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City Hall Prayer Protest Leads To Several Arrests

By Claude Sifton

Albany, Ga., July 27—Rev. Martin Luther King, 26 other Negroes and one white were arrested and jailed today during two prayer protests in front of the city hall. The group included most of the principal leaders of the anti-segregation campaign that has brought a lengthy racial crisis to this commercial and military centre in Southwestern Georgia.

Seven demonstrators who refused to get off their knees were picked up and dumped into stretchers by policemen and carried into jail.

Mayor Asa D. Kelley said he had informed the Justice Department by telephone of Dr. King's arrest. He said he felt the internationally known Negro leader was safer in prison than on the streets.

Negroes reacted angrily to the arrests. Law-enforcement officials awaited with concern the outcome of a mass meeting tonight at Shiloh and Mount Zion Baptist churches by the Albany Movement.

For the first time in the controversy, which flared up last December in a series of mass marches on the city hall, substantial numbers of whites seemed aroused.

More than 160 city policemen, state highway patrolmen, revenue officers and sheriff's deputies stood by on the alert. Governor S. Ernest Vandiver has said repeatedly that he would call out the National Guard if needed.

The demonstration followed another futile attempt yesterday by Dr. King, who is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to ar-

range a negotiating session with city commissioners.

The Atlanta minister, four men and five women arrived at the city hall in a station wagon and a sedan at 2.15 p.m. They lined up before Police Chief Laurie Pritchett and told him they wanted to see the commissioners.

Chief Pritchett replied that neither Mayor Kelley nor the commissioners were in the city hall.

"I'm asking you to leave and go about your business," he added.

The chief again asked them to leave and said that if they did not they would be arrested.

"We'll just pray until they see fit to see us," said Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, treasurer of the leadership conference and pastor of West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Mr. Abernathy assisted Dr. King in leading the 1955-56 Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott and went to jail with him in December, 1961, and again two weeks ago.

"You're creating a disturbance, as you can see," said Chief Pritchett, nodding in the direction of a handful of whites on the sidewalk nearby and at others and slowly passing automobiles. "Move on."

At this point, Dr. King said "Dr. Abernathy, would you lead us in prayer."

The demonstrators, who included Slater King, first vice-president of the Albany Movement but not a relative of the

minister, bowed their heads while Mr. Abernathy asked that the city and its officials be blessed.

When Mr. Abernathy had completed the prayer, Chief Pritchett said: "All right, you've had your prayer; you've made your point; now move on or you're under arrest."

The demonstrators stood fast.

Chief Pritchett then ordered his men to lead them into the city hall and then jail at the rear. They were held in lieu of \$200 cash bonds on charges of disorderly conduct congregating on the sidewalk and disobeying the commands of an officer.

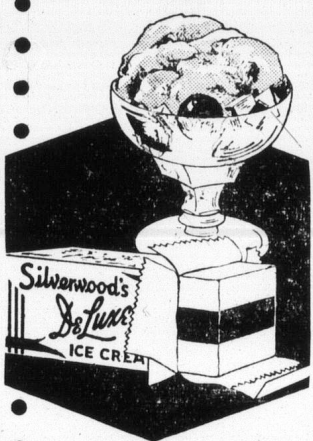
"What flavors of ice cream do you have?" asked the customer.

"The pretty waitress answered in a hoarse whisper: 'Vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate.'"

"You get laryngitis?" asked the customer, trying to be sympathetic.

"No," she replied with an effort. "Just vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate."

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hopes his sons will be around to carry on the Goose legend. Recently, during a Corpus Christi, Texas, game a young white boy slipped into the Tatum dressing room, found four-year-old Goose playing cowboys and Indians, and wanted to know: "Are you Goose Tatum's kid?" Getting a "yea both to that and another question about whether the tot traveled with his father, the visitor enthused: "Gee I guess he's the greatest basketball player in the world. Boy, I sure would like to get to travel around with him. That would be a lot of fun. Your name's Goose Tatum, too?"

"I'm the Lone Ranger," answered the kid and he scurried off to hunt badmen as if he were indifferent to basketball.

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