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STATEMENT FROM SNCC IN SUPPORT OF BOND!

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee deeply regrets that the Georgia Legislature did not protect the right of free speech in the Bond Case. We intend to protest the unjust actions of the Georgia Legislature. 136th House District, has a right to his seat and that his constituents have a right to a representative.

We "admire and support the courage" of Mr. Bond in resisting efforts by certain forces to get him to compromise his stand on the War in Vietnam. Moreover, the remarks of those legislators, supporting the Majority Resolution leaves no doubt in our minds about predominate racist character of this current legislature.

We again reaffirm the intentions of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to oppose the War in Vietnam and racism in any sector of American life. In fact, we intend to "escalate" our opposition to that war. We certainly shall escalate the exercise of our First Amendment Rights to protest injustices such as we witnessed in the denial of Mr. Bond's seat. We shall not meekly accept the slanderous remarks on our organization by members of this legislature.

We are planning many activities to mount our protest. An underlying premise of the philosophy of SNCC is that people must make decisions for themselves, therefore, we shall concentrate most of our energies within the 136th House District. We plan to ::

1. Launch a massive voter registration campaign in that district and other house districts.
2. Call for a Georgia Freedom Day on February 1st., the anniversary of the student movement, to be convened at the Georgia State Capitol. We want people from different sections of the state to come to Atlanta to protest the fact that the 136th House District is unrepresented in the Georgia Legislature.
3. To convene within the near future an exploratory conference to discuss the feasibility of forming a freedom organization, similar to the Miss. Freedom Party but in no way aligned or supporting the practices of the Democratic Party.
4. Mobilize for political action and protest.
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6. Hold mass meetings, distribute leaflets, canvass door-to-door, urging people to claim their right to representation. We firmly believe there should be no taxation without representation.
7. Invite prominent persons from all walks of life, from across the Nation to come to Atlanta to assist in many protest.