Sumrall Gets 5 Yrs. On U.S. Draft Charge

BY EDWARD HURST

JACKSON, Miss.—After 27 minutes of deliberation, a federal jury of eight women and four men found John Otis Sumrall guilty of obstructing induction into the armed forces.

U. S. District Judge Harold Cox imposed the five-year sentence last Tuesday after 11 days of testimony.

Last May 19, Sumrall had refused to report for military duty at the ages of 18 and 19. He was ordered drafted into the army under the Selective Service Act after a draft board classified him 1-B.

After the verdict was read, Judge Cox asked the defendant if he had anything to say. "I have not had the opportunity to speak," Sumrall replied.

The government's evidence was presented by Assistant U. S. Attorney H. H. Grooms.

Sumrall's defense attorneys—Justice Department lawyers—argued for a manslaughter verdict.

When Sumrall was on the stand, Judge Cox asked him, "If there had been colored people running about Negro Deputy Tom "Preacher" Cox, would you have arrested him?" "I don't know what he did," Sumrall replied.

Judge Cox denied the defense's request to introduce evidence that the defendant was in fact a law-abiding man.

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College-Level Racism

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By LAURA ENGLE

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Men, Women, and Children Throughout the State

PLAY BALL!

Photos by Jim Peppler
Reading Classes Taught With 'Loving Kindness'

BY ROBIN REISIG

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - "Let my people go!" answered God, the deep voice of God, the Negro.

"Let my people go!" echoed Moses, a young white maddened darkness.

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New Montgomery College Remains In Education Appropriation Bill

SWAFCA Hit

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The Alabama House of Representatives on Thursday added its own amendment to a Senate resolutionauthorizing the use of $10 million to help finance the $35 million construction of the new Southeast Alabama Farmers Cooperative Association (SWAFCA) plant.

The resolution said: "The SWAFCA plant in Enterprise is too far away to serve the local farmers. It has been granted funds for the specific purpose of providing their areaAlabama farmers, and not for raising the economic level of two farming areas which could be more effectively aided by adding these

"We are not satisfied with the Senate's version of the resolution," said Rep. Joe L. Reed, the House majority leader. He said the Senate amendment would have "doomed the enterprise plan" and that the Senate version was too "political." Reed said that the House would consider the resolution on its own merits.

The House version would provide $7 million for the SWAFCA plant, while the Senate version would provide $10 million. The House version was passed by a vote of 60-44, with 34 Republicans and 26 Democrats voting in favor.

The SWAFCA plant, which is scheduled to be completed in 1980, will serve as a marketing cooperative for Alabama farmers. The plant will process and package fresh produce, and it will be located in Enterprise, Alabama.
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Two Lowndes Ladies Get Notary-Public Commission

BY BETI WILLCOX

Miss Barbara Jean Goldsmith of Ft. Deposit were two of the about 40 people showed up for the meeting, most of them from rural communities. "I call these meetings to get things notarized before," said Mrs. McGUI, "I would almost say that is its major purpose."

The meeting—first of the kind in the Lowndes area—was attended by community leaders who were concerned about the lack of procedures where they could get things notarized. The meeting was held in the Vicksburg Chapel.

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