SNCC Conference Slated
For April 27 - 29

The third Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Conference - scheduled for Atlanta April 27 - 29 - promises to be the biggest and best yet.

At two previous SNCC conferences - one held in Raleigh, North Carolina in April, 1960, where SNCC Deputies Throw Freedom Riders From Court

ALBANY, GA - Sheriff's deputized used force to segregate seating in Albany's Superior Court on March 27.

The deputies pulled SNCC Field Secretary Charles Sherrod from the courtroom on his back. Then deputies pulled Robert Zellner, an SNCC Field Secretary, and Tom Hayden, a free-lance writer from the room. They also forced Danish writer Per Lauersen from the "Negro" section in the rear of the courtroom, and dragged Mrs. Hayden across a row of seats and into the hall. Zellner, Hayden, and Lauersen were in court to

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was founded - and in Atlanta, in October, 1960, sit-in leaders from all over the South met to discuss the future of the student protest movement.

This year's conference will feature workshops on Voter Registration; Legal Problems and Possibilities; Direct Action and Community Mobilization; Civil Liberties and Academic Freedom; The White Student in the Protest Movement; Equal Rights in an Industrial Society; and the Meaning of Nonviolence.

SNCC staffer James Momsen, who is coordinating this year's conference, said that application blanks from 13 states have been received. 150 students are expected for this year's gathering.

"Special emphasis is of course placed on students who have been involved in the protest movement," SNCC Chairman McDew said, "but we welcome anyone to the conference."

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"Anarchy" Charges Dropped
Against One Two SNCC Workers
Must Return To La. For Trial

BATON ROUGE, La. - "Criminal anarchy" charges against one SNCC Field Secretary have been dropped, but two others must return here to face trial on May 28.

Louisiana officials dropped charges of "attempting to overthrow the government of the state" against SNCC Field Secretary Dion Diamond after he served 58 days in jail. SNCC Chairman Charles McDew and SNCC Field Secretary still face the anarchy charges, however.

The Baton Rouge Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality had been conducting anti-segregation demonstrations here before the arrest of Diamond on February 1, when he stepped on the campus of Southern University. "Anarchy" charges are still pending against

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TALLADEGA STUDENTS PROTEST - Talladega College students staged a protest march against segregation on April 6. Joined by some teachers from the school, the students paraded around the Talladega Courthouse bearing signs reading "We Want Open Libraries" - We Want Equal Opportunity. Social Action Committee Chairman Dorothy Vails is on the right, above, being interviewed by a reporter. Photo by Zellner.

TALLADEGA, ALA. - Beginning with a march of 400 students and faculty members, Talladega College took a giant step toward freeing their city of segregation.

The march followed fruitless negotiation with Talladega Mayor J. L. Hardwick on April 5. The students asked the mayor to present plans for integration of public facilities in the city, and when no plan was forthcoming, the group marched in protest.

The march was peaceful, and Mayor Hardwick praised the students and the Talladega community for their calmness.

A library sit-in staged earlier in the day found the doors of the public library closed. The librarian said she had been alerted by police five minutes before the demonstration and told to close the door.

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**SNCC Field Sect.**

During the last school year, Talladega students boycotted the local bus station, protesting segregation there. The boycott cost them about $300 in additional transportation expenses.

I came to Talladega for Monday night, March 3, I spoke at a student freedom rally, and met with the executive committee of SAC. On Monday, I met with the student body again and taught them Freedom songs.

On Tuesday, Dr. Herman Einsman, a Talladega faculty member of SAC, and I came to a SNCC meeting at Atlanta.

I returned to Talladega for the weekend of March 17 with Joan Browning. We had several meetings and held classes in the philosophy and practice of nonviolence. The students were inspired by Joan and her experiences in Albany (Joan Browning, a student at Atlanta's Emory University, was one of a team of SNCC Freedom Riders whose arrest in Albany, Georgia on December 10, 1961 touched off a week of anti-segregation demonstrations.) The students seemed ready to move.

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answer charges of "breach of the peace" and "obstructing traffic" brought against them on December 10, 1961, when a group of SNCC Freedom Riders integrated the Central of Georgia Railroad from Atlanta to Albany. The group was arrested outside the train station by Albany policemen, who also arrested several bystanders. Their arrests touched off a week of anti-segregation demonstrations that saw 737 Negroes jailed.

After the courtroom incident, SNCC Chairman Charles McDew asked Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall to protect the riders.

**RISM Formed**

**Providence, R. L.**

The Rhode Island Student Movement (RISM) was formed at a conference at the University of Rhode Island on February 22-24. Over sixty delegates from Brown University, Pembroke Barrington, Providence and Rhode Island Colleges, the University of Rhode Island, and the Rhode Island School of Design met to obtain a comprehensive background on discrimination in the South and Rhode Island, and to take steps toward immediate action within the Rhode Island community against discrimination in general.

**COAHR Contacts 600 A Day In Vote Push**

Members of Atlanta's student movement group, the Committee on Appeal For Human Rights (COAHR) are currently contacting 600 people a day in an attempt to register new voters.

Charles A. Black, COAHR Chairman, said that the student group conducts a knock program every night.

COAHR members successfully integrated 177 lunch counters at 77 Atlanta stores last year, and has completed negotiations which should lead to integration of several downtown movie theaters.

Laurel, Miss. Group Wages Boycott

**Laurel, Miss.** - The Laurel Nonviolent Movement began a boycott of downtown stores after attempts at negotiation with the Laurel Chamber of Commerce proved fruitless.

**Lester G. McKinley, SNCC Field Secretary in Laurel.**

said that Chamberhead J. W. West told the Laurel Nonviolent Movement that "the Chamber of Commerce doesn't have any power over downtown merchants."

The Laurel Nonviolent Movement has distributed leaflets telling Laurel Negroes "Don't buy segregation in downtown Laurel." The leaflets asks that Negroes stay away from the downtown area until "you are treated like a first class citizen."

**Jackson Movement Boycotts Buses, Downtown Area**

**Jackson, Miss.** - The Jackson Nonviolent Movement is currently waging a selective buying campaign and a boycott of the city's busses.

The Jackson groups also recently asked Mississippi's Negro teachers to support all civil rights organizations currently active in the state, the register to vote, and to "give your students a real basis for participation in a democratic society."
SNCC Starts Book Drive For Miles

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee has begun a "Books For Miles College" drive.

Alabama city officials recently refused to allow the school to conduct a fund drive to raise money for the library, teachers' salaries, and laboratory equipment.

Miles College students and other local groups are currently waging a "selective buying campaign", aimed at Birmingham's downtown merchants. A voter registration drive is also being conducted.

SNCC Chairman Charles A. McDew said that SNCC conducted a similar drive for students in McComb, Mississippi, after a student boycott of a Negro high school there.

Anyone wishing to contribute textbooks, reference works, or other material to the drive may send them to the Atlanta SNCC office, 197 1/2 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta.

NAG Plans May 17 Demonstrations In D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The Nonviolent Action Group (NAG) is currently planning demonstrations for May 12 and 17, protesting the arrests of SNCC and CORE workers in Baton Rouge and in favor of seeing the Supreme Court's decision outlawing segregated schools being upheld.

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