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RIGHTS WORKER JIMCROWED BY ARMY

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has asked Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to "act immediately to halt discrimination in the processing of inductees in Jackson, Mississippi."

The SNCC protest, from the group's chairman, John Lewis, said SNCC worker McArthur Cotton was refused service at the Air Base Grill here while he was taking a physical examination.

Cotton also said he and other Negroes were made to ride in the rear of an Army bus to Jackson from Kosciusco, his home town.

Cotton said the Jackson induction center was "totally segregated."

The SNCC worker said he protested the segregation of government facilities to officers there, and was told "the induction center is a city establishment and not controlled by the government."

Cotton said he entered the white dining room for one meal but was refused service. He said he did not eat another meal during his two day stay there.

The SNCC worker, who has been jailed three times for his participation in the civil rights drive, heads a vote drive in McComb, Mississippi.

The text of the Lewis telegram to McNamara follows:

"We call upon you to act immediately to halt discrimination in the processing of inductees in Jackson, Mississippi. McArthur Cotton, one of our workers, reports he was refused service at a restuarant where white inductees were fed and that the Jackson center is "totally segregated." Will the Army act to halt jimcrow aimed at those who are fighting to bring democracy to this country ? s/John Lewis"

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REV. JONES STILL BEHIND BARS

ATLANTA, GEORGIA: A 67-year-old white minister is still being held in an Atlanta jail.

The Reverend Bryant Ashton Jones has been in jail here since August 28. The elderly minister - a native Georgian now living in San Gabriel, Calif. - was jailed here this summer when he and two Negro college students tried to integrate all-white First Baptist Church of Atlanta.

His bail has been set at \$20,000. The church is now polling its membership on whether or not Negroes should be admitted to worship services there.