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## Miss. Judge Halts Expectant Mother's Jail Try



DIANE NASH BEVEL in Mississippi after she served a ten - day contempt sentence when she refused to move from the "white" section of a Jackson courtroom.

## SNCC Staffers Sentenced In Mississippi Kennedy Asked To Witness Trials

MAGNOLIA, MISSISSIPPI - United States Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy has been asked by SNCC to come to Mississippi "to witness the travesty of justice taking place her now" during the trials of two SNCC workers.

Tried and convicted on May 21 and May 22 were SNCC Field Secretary Bob Moses and SNCC Chairman Charles F. McDew. SNCC staffer Bob Zellner was to have been tried, but his case was continued until September.

The three had participated in a student march in nearby McComb, Mississippi last year. Both Moses and McDew were sentenced to six months in jail and a \$500 fine each. They were also charged with "contri-

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CONVICTED - SNCC Chairman McDew and SNCC Field Secretary Robert Moses were convicted of "breaching the peace" in Magnolia, Mississippi. SNCC Field Secretary Zellner, center above, had his trial continued until September. Charges of "criminal anarchy" against McDew and Zellner in Baton Rouge, Louisiana were also continued.

(Photo by Braden)

## SNCC, SAC., Enjoined In Talladega

TALLADEGA, ALA. - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the student body, faculty, and president of Talladega College, and several individuals were ordered by the State of Alabama to halt all anti-segregation demonstrations.

In a temporary injunction obtained by Alabama Attorney General MacDonal Gallion, SNCC and the Social Action Committee (SAC) of the college were prohibited from conducting kneel-ins, mass demonstrations, boycotts, picketing, and other expressions against segregation.

Among those named in the order were Dr. Arthur Gray, president of the college, Robert Zellner, SNCC Field Secretary, Dorothy Vails, Chairman of SAC, Reverend Everett W. Mc-

Nair, professor of religion, Henry Thomas, a Field Secretary from CORE, Norman C. Jimerson, an official of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Carl Braden, a Field Secretary for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Joanne Grant, a reporter for the NATIONAL GUARDIAN, members of SNCC, and SAC, and John Doe, Richard Rowe, et als, which would involve anyone else the state wished to include in the restraining order.



COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETS - SNCC Staffers and Coordinating Committee members discussing "jail versus bail" at the June 1 - 2 meeting of the Committee. From left above are Frank Holloway, Atlanta; James Travis, McComb, Mississippi; Mrs. Anne Braden, SCEF; Clarence Glenn, Louisville; Jim Monsonis, and Dion Diamond, SNCC staff, James Forman, SNCC Executive Secretary and Charles McDew, SNCC Chairman.

(Photo by Dodson)

*Talladega - Conspiracy against the state of Ala.*

## Stillman Students Beaten, Gassed

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, - A mob of white men chased and caught a car full of Stillman college students after, beat and kicked them and sprayed a "burning gas" on them.

The driver of the car, William A. Jones, a student at Stillman College, was charged with "reckless driving". Two other students were also arrested on a city bus after a white man began hitting them, according to Samuel A. Pitts, Jr.

Jones had picked up a number of students who were forced off a city bus after they tried to take empty front seats. As his car pulled away from the bus stop, a mob took chase, caught his car, kicked and beat the students, slapped one college coed, and sprayed "some type of burning gas" into the car.

Four girls has been arrested on "disorderly conduct" charges on the city's busses on May 5, when they refused to obey a bus driver's order to move to the rear when white people boarded a bus filled with Negroes.

## Nashville 5 Released

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - Five members of the Nashville Student Nonviolent Movement were released from criminal court after charges of "unlawful conspiracy" against them were dropped.

The five were arrested on February 10 at Nashville's segregated Cross Keys Restaurant.

John Lewis, Chairman of the Nashville group, was elected a member - at large to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee at the April 27-29 Conference.

## SNAC Members Take Our Warrants Against Police

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY - Three members of the Student Nonviolent Action Committee (SNAC) who staged a "stand-in" demonstration before the West End Theatre here failed in an attempt to have Louisville policemen arrest other policemen and the manager of the theatre.

The demonstrators called for additional policemen after they were refused tickets and shoved to one side by the theatre manager and finally bodily dragged from the theatre by Louisville policemen.

When other police officers refused to arrest them, they left the demonstration scene, went to the city's courthouse, and swore out a warrant, charging the theatre manager, his lawyer, and members of the Louisville police force with assault and battery. At last report, policemen had refused to serve the war-

rant on their fellow officers or the theatre men.

Nancy Penick, co-chairman of the Louisville SNAC, said that "We plan to continue demonstrating until we get results."

At a trial last week for one SNAC member arrested during a similar theatre "stand-in," SNAC members were told by a Judge not to demonstrate any further.

SNAC Chairman Clarence Glenn retorted by saying that SNAC would begin picketing the theatre.

## Savannah Groups Tries Beach Entry

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA - James Alexander, Special Projects Director of the Youth Strategy Committee, announced that the anti-segregation group would use "whatever nonviolent means possible to achieve full integration of public facilities at Savannah Beach."

Youth Strategy Committee President Benjamin Clark termed segregation at the beach "ridiculous," and said that Negroes should not have to go to another state "when excellent tax-supported facilities are available in this area."

Several youths were jailed following a "wade-in" attempt by members of the Youth Strategy Committee. Alexander said that the drivers of the cars that took students at the beach were arrested and students locked outside the jail for four hours. After securing permission to drive one car to the bathing area, five other were arrested after Savannah Beach policemen removed them from the beach. A second group was also turned back and jailed.

## Police Invade Federal Property

JACKSON, MISS. - After four members of the Jackson Nonviolent Movement were arrested on the steps of the Post Office here, SNCC told Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy that "if the United States government cannot guarantee the right to peacefully protest on Federal Property, then you must be considered a party to these violations of Constitutionally guaranteed civil rights."

The four were arrested while marching on a SNCC-CORE-Jackson Nonviolent Movement picket line. SNCC Field Secretary Paul Brooks explained that Federal Property in Jackson was chosen for the demonstration because local policemen use harrassing tactics on peaceful demonstrators elsewhere and because policemen have no authority on Federal property.

## Miles Book Drive Grows

The SNCC sponsored "Books For Miles College" drive has collected almost 5,000 books for the Alabama school, but over 10,000 more are needed. Students at Brooklyn College and at the University of Chicago have sponsored drives for the school, which lost permission to conduct a fund drive because of a selective buying campaign Birmingham Negroes are waging against segregated merchants.

The Student Committees Against Discrimination at Delaware State College and the University of Delaware have also begun book drives. Anyone wishing to contribute textbooks, reference works or other material to the drive may send books to Miles College, 5500 Avenue G., Birmingham, Alabama.

## NAG, Core Host Maryland Confab

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, - A conference of sit-inners, freedom riders, and spokesmen from national civil rights organizations gathered in Baltimore May 11-13 for three days of workshops, discussion sessions, and anti-segregation demonstrations.

The theme of the conference, sponsored by the Baltimore Civic Interest Group (CIG), CORE, and the Washington D.C. Nonviolent Action Group (NAG), will be "Perspective: Civil Rights!"

CIG leader Clarence Logan said that wade-in, sit-ins, and freedom rides planned for Ocean City, Maryland, in June.

# 250 Gather For SNCC Conference

## Groups, Organizations Meet To Plot Future Of The Movement

ATLANTA, GA., May 4 - Over 250 persons from 22 states attended the third Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Atlanta April 27-29.

The interracial conference, called by SNCC to inform student sit-in leaders of new methods and techniques to use in fighting segregation, was held on the campus of the Interdenominational Theological Center. It attracted college students from each of the Southern states and from as far away as New York. All of the major civil rights and human relations organizations were represented at the gathering, as were student protest centers throughout the South.

The three-day meeting centered around sessions designed to give Southern student leaders training in several aspects of the direct action protest against segregation. Many of the students attending the conference have been deeply involved in the Southern protest movement. Several have dropped out of school to devote more time to the fight against segregation, and most had been jailed at least once because of their participation in the civil rights fight.

Highlight of the meeting was a discussion of "Legal Rights and Possibilities" by Attorney Len Holt of Norfolk, Virginia. Attorney Holt stressed the importance of students being aware of their legal rights, and indicated that ignorance of legalities causes unnecessary expenses and delays to the progress of civil rights. Holt aroused great interest in filing "omnibus suits," which aim at integrating all facilities in one locale, rather than attacking segregation in such places in single and more expensive suits.

SNCC Chairman Charles McDew, in his remarks opening the conference, warned the students that "we forget too soon" the jailings and beatings that many civil rights fighters endure. McDew said that students must rededicate themselves to ending segregation in America.

Dr. Robert Johnson of New York University told the conference that the Southern student movement



SNCC CONFERENCE - In a workshop discussing the organization of SNCC are, from center foreground, SNCC Chairman Charles McDew, SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman, NAG Chairman William Mahoney (behind Forman), CORE's Norman Hill, SNCC staffer Bill Hansen, Jane Bond, COAHR Chairman Charles A. Black, COAHR vice-president Danny Mitchell, Lonnie C. King, Jr., COAHR Executive Secretary Ruby Dorris Smith, COAHR member Robert Mants, and Peggy Dammond from New York City.

(Photo by Alexander)

## "Criminal Anarchy" Cases Postponed Till June 13

BATON ROUGE, LA., - Originally set for May 28, the "criminal anarchy" cases against Charles McDew and Robert Zellner of SNCC have been adjourned until June 13 to permit filing of legal papers.

McDew and Zellner were arrested for "vagrancy" for seeking to visit Dion Diamond of SNCC in jail.

against segregation was known by students the world over. Johnson praised student leaders for their devotion and courage.

Miss Ella Baker of the Southern Region, YWCA, called upon the students to act from moral convictions, and praised the serious manner in which they attacked segregation.

During the closing session of the conference, Ruby Doris Smith of Atlanta, John Lewis of Nashville, and William Mahoney of Washington, D.C. were elected members at large to the SNCC Executive Committee.

During their imprisonment, the charge was changed to "criminal anarchy." The "criminal anarchy" charges against Diamond and against Weldon Rougeau of CORE were dropped soon after SNCC, NAG, CIG, and CORE, nation-wide progress campaign.

At an arraignment, McDew and Zellner were charged with "being members of the Student Nonviolent Coordination Committee, an organization known to advocate, teach, and practice the overthrow of the government of the State of Louisiana by unlawful means."

**Vote! Vote! Vote!**



ATTORNEY LEN HOLT tells the SNCC conference what their "legal rights and possibilities" are. Other conference workshops discussed civil liberties, the white student in the movement, and the philosophy of non-violence.

## Judge Halts Diane Nash Bevels Jail Try

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI—Mrs. Diane Nash Bevel, expecting her first child in September, again has refused to "cooperate with the evil and corrupt court system of Mississippi" and tried to surrender herself to a two-year jail term.

Mrs. Bevel was charged last summer with "contributing to the delinquency of minors" after she gave young Mississippi Negroes instruction in the philosophy of nonviolence. She is a SNCC Field Secretary, and was among several SNCC staffers working in Mississippi last summer.

In November, 1961, she was convicted and sentenced to two years in jail and a \$2000 fine on the "contributing" charge. She appealed the conviction, but in late April decided to abandon her appeal, saying that her philosophy of nonviolence prohibited her from cooperation with "the evil court system" of the state. She recently served ten days in the Hinds County Jail here because she refused to move from the "white" side of a segrega-

ted courtroom.

On May 21, Hinds County Judge Russell Moore told Mrs. Bevel that she cannot abandon her appeal until she has been tried in his court. The judge said that his court calendar would not allow him time for her appeal trial until late June.

### SCEF'S Patriot Well Worth Reading

The Southern Conference Educational Fund publishes a monthly newsletter, The Southern Patriot, which gives news of the Southwide struggle for human dignity as well as noteworthy highlights from selected areas. The Patriot is sent to all persons who give \$2.00 or more annually to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, 822 Perdido Street, New Orleans 12, Louisiana.

## 2 From Jackson Movement Jailed

JACKSON, Miss. — Apparently inspired by the example of Mrs. Diane Nash Bevel, two leaders of the Jackson Nonviolent Movement defied courtroom segregation here and were jailed on charges of contempt of court.

They are Luvaghn Brown and Jesse Harris, both residents of Jackson.

Brown and Harris seated themselves on the side of the courtroom reserved for whites and refused to move when the bailiff ordered them to. County Judge Russell Moore sent them to jail for contempt.

## Kennedy

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buting to the delinquency of minors."

The students were marching to protest the slaying of 52-year-old Herbert Lee, a farmer active in SNCC's voter registration drive, who was shot and killed by a Mississippi legislator.

They also protested the refusal of school authorities to readmit two students expelled after they participated in a lunch counter sit-in. All 119 people who took part in the march on October 4, 1961 were arrested, but only the SNCC Field Secretaries and six others were charged with two counts.

Moses and McDew were defended by Jack Young, a lawyer from Jackson, who told the all-white, all-male jury that found both guilty that they had only been exercising their rights under the Constitution.

Prosecuting Attorney Joe N. Pygott asked SNCC

## Seeks "Freedom Highway" Riders

In a planned assault on segregation on Federal Highways, the Congress of Racial Equality is planning to send car loads of anti-segregation protesters on trips from New York to Miami.

The groups will try to integrate roadside restaurants, encourage local communities to take up the fight, and will be prepared to stay in jail if arrested.

Volunteers for the summer-long project may contact CORE Program Director Gordon Carey at 38 Park Row, New York 38, New York.

Field Secretary Moses who he worked for and what his business was.

"We do whatever is necessary in this country and in this state to see what Negroes get the rights they're entitled to. If it is necessary to suffer and go to jail then we do it," Moses said.

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