King Freed on \$2,000 Bond, Flies Home from Reidsville

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. flew back to Atlanta Thursday from the state prison at Reidsville after a DeKalb County his daughter-in-law his sympathy judge ordered his release on a about the jail sentence. \$2,000 appeal bond.

tic audience that he is switching moral courage to stand up for his vote—and support—to Sen. what he knows is right." Kennedy because of the Demo- Following his father to the said. "Freedom is not free." King case.

is co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church with his son, said he had a bar to his support. opposed Kennedy because he is a telephoned Tuesday to express to that as head of a non-partisan

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And at a "thanksgiving prayer daughter at a time like this," he service" Thursday night, King's told the crowd of some 800 per-suffering" to push their fight father announced to an enthusias- sons at the church. "He has the against segregation.

cratic candidate's interest in the speakers stand, the younger King avoided the subject of his presi-The Rev. M. L. King Sr., who dential choice other than to say

Roman Catholic until Kennedy at the Peachtree-DeKalb Airport

organization he always followed a policy of not indicating publicly his political choices.

King, terming his eight-day stay in jail "a great experience." told "It took courage to call my the church audience that Negroes

> "We must be prepared to suffer, sacrifice and even die," he

"We must continue to have the courage to challenge the system the Catholic religion would not be of segregation—an evil which no righteous person can accept, whether it is in schools, libraries, He told reporters on his arrival public parks, Christian churches,

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Rev. King Is Released on \$2,000 Bond

the ideals of our democracy."

Dr. King said he took part in the lunch counter sit-ins last week | SAYS OATH UPHELD

for all that is taking place in Atlanta today."

King was released after Judge bail while the Negro leader appeals his original traffic conviction to the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Georgia law.

to four months in prison, saying that when the Negro participated THANKS WARDEN refused to grant bail during ap- er Negro friend. peal of the sentence.

the original conviction itself.

filed the appeal on the conviction on Monday, the last day allowed under law.

The judge said he had been l under pressure on both sides in the case. "Pressure" for release "has even come from those close to a presidential candidate," he

Later Mitchell said the person John F. Kennedy Kennedy.

Kennedy headquarters in Washington issued the following statement to The Constitution Thursday night:

"Robert F. Kennedy said tonight he telephoned Judge Mitchell to inquire as to whether the Rev. Martin Luther King had a constitutional right to bail.

"Mr. Kennedy said he did this after many inquiries were made at his office concerning this matter. Mr. Kennedy said, 'That is the extent of the matter and any suggestion that interference was involved is untrue."

Candidate Kennedy King's wife Wednesday to ex-

that he had telephoned Mrs. King He called on his followers not Wednesday night to express his to rest "until we have achieved sympathy over the jailing of her husband, but he said, "I had nothing to do with his release.")

as a follower, not a leader. He | Mitchell in his prepared statepraised Atlanta University Sys- ment said, "I would like to say tem students for the "creative that this pressure has not influvictorious moments last enced me in any of my decisions in this matter and will not influence me in any judicial decision that I have before me at any time.

Shortly after Mitchell signed the order, Hollowell rented an air-Oscar Mitchell of the DeKalb plane to return King from Reids-Criminal and Civil Court granted ville, where he was sent early Wednesday morning.

(Corrections Director Forrester year, 75 persons who were con-Mitchell said he had "no alter- victed of, or pleaded guilty to, native" but to release King under | driving without a license served time in the state penitentiary The judge had sentenced King system. He said 483 others paid a fine and served no time.)

in recent sit-ins, he violated pro- King, upon his release from the bation conditions on a suspended prison, thanked the prison warden sentence for driving without a and walked out in company of his Georgia driver's license. Mitchell lawyer, a clergyman and one oth-

Dr. King arrived at the Peach-But under law, Mitchell said tree-DeKalb Airport at 5:50 p.m., in a prepared statement, King had where he was greeted by a group a right to bail while appealing of about 25 Negroes. About eight college students carried signs say-King's attorney D. L. Hollowell ing "Welcome back, Dr. King."

Continued From Page 1 press concern over the jailing, Among those greeting him were son; a sister, Mrs. Christine Farat lunch counters or public libraries."

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