

Julian Bond Speaks Here

SNCC Official Decries 'Muzzling'

A candidate's right to voice personal views while seeking election is the key issue in the reinstatement battle of a Georgia legislator denied his seat after opposing the Vietnam war.

So spoke the man himself, Atlanta civil rights leader Julian Bond, who arrived here Tuesday for three speaking dates under sponsorship of Cincinnati Friends of SNCC (Students Non-Violent Coordinating Committee).

Mr. Bond, a SNCC official, was denied his seat last January by vote of the Georgia House of Representatives, was elected again in voting to fill the resulting vacancy in his district, and now faces a May 23 hearing before the



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... appealing decision

Georgia House Rules Committee on a new challenge.

An appeal of the original action is pending before the U. S. Supreme Court.

"The real interest in me and SNCC should not be in me," he said, "but in the meaning of what happened to me as it relates to people who want to run for public office anywhere, particularly in the South because it's such a reactionary and conservative part of the country.

"If we don't get relief in this particular case it just means a deadening of politics all over the country — and it's dead enough as it is."

Mr. Bond spoke Tuesday night at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. He speaks today at 1:30 p. m. to Xavier University students and faculty and at 8 p. m. to the public at Christ Church.

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