

# CRIME: They Color it BLACK

## COURT INJUSTICE SENTENCES YOUNG NEGRO IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA--Farm workers aren't the only ones under persecution in the Deep South. From Mississippi, where sharecroppers are on strike, to the strike in Florida, farmworkers are also talking about the case of Johnny C. Wilson, a civil rights worker for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) who has been sentenced to three years on a chain gang.

Wilson and 11 other SNCC workers were peacefully picketing the 12th Army headquarters here, protesting induction of Negroes to fight in Vietnam, when they were arrested after an incident between some of the demonstrators and the Atlanta fuzz.

The SNCC workers were sentenced to the Atlanta City Stockade for terms ranging from 30 to 120 days.

SNCC charged that Judge T. C. Little, who heard the case, was prejudiced because he had a son in Vietnam. The civil rights group also pointed out that Little charged Wilson with "insurrection,"

which carries the death penalty here. But this was later declared unconstitutional and the insurrection charge was dropped.

"During two weeks spent in Fulton County Jail before being transferred to serve his



sentence at the Atlanta Stockade," SNCC said, "Wilson became ill and suffered several blackouts. Prison doctors refused to admit him to the hospital.

"At the city stockade," SNCC continued, "Wilson,

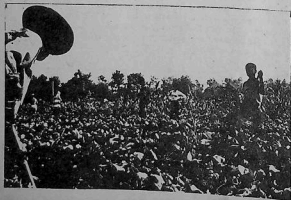


along with the other nine mass demonstrators were segregated... and sent to the hole (a box four feet by four feet by seven feet) for talking or saying 'Black Power' to their fellow prisoners."

In this hole of horror, the demonstrators were given only bread and water, one blanket, and a tin can for waste disposal. Wilson had two more blackouts in the hole, but the only medicine he was given was aspirin.

Meanwhile, bond had been set at the fantastic sum of \$36,000 total for the demonstrators. But when SNCC somehow managed to raise the money, Little was out of town. He had left orders that the prisoners were not to be freed.

The demonstrators filed



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### EDITORIAL

#### Local Newspaper-

## A SCURRILOUS ENEMY OF THE FARM WORKER



Most newspapers will give impartial news reports on what is happening in Delano. El Malcriado is rapidly increasing its circulation because its reports are based on facts and because it supports the fight for justice that the farm workers are undertaking. But in the same town of Delano a scurrilous little newspaper is published, and it is a paper that does not miss an opportunity to attack the strikers and the rest of the Delano residents.

For example, when the Leamon King home was illegally searched last week by a group of disrespectful policemen, and a claim was put forth to the City Council, the aforementioned newspaper published an article asking the people of Delano to "support our marvelous police force."

It looks as though the constitutional rights of the King family did not mean much to that newspaper. El Malcriado, on the other hand, interviewed Mrs. King and faithfully reprinted her every word. El Malcriado also said that it appeared as if someone were trying to fool the people by spreading a blanket of smoke over the incidents of the past night, in this way hiding the inexcusable conduct of the police.

After issue No. 55 of El Malcriado was in circulation, and everyone had an opportunity to read the article, the other newspaper found out and reported that Leamon King had been a sports hero and had represented the U.S. in the Olympics at Melbourne, Australia and at Stockholm, Sweden.

In a later note, this scurrilous newspaper quoted the words of Mr. Hochschild, mayor of Delano: "There is not sufficient evidence to incriminate Captain Gilbert (the policeman who led the search of the house), and as far as I'm concerned no one can be guilty until he proves himself guilty."

This statement of the mayor does not seem to be backed up by the conduct of the police, who do not hesitate in treating the citizens as regular criminals, nor by the conduct of that newspaper which always treats the farm workers as guilty and the growers as innocent.

This is only one of the many examples that show us the alliance that exists between this scurrilous newspaper, the police, and some of the growers. But for now it is enough that we let the public know who is the enemy of the farm worker.

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