Stroman who were expelled last Friday and barred from the campus until 1970 for their involvement in the protest demonstrations. At the hearing, they demanded that the administration grant all the original student demands if they were reinstated. Bryant, Hammond, and Stroman are the heads of the Student Action Committee (SAC) which has been leading the protest demonstrations. SIED stopped the students' picket demonstration yesterday protesting the administration's refusal to reinstate the three students and prohibited students from walking on campus unless they are going to classes. SIED agents are checking students' ID cards and arresting any students who do not attend South Carolina State. The situation is very tense.

The students are planning a massive withdrawal from the college in protest. All this week students have been boycotting classes, and 90 % of the students cut classes today. The library has been closed down. About 800 students attended a SAC mass meeting in the Student Union today.

The Board of Trustees has threatened to close the school if order is not restored. The administration has sent letters home to the students' parents informing them of this decision, in which they refer to the Student Action Committee as an unruly mob, subversive, and Communist.

The administration and faculty members have attempted to link the Student Action Committee with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Dr. Thomas Worth, one of the professors whose contract the administration has refused to renew which sparked student demonstrations last week, has attacked SNCC as subversive and attempting to get a foothold in Orangeburg. The Orangeburg chapter of the NAACP has refused to pay for the legal defense of the expelled students if SNCC does not leave the campus. There are no SNCC workers at South Carolina State College at this time.

Benedict College and Allen College in Columbia, S.C. and Claflin College in Orangeburg have asked for SAC groups to start on their campuses.