

INDIANOLA, MISS. Fred Winn/Jeanne Breaker
McKinley Mack was given a 3-month sentence (mistakenly said 2).

MONTGOMERY, ALA. Fred Meely and Larry Fox/Beanne
Yesterday Atty. Conley filed a suit in the Federal Court seeking an injunction and restraining order against the administration of Alabama State. This will restrain the college from dismissing or taking other action against students who have participated in civil rights demonstrations or exercised their First Amendment rights. The suit is also asking that the nine students expelled from school be readmitted and the amount of \$120,000 be paid them for the damage done during the two weeks they were out of school.

Today at 1:30, Atty. Conley met with Judge Frank M. Johnson, Middle District of Alabama and Federal District Court and the lawyers for the Alabama State Administration, to discuss the suit and its implications. President Watkins and Head of Student Affairs Bronson were there, but didn't enter the judge's chambers. Johnson told Conley and the school's lawyers to get together and work out an agreement by 5pm today. If an agreement is not worked out by then, the judge will make a decision. Larry Fox feels that a restraining order will be issued, but with conditions, because, he feels, the judge does not want the student to demonstrate.

from Jackson, Charlie Horwitz/Jeanne
GREENVILLE Vince Ferrar The MFLU in Greenville has signed up about 450 members in Greenville (cotton choppers, haulers, and tractor drivers). There are about 70 drivers signed up. This is very significant, because this is a skilled job. Yesterday one of the plantation bosses granted his drivers a raise of \$1.50 a day. This came after some union people had placed a strike application form in the plantation boss' mailbox. The drivers are working a 14 hour day.

Friday there will be a meeting of the tractor drivers to decide whether to take the wage increase or ~~not~~ go on strike. The other two plantation bosses in Washington County have not done anything yet.

SHAW Over 100 people attended the MFLU workshop here. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize people with the union.

MERIDIAN, MISS. For several months, Negroes have been trying to desegregate drugstores and restaurants without success. COFO attorneys filed a suit. This week Nicholas Katzenback filed the first suit under the public accommodations section of the civil rights bill, against 16 drug stores and restaurants in Meridian.

from Oxford, Miss. and Atty Arthur Kinoy:
SUIT BEGUN IN FEDERAL COURT TO POSTPONE ELECTIONS IN SUNFLOWER
Folk from Sunflower Co., Jackson, and other places in Miss. came to a hearing on the FDP suit to delay the municipal elections to be held on May 11 in Sunflower Co. for six months, and permitting any person registered within 5 days before the election to vote,

Sunflower suit--cont.

About 250 cities ~~xxxxxxx~~ throughout the state will hold elections next month (primaries).

In the ~~xxxxxxx~~ morning, our witnesses (FDP people, like Mrs. Hamer) testified about the number of people in Sunflower Co. who wanted to register. In the afternoon, the state replied. They had no legal argument at all. The only way they could attack the FDP's position was by using the technical argument that the FDP did not have witnesses from each municipality in Sunflower Co. So FDP attorneys said they would get a witness from each city.

FDP attorney Morton Stavis said that according to Federal Judge Claude Clayton's own previous ruling, when he enjoined the Sunflower Co. registrar from using a literacy test, the upcoming primary is illegal. So either he will have to rule the primary illegal before they occur, or else will have to declare the candidates illegally elected after they are elected.

Clayton said there will be a ruling soon.

ALBANY, GA. Jim Parry/Bab 7:15pm
Trials for the people arrested for sitting in at Bryant HS in Moultrie back in Feb., will come up this Monday, ^{May} 3.

SHAW, MISS. Mary Sue Gellatly/Bab 10:30 pm MFLU WORKSHOP

PLEASE DO NOT SEND FOOD AND CLOTHING TO SHAW. THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT IT YET.

The workshop of the MFLU was attended by about 100 people, from Panola, Bolivar, Washington, Humphreys, Sharkey, and Issaquena Counties. They decided to set up a state office in Shaw. They also discussed the possibility of setting up northern support groups for the union by writing their relatives in the North and asking them to organize. And also they discussed what to do for people who had gotten thrown off plantations--things like setting up tent cities.

They are having a Freedom Vote for Andrew Hawkins, who was disqualified from running for Mayor in the regular election because he had not passed the registration test.