

Ruling Punctures RFK's Soft Rights Bill Stand

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CP Urges Support To Cuban Relief

THE COMMUNIST PARTY of the USA issued the following statement last week in connection with the disaster caused by Hurricane Flora in the Caribbean:

"The devastation caused by Hurricane Flora in Cuba and Haiti and the great loss of life, destruction and economic hardship have called forth a great wave of solidarity in all parts of the world, including people of our own U.S.

"A number of people organizations are already working to collect funds, food, clothing and urgently needed medicines. These groups have addressed themselves to an expression of sympathy and aid."

"We call upon all members and friends to be in the forefront of this activity and to give their organizations for the collection of urgently needed aid."



By FRED GILMAN

THE SUPREME COURT'S reversal of the conviction of 570 Negro students arrested at a demonstration in Orangeburg, S. C., three years ago, strikes a blow against the state of South Carolina's "law of the peace" statute against civil rights demonstrators.

The provision in this statute, which is one of the most repressive laws in the South, provides that any person who is arrested on the basis of a Negro's demand for civil rights, for being in a public place, or for participating in a demonstration, shall be liable to be arrested and held in custody for 30 days without a hearing.

The Orangeburg Negro students were arrested in 1960, in 1961, and 1962, in 1963, and 1964. The Supreme Court decision in 1963 was a landmark in the history of the struggle for civil rights in the South.

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