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CAMBRIDGE MOVEMENT
TO RENEW PROTESTS

CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND- Mass demonstrations will begin here after December 22 "unless there is a substantial change in the situation."

Mrs. Gloria Richardson, Chairman of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee (CNAC) called for renewed protests in the wake of complete inaction by the city administration and businessmen.

"The Biracial Committee has made no progress and will not meet again until January 21," Mrs. Richardson said. "The Federal Housing Project has been held up until summer, and no one knows why," she said.

The housing project and biracial committee were two of the provisions of a "desegregation" agreement with white officials. The agreement was signed July 23 in the office of Attorney General Kennedy in Washington.

Cambridge was the scene of protracted demonstrations this summer. On June 14, after a near riot, Governor J. Millard Tawes called in the Maryland National Guard. The Guard still remains here.

On October 1, Cambridge voters rejected a city charter amendment, part of the "desegregation" pact, which would have banned discrimination in public accommodations.

Only 40% of the registered Negro voters here cast ballots in the election. This small number, compared to a 76% white turnout, was a vote of confidence for Mrs. Richardson, who had urged Negroes to boycott the polls.

The Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee, (CNAC) is an affiliate of the Atlanta-based Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Mrs. Richardson is a member of the SNCC Executive Committee.

The December 22 date marks the end of a one month moratorium called by CNAC in commemoration of the death of President Kennedy.