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# Methodist Church Is Called 'Unconcerned'

By The Associated Press

Nine persons convicted of disturbing public worship here easter in an attempt to crack church segregation gained freedom Tuesday under bond.

The group, seven white Methodist ministers and two young Negro men, were sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$500 after a hearing Tuesday before City Judge James L. Spencer.

They were arrested Easter Sunday in front of the Capitol Street Methodist Church when ushers summoned police to lead them off as they were "not welcome" at the church.

An attorney for the group said an appeal would be made.

The ministers, after posting bond, issued a statement terming the Mississippi Methodist church, "a church of capitivty."

"The Methodist Church in Mississippi has no concern with plight of the Negro and lacks the vision or the will to do anything about it," Dr. Everett Tilson, a faculty member of the Methodist Theological school in Delaware, Ohio said.

The minister said the group came to Mississippi out of a "concern to demonstrate the oneness and unity of the church of Jesus Christ."

The minister said the only friendly religious leaders to visit them in jail were two Roman Catholic priests.

Rev. Tilson said the treatment given the group by police and public officials was "better than the treatment some of The Methodist Church leaders gave us."

Released on bonds of \$500 besides Rev. Tilson were Dr. Van Boagard Dunn, dean of the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio; Dr. Jeffrey

Hopper and Dr. Paul Minus, members of the faculty; Dr. Henry Clark of the Union Theological Seminary, New York; Dr. Tyler Thompson, Garrett Theological School, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. David Randolph, Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N. J.; and Negroes Robert Talbert, 22, of McComb and Dave Walker, 19, of Jackson.