

4 Youths And Nazi Locked Up

By BILL SHIPP

A heel-clicking "American Nazi" and five teen-agers were convicted Wednesday of interfering with Atlanta's school desegregation.

The "Nazi" and four DeKalb County teen-agers were apprehended, charged, tried, convicted and sentenced within 3½ hours Wednesday morning.

These five protested that their rights were being violated when they appeared before Municipal Judge Luke A. Arnold. All five received sentences of from 30 to 60 days at the city stockade.

GIVES SALUTE

Bill Gene Cody, 24, of Arlington, Va., who said he was a member of the "American Nazi Party," clicked his heels, gave a Hitler salute and shouted "Sieg Heil" at Judge Arnold when he was sentenced to 30 days for disorderly conduct (disturbing a public school.)

The four DeKalb youths and their sentences were:

Jerry Quillan Dutton, 18, of 410 East Howard Ave., Decatur, who said he was president of the "Knights of the Confederacy," 30 days for disorderly conduct (disturbing a public school.)

Ronald Thomas Farmer, 18, of 1855 Long Dr., Decatur, sentenced to two 30-day terms to run consecutively, one for disorderly conduct (disturbing a public school), the other for violating the city's knife ordinance by carrying a "hawk-billed knife."

PISTOL AND HAMMER

George Smith Obear IV, 17, of 3347 Mountain Drive, Avondale, 60 days for disorderly conduct. Detective Captain R. E. Little testified a loaded pistol and a claw hammer were found in Obear's car.

Ronnie Edward Mashburn, 17, of 3130 Santa Monica Dr., Decatur, 30 days for disorderly conduct (disturbing a public school).

The fifth teen-ager, James Edward Satterfield of 1038 Oak St., SW, was taken into custody after Supt. J. L. Tuggle said he ignored

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YOUNG MEN STAND BEFORE JUDGE IN MUNICIPAL COURT

L-R: Ronald T. Farmer, Ronnie E. Mashburn, George S. Obear, Jerry Q. Dutton

Nazi and 4 Youths Sentenced to Jail

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an order to move on from a point near Brown High School.

Satterfield was arraigned before Municipal Judge James Webb and sentenced to serve 30 days in the city prison farm.

The DeKalb teen-agers were arrested in the vicinity of Murphy High School after they failed to obey a police order to leave the area. Two of the youths, at first, refused to give their names, police said.

Farmer took off his shoes and attempted to run across a field when police started to arrest him, Capt. Little said.

ARRESTED AT GRADY

Cody, who told officers he was a "storm trooper sent here by Commander (Lincoln) Rockwell," was arrested at Grady High School when he failed to obey an officer's order to leave the area.

Cody argued with officers and attempted to make a speech when he and the others were run through a police lineup.

During the lineup, Capt. Little asked Cody, "Who do you work for?"

"The American Nazi Party," Cody said.

"What is the business of the American Nazi Party?"

"It's Nazi business," Cody replied.

Before leaving the lineup stage, Cody clicked his heels, saluted and yelled, "Sieg Heil" at newsmen. The reporters laughed and so did Cody.

"BIGGEST CHAPTER"

Dutton said in court that as president of the "Knights of the Confederacy" he went to Murphy High School to "stop racial violence. . . . We have our biggest chapter at Murphy."

Dutton protested that he had "cooperated fully" with officers' orders to leave the scene. He said he started in one direction, away from the school, and decided it was too far to walk. When he started to walk toward the school, he was arrested.

Dutton said in court that the police "laughed at us" when the youths asked to call a lawyer.

LITERATURE FOUND

Obear, in whose car was found a loaded pistol and a stack of anti-integration literature, said in the police lineup that he hadn't planned "to use the pistol right now."

Obear said he carried the pistol in his car "for protection . . . because I play in a band and have to stay out late at night."

Farmer, found in possession of a hook-bladed knife, said he went to Murphy High School out of curiosity when "I saw a bunch of photographers standing around like buzzards."

Farmer said he didn't know he had the knife in his pocket. "I can't stick nobody with it," he protested to the judge. He said it was a roofing knife.

WAS HITCHHIKING

Mashburn said he was hitchhiking to Atlanta to buy a car when he was picked up by the other boys.

"We wasn't saying nothing to nobody," when arrested, Mashburn said.

School records show that Obear and Mashburn were students at Avondale High School last year, but hadn't registered at the school during regularly scheduled registration Wednesday. The records also show that Dutton graduated from Avondale last June and that Farmer is a student at Southwest DeKalb High School.

Capt. Little told the court that he had received information that Dutton and Obear planned to lead a march of the Knights of the Confederacy to Murphy High.

COULDN'T MAKE IT

The captain also told newsmen that he understood that Lincoln Rockwell of Arlington, Va., leader of the American Nazi Party, had planned to bring his other "storm troopers" to Atlanta to protest desegregation. But Rockwell couldn't make it, Captain Little said, because his "hate bus" broke down at the last minute.

Judge Arnold lectured the defendants and said he wanted "these boys straightened out." He pointed out that it was his duty to see that the "law of the land" is upheld.

The DeKalb teen-agers were fidgety while before the judge and Obear appeared to be in tears as he left the courtroom. But Cody, who had stripped off his khaki shirt before appearing in court, stood at parade rest before Judge Arnold. He wore a white t-shirt, emblazoned with the words, "Whites Have Rights Too."

Judge Arnold said he anticipates no appeals in the case.

"After this thing blows over I will give the cases reconsideration," Judge Arnold said. "What I'm trying to do now is protect these young fellows as well as other children at the schools. Tension is pretty high now but it will be over in a few days."

Mayor William B. Hartsfield hailed the lightning-fast justice




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'AMERICAN NAZI'

Bill G. Cody



and commented, "That's the end of those rabble rousers."





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