

Bruce Hartford  
819 Pearl St.  
Grenada, Miss.

WEEKLY WATTS REPORT-GRENADA MISS.

~~Satx8/8x~~

- Fri-8/2- Friday night the formerly white high school (John Rundle) had it's opening football game at the stadium. 2 car loads of Negroes went out to the stadium to go to the game. They were assaulted by gangs of white teenagers who were waiting outside the stadium in case any Negroes tried to get in. Pat Lock, Constabel of Beat 5 drew his pistol and smashed in the windows of one of the cars. Local youth leader Robert Johnson was beaten by the mob. Later a Negro man was driving by the stadium and the teenagers began to throw rocks at his car he sped up to get away and was arrested by state troopers on a traffic charge. There was the regular night march, 180 people.
- Sat 8/3- Regular Night march, about 180 people. SCLC Worker R.B.Cottenreader and Robert Johnson ate in a white restaurant, afterwards, as they were leaving a white man threw a bottle at them. Cottenreader and Johnson were arrested the next morning (Sunday) on a warrent charging disturbing the peace because of the incident.
- Sun. 8/4- Robert Johnson after being released from jail was re-arrested after another ~~whitt~~ white man attacked him while he was walking ~~z~~ along the sidewalk. Regular Night march about 150.
- Mon. 8/5- SCLC worker Bruce HARTford was attacked by a white man while on the way to Bellflower church. When SCLC worker Willie Bolden went to speak to the police about the incident he was arrested on a warrent that was about 3 weeks old. Because of the harrasment arrests and the attacks on civil rights workers it was decided to have a daily afternoon marches as well as night marches. Afternoon march had 150, night march 180.
- Teus. 8/6- There was an afternoon march of 120 and night march of 150
- Wed. 8/7- Afternoon march of 120 night march of 160
- Thur. 8/8- Today was the ~~liquor~~ election. The drys won by a small margin. Most of the Negroes who have been register by the movement (those since the Meridith March) were not allowed to vote because ~~z~~ of a rule that they had to be registered 4 months. There was a night march of 130, and afternoon march of ~~z~~ 100/
- Fri. 8/9-

Frid 8/9- Today construction was began on a Negro supermarket. This supermarket is beign rushed to completion to support the E "Grenada Blackout" campaign which is in it's 3rd month. This "Blackout" has been (by admission of the white power structure) "Extremely effective" IT is estimate that it is 85-95% effective among Negroes and many whites are not shopping in Grenada, because of the pickets and marches. The afternoon mrch was about 120 the night march about 120/

Sat. 8/10- There were 3 marches today. The 10:00 A.M. march had 220. the 4:00 P.M. march had about 180. About 60 whites were already marching in the square when we arrived. They were circling the square in the same manner that we do, they carried ~~xixgx~~ racist signs and did a lot of catcalling. When we arrived at the square the police ordered us not to march but we ~~ix~~ ignored the order and began to circle the square. There was just barly room around the square for the 2 marches. THE night march had about 180 people. When we arrived at the square the whites were again marching around the square. This time they had enoght marchers to occupy most of the square. We had to march alongside them on the street side. At one point Alphonso Harris, march leader was hit by one of the marching whites as was SCLC worker Mike Bibler, ~~ix~~ We marched along side the whites for about 30 minutes then left the square.

Love

Grenada

P.S. we didn't get last weeks WATTS report.