

C.B.King, Albany, Ga. Attorney in civil rights cases; the only Negro attorney in his area of Georgia.

C.B.King: Early in March, 1962, I appeared before the Dougherty^{erty} County Superior Court in Albany with 4 clients, to answer charges of conspiracy to commit breach of the peace. Court was in session, the judge on the bench. My clients, Charles Sherrod and Charles Jones, Negro, and Robert Zellner and Thomas Haydon, white, with Mrs. Haydon, took seats in the second row from the front. A deputy^y sherrif asked them to move to the rear. As they got up to do so the sherrif pushed Sherrod with force to the floor and dragged him on the floor to the rear. ~~Two officers~~ then siezed Zellner, sitting in the rear, by the trousers and the collar and dragged him from the courtroom, with much bumping and confusion at the revolving door. While Zellner was on the ~~ground, the floor in the hall~~ floor in the hall, he was hit. Mrs. Haydon was dragged over 3 or 4 seats and carried into a room behind the court. All this while the judge sat on the bench watching and never said a word.

Mr. King testifies concerning mass arrests in Albany, Ga. He gives instances of lack of police protection ~~was~~ for peaceful demonstrators there. He also testifies that on Saturday, April 28, 1962, 29 Negroes who stood before the Albany city hall in silent protest against the killing of a Negro, were arrested, 3 minutes after their arrival, for disorderly conduct. Bond, \$200 each; sentence, 30 days or \$200 fine. Their case is being appealed.

Henry Thomas, 20, of St. Augustine, Fla. A sophomore on scholarship at Howard University in Washington ~~xxx~~ when, in May, 1961, he left to become active in civil rights. A CORE field representative.

Henry Thomas: In January, 1962, in Huntsville, Ala., I was active with high school and college students ~~thru~~ in sit-ins ~~at~~ downtown lunch counters. Police, who followed me everywhere, knew me and my car. Police said they followed me for my safety and I believe this to be ~~mostly~~ generally true.

On the 15th, my car was parked downtown, near a sit-in, with police ~~at~~ nearby, and one near the car. My ~~car~~ car battery ~~was~~ tampered with and the car had a strange odor. The policeman said he had seen no one near my car. ~~I~~ I started the car with a booster battery and drove on, with 2 students. Someone had put mustard gas, or oil of mustard, in the seat of the car. It was stinging and burning me very badly. Police, who followed, refused to take me to a hospital. Students in another car did. I was hospitalized for a day and a half, under sedation. Police apprehended no one, but impounded my car and clothes, which they refused to return. I flew to New York for additional medical attention.

On Jan 22., Marshall Kieth, 27, ~~of~~ white, ~~is~~ a technical writer at the Redstone Arsenal who had joined us in sit-ins, was at home reading. ~~At midnight~~ ^{At midnight} two men entered, stuck a gun in his back, blindfolded him, took him to a remote part of town, partially stripped him, beat him and sprayed him with ~~chemical~~ oil of mustard. Kieth got to a nearby home; police were summoned. Kieth was hospitalized in much pain. He had grown up in Huntsville; his parents, he told me, had received threatening phone calls. To protect them, and because he could not bear the harrassment, Kieth left Huntsville to take up his life elsewhere, and left ~~his~~ forwarding address. *No one was apprehended in Kieth's beating.*