

# STUDENTS face MISSISSIPPI VIOLENCE for YOU!



These high school students in McComb, Mississippi, are marching to the McComb Courthouse to protest the dismissal of a 15-year-old fellow student, Brenda Travis, who had requested service at the local Greyhound Bus Station lunch counter as an interstate traveler. 113 students were arrested the day this picture was taken, and nineteen (19) face trial on October 30. On Monday, October 16, 103 high school students were expelled from their school because they refused to cooperate with injustice and sign statements incriminating themselves.

SNCC student leaders who went to McComb to help local Negroes register to vote have been beaten, jailed, and threatened with death. Three SNCC staff members are currently conducting classes for the expelled students.

SNCC's program in McComb is only part of the expanded program of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, an independent, Southwide organization, representing stu-

dent protest groups. These young people have taken time out from school and careers because they will not compromise with principle. They know that no American can be truly free until all Americans are free—even in Mississippi.

These courageous young men and women are willing to face Mississippi violence for you. What will you do for them? Your contribution will help bring justice and democracy to Mississippi. Please let them know you care!

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# FACTS

## . . . McComb, Mississippi

THE STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE opened Voter Registration Schools on August 7, 1961, in McComb, Mississippi and surrounding counties. Since that time, SNCC representatives have been subjected to police brutality, harrassment and intimidation as they struggle to help Negro Mississippians register to vote.

On Tuesday, August 15, Robert Moses—SNCC Field Representative—was arrested as he accompanied three people to the registrar's office in Liberty, Amite County seat.

On Tuesday, August 29, Moses was attacked in the street by Billy Jack Caston. Moses was accompanying two more people to the Registrar's office. Caston is the son of a Mississippi police officer.

On Tuesday, September 5, Travis Britt—SNCC Field Representative—suffered 18 blows from a white attacker as he accompanied four people to the Registrar's office in Liberty.

On Thursday, September 7, John Hardy—SNCC Field Representative—accompanied two people to Tylertown, Mississippi to register. He was struck on the head with a pistol by the REGISTRAR as he turned to leave the office. His case, *Hardy vs. Mississippi*, is now in the Federal courts.

On September 25, Herbert Lee—a 52-year-old student at SNCC's Amite County Voter Registration School—was shot and killed by State Representative E. H. Hurst. This representative of the people was never arrested, never spent one hour in jail, and was acquitted by a coroner's jury.

On Wednesday, October 4, Bob Moses, Charles McDew—SNCC Chairman—and Bob Zellner—SNCC Field Representative—were arrested on the courthouse steps in McComb and charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors. Zellner was held by a policeman while the mob beat him.

On October 5, Charles Sherrod—SNCC Field Representative—was arrested on the street in McComb, thrown into a police car, and charged with resisting arrest. Cordelle Reagen, a SNCC Staff member, was also arrested and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

PROMINENT IN THE McCOMB STRUGGLE are not only the adults who have been denied the right to vote, but youngsters who have joined the surge toward freedom led in the McComb area by SNCC volunteer workers.

On August 26, Curtis Hayes, 18, and Hollis Watkins, 20, were arrested as they sat at an F. W. Woolworth lunch counter asking for cokes.

On August 30, Robert Talbert Jr., Ike Lewis, and Brenda Travis were arrested as they sat in the local Greyhound Bus Station with interstate tickets.

On October 4, 108 students left Burgland High School, protesting the refusal of school authorities to readmit Brenda Travis and Ike Lewis.

On October 10, students returned to the school requesting the readmission of Brenda Travis after she was released from the Oakley, Mississippi Colored Girls Industrial School. School authorities agreed to the request but asked the students to sign a petition saying they would be expelled if they ever walked out again. The students would not sign.

On October 11, the students returned to school and left their petitions on the principal's desk. They were told that if they remained in school, their grades would be reduced by 10%. They would not accept this proposal.

On October 12, the students were told that if they did not return to school by Monday, October 16, at three o'clock, they would be expelled. They did not attend classes on October 13, or October 14.

On October 16, they returned to school at a quarter to three and turned in their books. The students now attend classes taught by SNCC Staff members.

**FOR SNCC TO STAY IN MISSISSIPPI YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS URGENTLY NEEDED!**

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