

SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN YAZOO CITY, OCTOBER 24-PRESENT (NOVEMBER 10), 1963

OCTOBER 24. Three campaign workers, accompanied by local ministers, visited the office of a local Negro citizen. While they visited him, he was telephoned by the police and intimidated. A scheduled campaign rally was thereupon cancelled. (See Nelson Soltman statement of Oct. 24)

OCTOBER 30, NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3. George Raymond, campaign worker and CORE Task Force worker, returned to work in Yazoo City. Each day he was followed by police everywhere he went. His campaigning was generally unsuccessful. On Sunday, Nov. 3, he was followed into a Negro church, where the police spoke against him to the congregation.

NOVEMBER 4. Several campaign workers (George Raymond, Lenore Thurman, Bob Gore, Claude Weaver, Jesse Morris and Doris Erskine) accompanied by an NBC camera crew came to Yazoo City to solicit votes. There were several incidents of minor harassment, e.g. the police would not allow a sign to be posted on the trunk of the campaign car, forcing the campaign workers to stand on the sidewalk holding the sign; Police Officer Moody, according to George Raymond, wrote "aggitators" (sic) indelibly across Raymond's driver's license. Lenore Thurman was arrested when, police alleged, she handed a ballot to a man in public. George Raymond later, at the trial, testified that he had given the man the ballot, but the judge did not believe him.

NOVEMBER 7. Lenore Thurman, George Raymond, George Greene, Jesse Morris and Claude Weaver came back to Yazoo City for Miss Thurman's trial. She was convicted of distributing literature without a permit; the case is being appealed. After the trial, George Raymond went to a Negro restaurant to make a phone call; as he entered, he was kicked and cursed

by a police officer he believes to be Assistant Captain Otis. When the others in the group joined Raymond at the restaurant, they left to return to Jackson, followed by the police escort. Just inside the city limits of Flora, Miss. (in Madison County), the car was stopped and Raymond was arrested by a highway patrolman and Yazoo City police. He was arrested for reckless driving (the charge was discovered the next day by Jesse Harris, who went up to bail him out), handcuffed so tightly that the circulation was cut off in his hands, kicked while entering and leaving the car, and cuffed around in front of the police station as he was being led to his cell, in Yazoo City. Back on the highway, the others in the group were ordered out of the car. The police asked who in the group had a driver's license. When George Greer said that he had, they arrested him also, taking him into custody on an unspecified charge (later revealed as "disobeying an officer"). None of the others would volunteer the information that he or she had a driver's license, so the police sent them walking along the highway after dark. The police called a wrecker to take the car back to Yazoo City, where it is still impounded.

NOVEMBER 8. Jesse Harris, Claude Weaver, Carl Arnold, and Jesse Morris arrived in Yazoo City to pay fines or post bond for the two who had been arrested. George Raymond was released, on an appearance bond of \$250, but the police refused to release George Greene, claiming that he had been arrested in Madison County, not Yazoo County. As of Sunday, November 10, negotiations to secure his release have been fruitless.

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