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Selma: Tom Brown

Tom is in Selma for the trials tomorrow (left over from October). Chico is in Jackson on his way to Selma. Will be there tomorrow.

Tom Brown: re Bishop College, Dallas: was called into the Dean's office about five times saying that 'they don't need demonstrations there'-- also issued a warning that no SNCC literature is to go on to campus. Tom will try to 'filter it thru the campus'.

Pres. of student body Charles Randel was expelled from Bishop College - 'his attitude was bad and he was insubordinate to personnel director'. After he was expelled several, withdrew, but the college President was able to convince the bulk of the student body not to withdraw as they had been threatened.

Hattiesburg: Sandy Leigh

Luther Collins, 19, Hattiesburg, picked up last night at about 8pm. He was picked up for speeding (he was going 37mph in a 30 mph zone). Cops took car too. They released both on bond (\$9.50). The car had sugar in the gas tank when released. His trial is Thursday in city court (city court sits two days each week, Monday and Thursday). Judge Mildred H. Norris will preside (she tends to do things like placing civil rights cases between obviously guilty cases, finds those cases innocent and sentences civil rights cases harshly-- i.e. suggesting that so long as you stay within 'structure' you're OK. She also gives very paternalistic lectures about not wanting to sentence them, but as long as they act the way they do she has no choice.

Ran an article Monday that the ten ministers and Moses forfeited their bonds since they didn't show up in court for first seating of Feb. session. They neglected to mention that none of the 11 were supposed to be in court. The article had what seems to have been the intended effect, because now people are afraid to put up bond.

New York Office: Monsonis

There is a 1/2 page add in today's NY Times for SNCC. The add as originally submitted by SNCC was not accepted by the Times and revisions had to be made. The add told briefly the story of Lewis Allen, his role as witness to the Herbert Lee shooting and his own subsequent death. The Times would not print a quote from Allen saying that he had seen the shooting nor would it accept the portion of the text stating that Lee had been killed by 'a State Representative'. In a second text the Times deleted the words 'mass arrests' in relation to voter registration activities.

As the text now stands it contains some information about Allen's death and the fact that he was a witness to the Lee killing, but doesn't state the connection directly as in the earlier text. It also has a general discussion of intimidation relating to voter registration (e.g. beatings, Travis shooting)

Monsonis feels that the Times is attempting to avoid any reference to the fact that the power structures or official authorities in these communities are against the movement.

\$2000 has come in for car rental fund; Miles Davis Concert is tonight which should net about \$10,000 (net all for us).