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### SNCC WORKERS STILL IN ARKANSAS JAIL

HELENA, ARKANSAS: Two SNCC field secretaries are still in jail after being arrested for "inciting to riot" as they walked down a Helena sidewalk.

William Hansen, director of SNCC's Arkansas project, said SNCC workers, John Bradford and Bruce Jordan, and the Reverend Raymond Lyles of West Helena were arrested on Friday afternoon, December 6. Jordan and Bradford had been in Helena for about six hours, Hansen said.

Bradford, 22, is from Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Jordan, 19, is from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Reverend Lyles is pastor of Pettis Memorial CME Church in West Helena.

Thirty-three people, including Hansen and Bradford, were arrested in Helena on November 16 during the first sit-in demonstrations held here.

Hansen said the three were held on \$1,500 bail each. Bradford and Jordan were working on a voter registration project in Phillips County.

Helena is on the Mississippi River in Arkansas' Delta. Negroes are 53.9% of the county's population, according to the 1960 Civil Rights Commission Report on Voting. Only 28% of the eligible Negroes are registered voters, however.

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### HENRY APPEALS LIBEL SUIT

CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI: A libel suit filed against Aaron Henry, recent gubernatorial candidate on the Mississippi Freedom Ballot, has been appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The defamation suit, filed by the chief of police and the district attorney, resulted from a press conference following Henry's conviction on a morals charge in 1962.

Henry, state president of the NAACP, was convicted in Justice of Peace Court in Shelby, Miss., on March 15, 1962, on charges of making perverse advances to a white teenage hitchhiker. Henry stated that the charges were a complete fabrication, and presented an alibi supported by sworn witnesses.

When Henry later stated in a press conference that the prosecutor and the police chief, who figured in the trial, had conspired to frame him, Henry was sued by them for defamation.

The Mississippi State Supreme Court upheld the libel suit in a December 2 ruling, and awarded \$15,000 to the chief of police, thereby reversing an earlier decision.

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