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INCIDENT SUMMARY -- MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER

1. Shaw -- Two Negro students active in August high school boycott denied readmission on opening day.
2. Jackson -- Six policemen entered COFO office with bench warrant for "Him", talked with Mat Suarez for a while and then left.
Tchula -- Henry Lorenzi arrested for carrying a concealed weapon (bread knife). Highway Patrol set up road blocks to question people returning from meeting at Community Center.
3. Drew -- Louis Hayes, local Negro youth, grabbed by a clerk while trying to buy cigarettes. Later chased and shot at by police after he fled.
Hattiesburg -- Robert Beech--head of the Ministers Project here--assaulted by store owner while trying to buy stepladder. Owner later arrested.
Marks -- Whites in car try to run down four local boys.
Philadelphia -- Five whites, including Sheriff Rainey and Deputy Price, arrested in connection with Civil Rights incident last Winter. Rainey and Price--out on bond--repeatedly drive past COFO headquarters.
Canton -- Highway Partol set up roadblocks on routes 43 and 16 leading from Jackson to Canton. Stop all cars and check licenses. FDP rally held here this afternoon.
Moss Point -- Robert Blow, Charles Glenn and Robert Nixon arrested on charges of bootlegging, speeding, vagrancy, and driving without a license.
McComb -- Ursula Junk received five death threats.
Belzoni -- Henry Ware, Lloyd Jackson, Joe Lee, John Thomas, Debbie Harper, David Carpenter and Eddie Country, all local negroes, arrested on charges of criminal syndicalism.
Jackson -- Willie Shaw and James Jones arrested on charges of speeding and refusing to obey an officer.
Leake County Project Director Theodis Hewitt arrested on charges of speeding and reckless driving.
Belzoni -- Joe Lee, a local Negro, hit on head by Negro policeman. Ellis Jackson went to investigate and was arrested for disturbing the peace and refusing to obey an officer.
Marks -- Three Whites beat Klondike Abbot, local Negro, with a blackjack and stick, then slashed him with a knife and left him lying in the road. Abbot was on his way to an FDP rally. The hospital in Clarksdale refused to treat Abbot without money in advance.
Willy Thomas was shot at by Whites in a car as he was walking home from the rally.
Lloyd Brown and James Phipps had guns pulled on them while returning from the rally.
4. Meridian -- Whites fired five rounds of buckshot into the house in which Gunter Frenz lives. The shots were fired into the room in which Frenz would normally have been sleeping, but he was at the time in the rear of the building with two other COFO workers.
Vicksburg -- A dynamite bomb exploded underneath the rear of the Freedom House, destroying 8,000 volume library and causing \$10,000 - \$12,000 damage. 14 people who would normally have been in the rear of the building at the time were in the front chatting.
Marks -- Policeman offered to pay James Phipps to leave town (see 10/3)
Meridian -- local citizen tipped off police about bomb threat to COFO office.
West Point -- three crosses burned.
Indianola -- 13 people, including James Dann, Charles Scattergood arrested after trying to integrate Weber's Restaurant. Charges of trespassing. Total bond \$3750.
Marks -- two Whites in car try to run R. v. and Mrs. Ward and Allen Goodner off the road.
5. Canton -- Project Director George Raymond hit by a White at the courthouse, and local woman arrested for profanity while describing the incident to a policeman.
Tupelo -- Emmie Schrader arrested for reckless driving and possible car theft
Belzoni -- Two local Negro youths arrested for criminal syndicalism, later released to custody of attorney Frank Jones.
Marks -- Police accuse Klondike Abbot (see 10/3) of lying about car containing men who beat him. Threatened to fine him \$1000 and send him to the penitentiary, saying "those damn niggers at COFO want help you!"
6. Canton -- Police entered Freedom House, claiming to have proper warrant but not showing it. When George Raymond challenged them on this, one of the policemen told him, "I do what I damn well please!"

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28. Columbus -- Norman Chastain arrested for improper license plates.
Marks -- Joe Bateman arrested for trespassing. Bateman had gone with four local Negro high school students attempting to register at a white school earlier in the day.
Canton -- Bob Williams arrested for improperly overloading a truck and improper license.
McComb -- Two clergymen arrested while canvassing. Charges unknown.
John Beecher's car object of arson attempt.
Columbus -- Howard Schulman arrested for disorderly conduct and distributing literature without a permit.
McComb -- Five of those held in jail--now released--reported physical abuse while in custody. Mrs. Quinn's arm was caught in an electrical jail door when the jailer closed it; Rev. Campbell, Douglass Jenkins, Mrs. Spinks, and Marshall Ganz reported having been kicked, knocked around, or having their arms twisted. Mendy Samstein reported having seen Mrs. Spinks pushed around and having her arm twisted by a state investigator who earlier in the Summer had told Ursula Junk that she "ain't got no rights in Mississippi.
29. Ruleville -- Shot fired through the window of James King Dairy Bar. In the window were posters with pictures of Lyndon Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, and Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer. The King family was in the building at the time.
Philadelphia -- Johnnie Finley, who had testified before the Biloxi Federal Grand Jury probing Civil Rights cases in Neshoba County, was shot in the arm as he walked along the railroad tracks. Two threatening letters thrown on the porch of Linda Johnson's home. She also had testified at the Biloxi hearing.
Indianola -- Fred Winn and George Winter arrested for refusing to turn out the lights at an outdoor mass meeting. Police waited five minutes after arresting the two and then poured into the meeting hitting people with billy clubs. 13 people arrested.
30. Sardis -- Benjamin Graham and Christopher Williams arrested while canvassing on plantation. Charges of Trespassing
Belzoni -- Richard Simpson and Curtis Lee, 11 Negro girl, arrested while canvassing. Miss Lee held for several hours and then released, Simpson charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
Iuka -- Clifford Trice arrested on charges of reckless driving. Police tried to break into the trunk of his car, but stopped when he told them the car was rented.
Ocean Springs -- Dicky Flowers arrested for reckless driving
31. Holly Springs -- Antioch Baptist church burned to the ground. Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party meeting had been held in church the night before. The church housed a freedom school and was to have been a Freedom Vote polling place.
Greenwood -- Police entered Blake's cafe, Freedom Vote Polling place, claiming they were checking on illegal liquor sales, ripped down posters.
Belzoni -- Curtis Lee reported that police chief Nicholson asked her to sign complaint against Graham (see 10/30)
Ripley -- Cleve Sellers and Francis Mitchell stopped by highway patrol while going to investigate burning of Antioch Baptist Church (see 10/30) The area is closed off. Mitchell arrested for improper license.
West Point -- John Bell, Robert Gilman, Eddie Brooks arrested for "exhibiting printed matter without a permit". Edward Ziss arrested for improper tags and improper drivers license

ADDITIONS:

- Oct. 20 Indianola -- FDP worker kicked in face and hit by local white man. SNCC Photographer Cliff Vaughn beaten outside town by whites.
Lambert -- Five FDP workers run out of town by two whites.
- Oct. 21 Indianola -- Insurance cancelled on church after it was used for FDP meeting.
- Oct. 22 Tchula -- Home of Hartman Turnbow, FDP delegate to National Democratic convention shot into. Four bullets lodged in wall.
- Oct. 26 Indianola -- FDP volunteer hit in the face at courthouse while escorting four Negroes to apply for voter registration test.
Pascagoula -- Two FDP workers arrested on traffic charges.
Tallahatchie County -- Two FDP workers threatened by police and had gun pulled on them while talking about FDP in cafe.
- Oct. 28 Three FDP workers arrested on charges of car theft. Quitman
- Oct. 30 Meridian -- Rick Lowenstein, Jeremy Camera, Susan Gulick, Joseph Cross and "Marge" Henderson arrested on charges of distributing leaflets without a permit.

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7. Marks -- Police entered COFO office without a warrant, looking for secretary of local Mississippi Student Union, found Alan Goodner, James Pete, and Ernest Harris playing blackjack (no money involved) and arrested them for gambling. They were immediately tried in the mayor's office and fines were levied.
Jackson -- Integrated group refused service at local restaurant; were told that place was closing.
8. Columbus -- Building which was used as project headquarters this summer was burned, seriously injuring Mrs. Essie Goodwin.
Valley View -- interference with radio communications.
Marks -- Klondike Abbot (see 10/3), Lemon Abbot and J.D. Powells jailed. Charges unknown.
9. Batesville -- Lafayette Surney and Louis Grant arrested for speeding.
Gulfport -- Charles McKeller arrested for refusing to move off a highway in time of emergency.
Jackson -- Eight students suspended from Lanier High School for wearing SNCC buttons.
Greenwood -- Family active in Movement evicted from plantation
Valley View -- Burst of six shots fired near the Freedom House, followed by another burst of seven shots, evidently from a high powered automatic rifle.
10. Ruleville -- After being refused service at a segregated cafe, five persons were shot at from a car as they walked home.
11. Clarksdale -- Ida Mae Taylor and Jim Adams arrested for speeding and improper equipment.
13. Pascagoula -- cross burned
Jackson -- Mound Bayou project director Jimmy Ross arrested on charges of profanity.
15. Belzoni -- William Ware, Robert Bass, Ellis Jackson and Joe Stigler arrested for criminal syndicalism.
16. Tchula -- Don Hamer arrested for improper lights.
Greenwood -- Jacqueney arrested for reckless driving. Victoria Gray was with him at the time, and he was pushed around because he insisted on calling her "Mrs. Gray".
Natchez -- Bomb threat. Chico Weblett arrested for improper tags.
Jackson -- Radio communications jammed.
Valley View -- Spotlights shined on Freedom House.
17. Canton -- George Raymond arrested for interfering with an officer.
18. Mileston -- At the opening ceremonies for the Mileston Community Center, Stokeley Carmichael, direct of the 4th Congressional District (Delta) was arrested for interfering with an officer, blocking traffic and disobeying an officer. He was crossing the street. John Allen was arrested while trying to photograph the incident. Highway Patrol patrolled the highway in front of the community center during the entire dedication.
19. Indianola -- James Dann beaten in front of the house where he lives. The white assailant pulled a knife on Charles Scattergood when he came out of the house.
Union County -- two crosses burned.
20. Itta Bena -- Bruce Gordon and Walt Shepard arrested for speeding.
Marke -- Frank Morse forced off the road and beaten by three white men. The three then held him while a fourth urinated on him.
23. McComb -- Ernestine Bishop, Karen Pate, and Jesse Harris were arrested on charges of "operating a food handling establishment without a permit". After these three were released on bond, the police arrested John Wilkins, Marshall Ganz, Dennis Sweeney, J.V. Smith, Lorie Smith, William Powell, Ursula Junk, Candy Brown and Rev. Henry Bowie were arrested on the same charge. The staff eats in the Freedom House. Rev. Paul Long was also arrested on charges of distributing leaflets without a permit.
24. Jackson -- Henry Parks, Benjamin Brown, Gwen Gillon, Robert Smith, MacArthur Cotton, and Margaret Burnham arrested for distributing leaflets without a permit.
25. Indianola -- A low flying plane made a pass at the Freedom School, dropped a parachute flare, then made a second pass and dropped a bomb which exploded in mid-air. At the time there were 250 people attending a mass meeting inside.
26. McComb -- Freedom Day. 14 people, including Mengy Samstein, Rev. Malcolm Campbell, Dick Sternberger, Jory Jeeter, and Mrs. J.D. Smith were arrested at the courthouse on charges of trespassing.
27. McComb -- More arrests made on charges of trespassing, including Mrs. Aylene Quinn, Eugene Ridley, Buddy Coleman, Louis Campbell, Ernestine Bishop, Joe Martin, Douglas Jenkins, Joe Harrison, Rev. George Laurent, Dennis Sweeney, Marshall Ganz and Rev. Donald Blanchette.
28. Indianola -- Teargas bomb thrown through front room window of home of Mrs. Ann King (Sunflower). James Dann was in the house at the time.
Indianola -- Fire in office section of Freedom School