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## SNCC WORKER FOUND GUILTY

HATTIESBURG, MISS. - A white SNCC worker was sentenced to 120 days in jail and fined \$380 and another vote worker has been sent to the county farm.

SNCC worker Peter Stoner, 26, was sentenced Friday, Feb. 6. He was charged with profanity, disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

He was arrested Feb. 5 in front of the Forrest County jail by a jailer who said Stoner "raised a ruckus" when he was not allowed to visit SNCC worker Lawrence Guyot in the jail.

Guyot was convicted of "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" and is appealing his conviction.

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# 400 PROTEST IN CHAPEL HILL



INTEGRATOR EJECTED - Proprietor John Cromwell and son remove an anti-segregation demonstrator from his store in Chapel Hill on Jan. 29. Demonstrations here under the guidance of the Chapel Hill Freedom Committee - a coalition of local and national rights groups - have resulted in over 350 arrests.

## NO CLUES UNCOVERED IN ALLEN MURDER CASE

LIBERTY, MISS. - Sheriff Daniel Jones said this week he has failed to find "a single clue" in last weekend's shotgun slaying of a Negro who had seen another white man kill a Negro active in a vote drive.

"I've interviewed a lot of people but haven't come up with a thing yet" the sheriff said.

The body of Louis Allen, 44, was found early Saturday morning, Feb. 1 by his teenage son. He was dead from three shotgun blasts, two in his head.

The sheriff said several neighbors heard the blasts but "thought nothing of it."

He said Allen was killed as he stepped from his log truck to open a gate 150 yards from his house. The sheriff estimated the shots were fired from 30 feet away.

"I've known Allen for years" the sheriff said. "He was not involved in any civil rights activities."

Allen was a witness in the fatal shooting of Herbert Lee, a 52-year-old farmer gunned down outside a Liberty cotton gin in 1961.

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## 120 Stage Sit-down

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Over 400 anti-segregation demonstrators marched through this small university town Feb. 8 and 120 staged a mid-street "sit-down."

Police ordered the street "sit-downers" to move on.

They did, but separated into five groups which staged further protests at four segregated eating places and the town hall. Five other groups of protesters blocked the three highways leading into Chapel Hill, and two other groups blocked cars at the Uni-

versity of North Carolina gymnasium where a basketball game was breaking up.

Another group later blocked traffic at the main intersection in Chapel Hill.

SNCC worker J.V. Henry said 98 arrests were made during the afternoon's demonstrations. Among those arrested was Avon Rollins, director of SNCC's Virginia project.

Demonstrations on Jan. 31 led to 75 arrests here, when 350 persons marched through the downtown area. More than 20 young people sat down at an in-

tersection and unfolded signs protesting "candycoated racism."

A B-B gun was fired at the demonstrators but no serious injury resulted. A photographer had his camera forcibly taken away by two spectators. A large cherry bomb hurled at the marchers exploded, burning a spectator's leg.

A white professor from the University of North Carolina was struck by an onlooker at Carlton's Rockpile - a restaurant - the scene of ammonia-drenching earlier this month.

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# Two Rights Workers Arrested As Canton Continues Crackdown



Carole Merritt

CANTON, MISS. - Two more rights workers were arrested here Feb. 7 as Canton officials continue what Atlanta SNCC spokesmen have termed a "purge."

SNCC worker Claude Weaver, 20, and CORE worker Ed Hollander, 23, were arrested for "conspiracy to intimidate a family." Eleven others sentenced here Feb. 3 are still in jail due to high appeal bonds.

About 20 workers associated with the Council of Federated Organizations - an alliance of all civil rights groups working in this state - have been arrested since Jan. 22.

Nine of those tried Feb. 3 were convicted of two charges with \$500 fine and six months for each charge. Appeal bond

was set at \$1,000.

Twenty-three year old SNCC worker Carole Merritt of Cincinnati, Ohio was found guilty of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and publishing libel. The charges referred to her encouragement of a 16-year-old girl to hand out leaflets pressing for an economic boycott and voter registration.

The others were convicted of publishing libel and disturbing the peace, or other charges arising from their participation in the voter registration and anti-segregation project here. One worker was convicted of three charges and is held under \$1,500 appeal bond.

Earlier charges of distributing leaflets without a permit were changed at the trial - at which Negroes were allowed to sit only on the "colored" side of the courtroom.

SNCC workers report several incidents of police "intimidation" of persons working with the civil rights drive here, and the "black-listing" of a Negro prominent in the local integration effort. George Washington reported that the gas pumps of the filling station he owns were removed by the Amoco representative.

On Jan. 30 police halted all Negro taxicabs claiming their permits were faulty.



RALEIGH VOTE DRIVE CONTINUES as SNCC worker John Love and Sarah Sanders help a Raleigh citizen (left) learn vote registration procedures.

Local ministers have held several "Ministers' Marches" through the park where this picture was taken to urge Raleigh Negroes to register to vote.

Three SNCC workers are helping the Raleigh Citizens Association (RCA) which invited SNCC participation in the drive. SNCC worker Reginald Robinson is director of the campaign. (Photo by Lloyd Jeffries)

## MURDER CASE

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Allen later admitted to SNCC workers he had lied at a coroner's jury investigating the slaying, which set free E. H. Hurst, a white man, then a member of the Mississippi State Legislature.

Allen's brother, Morris Allen of Milwaukee, Wis., said his brother had been harassed by local policemen since he witnessed the Lee killing. He had been arrested twice, and once a deputy sheriff broke his jaw with a flashlight.

Morris Allen said his brother had decided to leave Mississippi to seek work in Milwaukee.

The SNCC conducted a vote drive in Southwest Mississippi in 1961.

Herbert Lee, the man whose killing Allen witnessed, was one of several local Negroes active in the drive.

SNCC has asked the United States Department of Justice to investigate the Allen murder.

## Friends Send Food, Clothes

BOSTON, MASS. - Over 20,000 pounds of food and clothing have been sent to Ruleville, Miss. by Friends of SNCC here.

Dorothy Zellner, SNCC Boston coordinator, said the success of the drive "dramatically shows the sympathy people in the Greater Boston community have for the disenfranchised and dispossessed Negroes of the Mississippi Delta."

The food and clothing shipped to Mississippi was collected in 31 towns in and around Boston.

Mrs. Zellner said another 10,000 pounds would be shipped to the South in a few weeks.

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# 'OPEN' ATLANTA STILL CLOSED

ATLANTA, GEORGIA -- Atlanta has long enjoyed a reputation as a liberal center of the South, where peaceful negotiations have solved racial problems.

A glance at actual desegregation here reveals that most integration has come through direct action, boycotts or the courts.

In 1955, a Federal court ordered the city's golf courses to integrate. A suit was filed against the city's segregated school system in 1958.

A Federal court ordered the busses desegregated in 1959, and another court ordered Georgia State College here desegregated that same year.

In 1960, a Federal court ordered an airport restaurant integrated. Sit-in demonstrations began this year also.

In 1961, 177 lunch counters in 77 stores integrated after massive demonstrations, jail-ins and a boycott.

The Interstate Commerce Commission ruled bus terminals must integrate, and one Atlanta terminal eating place integrated a year later after demonstrations.

The city tennis courts closed in 1961 rather than admit Negroes.

In 1962, the city was required to drop all segregation ordinances by a Federal court.

Downtown theaters integrated after students threatened demonstrations.

"Atlanta, despite its national image as a leader in Southern race relations, actually lags behind several other Southern cities in desegregation of hotels, restaurants and schools, and in employment of Negroes in non-menial positions," the Atlanta Constitution admitted in November, 1963.

## FREEDOM IN THE AIR ALBANY, GEORGIA



FREEDOM IN THE AIR, a documentary record on Albany, Georgia is available from SNCC's Atlanta Office, 6 Raymond Street, Atlanta, Georgia,



ATLANTA ARCH -- SEGREGATIONIST Lester Maddox, (extreme right) watches police arrest demonstrators. On Jan. 26, as students were being placed in police wagons, Maddox, an unsuccessful candidate for Lieutenant Governor said, "I sure am glad to see this."

## RESISTANCE MOUNTS

ATLANTA, GA. - Anti-segregation protesters here are facing increased resistance from restaurant owners in their battle to make Atlanta an "open city."

Protesters at one eating place under attack from SNCC workers have had to face electric cattle prodders, knives and axe handles wielded by restaurant workers.

One demonstrator, SNCC worker Joyce Barrett, 25, was knocked to the ground by a white man on Feb. 8.

At the Georgian Hotel, a manager ordered the protesters away

at gun point, and a bellboy chased demonstrators with a plank.

SNCC worker Debbie Amis was burned twice with a cattle prod at Harry's Steak House, Feb. 7.

The Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference, a coalition of groups here, has voted acceptance of an action plan presented to the group last week.

The plan calls for increased adult participation in anti-segregation protests, carried on by high school and college students up until now.

Demonstrations here have been aimed solely at public accommodations, but protest leaders say they will attempt to se-

gregate jobs, better schooling and housing conditions for Negroes also.

Twenty-nine protesters, indicted by county grand jury, are facing trial this week.

They will appear before Superior Court Judge Harwood T. Pye, the same judge who held the Rev. Ashton Jones under \$20,000 bail until the Georgia Supreme Court ordered the bail lowered. (see Jones story)

Pye has insisted upon approving all bonds himself, a practice required by law but not normally followed. One demonstrator, Rev. Joseph Boone, was arrested at his home at 5:00 A.M. Feb. 8.

## SNCC NEEDS FUNDS FOR CARS

John Lewis, Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, issued a call this week for "SNCC supporters and lovers of civil rights everywhere" to donate funds to SNCC to purchase cars.

"Our staff members cannot continue voter registration work in Mississippi and Alabama without good cars," he said.

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## SNCC GETS EQUAL TIME

ATLANTA, GA. -- SNCC has demanded - and received - "equal time" from an Atlanta television station.

The station, WAGA-TV, presented an editorial criticizing protest demonstrations here and saying "it is no longer a matter of right or wrong."

SNCC protested under the Federal Communication Commission's "Fairness Doctrine" and received equal time - three prime time editorial spots - to reply.



## REV. JONES SOON TO BE RELEASED

ATLANTA, GA. - Rev. Ashton Jones, held in an Atlanta jail under high bail since August 28, 1963, may be free soon. Jones was held under a \$20,000 appeal bond set by Superior Court Judge Durwood T. Pye, until the Georgia Supreme Court ruled the bail was too high.

Pye set a new bail of \$5,000 - the Supreme Court's maximum. The elderly minister, jailed here when he tried to integrate a white-only church, may be released if Pye accepts a bank certificate presented Feb. 7 by Attorney Howard Moore, Jr. Judge Pye refused to accept a \$5,000 cash bail for Rev. Jones.

Comedian Dick Gregory, in Atlanta last week to participate in the anti-segregation drive, said Jones' time in jail was "Atlanta's shame."

The 67-year-old clergyman is a native of Georgia.

## D.C. SLUM TENANTS PROTEST DECISION

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A rent strike picket at the Bureau of Housing Licenses and Inspection here on Jan. 30 protested a decision against a slum tenant who refused to pay rent.

The pickets demanded the bureau start rent control, statutory tenancies, more low-cost housing, and that the city "do its job" in enforcing building code violations against slum landlords.

The demonstrators, all slum tenants, threaten not to pay their rent and predict "major district-wide rent strike if the city does not take action."

Mrs. Shuler's case will be appealed from the Landlord-Tenant Court of General Sessions.

## 300 STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

TUSKEGEE, ALA. - Over 300 Negro students staged a protest march on Tuskegee Institute's campus Feb. 6 and promised further demonstrations.

Student leaders have asked Tuskegee's City Council for improvements in Negro sections of the city, and for compliance with Federal orders integrating the schools here.

Student leaders said their complaints included grievances about street lighting, paving and garbage collecting in Negro neighborhoods.



PROTESTER GOES LIMP in Chapel Hill on Jan. 30. Integration drives here have been met by increased resistance from businessmen. Ammonia and beatings have been used to deter demonstrator who are pressing for an "open city" here.

## Richardson Testifies At Federal Hearing

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Gloria Richardson, head of the Cambridge (Md.) Nonviolent Action Committee (CNAC) and a member of the SNCC Executive Committee said the Cambridge Human Relations Committee was "a waste of people's time."

Mrs. Richardson, who presented a three page report on the committee's inactivity, said street demonstrations may be resumed in 10 days time.

Senator Daniel M. Brewster (D-Md.), who convened the two hour hearing that brought state and Federal officials together to discuss Cambridge's racial troubles, said the Human Relations Committee would "step up efforts" to ease racial tensions in Cambridge.

## HATTIESBURG

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Hattiesburg, was arrested Feb. 7 for "disorderly conduct" as he was standing on the county courthouse steps.

He was jailed shortly before an "edict" was issued by county officials forbidding anyone from standing on the steps.

Ministers from four religious organizations have been in Hattiesburg since a Jan. 22 "Freedom Day," picketing the courthouse and urging Negroes to register to vote.



## DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA is the subject of a SNCC booklet. Copies are available from the Atlanta SNCC office. The booklet gives a history of police brutality aimed at halting the movement there and is illustrated with photographs.

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