HATTIESBURG; George Greene arrested. "improper muffler" no other info

GREENWOOD: 45 Itta Bena people convicted. Not sentenced yet.

WASHINGTON: First Rent Strike in Washington started tonight

7 femilies, renging in number from 5 to 7 members each, occupying 1414 Gerard Street, N.W., agreed to withold rent. The landlord, David Barry, who owns several such buildings in Washington, collects over \$600 per month in rent. He supplies no services, and makes no **repairs.** Rain seeps quickly from top floor (**2** 3 floors) to basement. Rats, roaches.

The rent strike started over an eviction which occurred over one week ago. 15 students from the Nonviolent Action Group (NAG) stopped the eviction.

the seven families tonight signed this statement:

"Because af living conditions in 1414 Gerard Street, N.W., waxagraanks mikkskinsanknanknikanknakanki are unhealthy and not de safe, we agree to withold our rent from the landlord until improvements are made. When we paid our rent we expected services which the landlord has chosen to deny to us. Before we resume paying our rent to the landlord, Mr. David Barry, at the present level, this apartment building must be made sanitary and safe."

DC SNCC hopes this will spread throughout the city.

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