



THE REV. R. EDWIN KING JR., dressed in the uniform of a city prisoner, poses in front of the city jail.—(Journal Photo by Haywood Parvicht.)

# Integrated Diners Appeal; Release Scheduled Today

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## Minister Chops Wood, Cuts Grass For City

BY JOHN J. McDAVITT JR.  
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year-old Negro student recently expelled from Alabama State College here for participating in protest against Southern segregation, into the all-white coffee shop of a downtown hotel. The two demanded to be served and refused to leave when ordered to do so by the hotel manager, C. A. Dione.

The two men were fined \$100 each on a charge of failing to obey an officer and given a \$100 fine and hard labor on a charge of trespassing.

The pair tried to integrate the dining room of the Hotel Dinkler-owned Jefferson Davis Tuesday less than two hours after they were fined \$100 and \$43 costs in Montgomery County Circuit Court.

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## 'Righters' Cou

States Righter Frank Mizell says he and the other five unpledged nominees for presidential elector probably will wait until after the Democratic National Convention to commit themselves.

The six states righters nominated in the May primaries have said they will not support the Democratic presidential nominee if he is hostile to the South but would favor voting instead for another

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just glance at P. K.  
and did not think  
it was there — The  
Ala. reporter knew me  
Full my Mississippi  
connections — Police had  
searched my hotel room  
I found what I had  
in my briefcase —  
I talked with Hank on  
phone to engage it —

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to return to Alabama for  
to return to Montgomery for her

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Rubbing his sore hands and feeling his two-day growth of beard, King said "when laws are evil as these in Montgomery, one has the right—the moral obligation—to disobey them. We must take the situation in our own hands."

The 23-year-old Mississippi native denied he was trying to make a martyr of himself. "I can see why there is talk about my being a martyr, but I'm not enjoying it here. I'm tired. I'm not used to hard labor and I'm not trying to be a martyr."

King was sentenced to 10 days hard labor and given \$200 in fines in Recorder's Court Wednesday for leading Elroy Embury, 33,

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They were fined \$100 and \$43 costs in Montgomery County Circuit Court for participating in an integrated luncheon with a sociology professor, his wife and 10 students from MacMurray College at Jacksonville, Ill., March 31. Special circuit Judge Sam Baker found King and Embury, along with six other Negroes, including two ministers, guilty of "conduct calculated to make a breach of the peace"—the same verdict rendered against them in Recorder's Court.

"The attempt to be served at the coffee shop was all my idea," King said as he rubbed his dirty hands on his blue and white prison garb. He appeared to miss his black clergy attire. "I was a guest at the hotel and Embury was my guest. I didn't think there was anything illegal about our eating together. In fact, the manager told me if I would go to my room he would serve both of us there."

King admitted, however, he thought something would happen if he tried to integrate the all-white dining room. But a restaurant serving a Negro and a white together would be something good here.

The Methodist minister said he would try to raise bond money. "I can get the money in Boston but the guards won't let me call. The people around here (city jail guards) are not too friendly. The guards have cursed me and they told the other prisoners I am a nigger-lover."

With solemnity, the Boston student said "I consider myself in approximately the same situation as early Christian martyrs who were put to death for refusing to put incense on the statue of the emperor. We refused to put a pinch of incense on the idol of segregation."

King paused for a minute, then added "I'm getting along all right with the other prisoners and call it irony if you will, Embury and I cut grass together Wednesday and we probably will again today."

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