

[1964, March 31]

**THE POLICE TOWN**

**CANTON**

On March 31, 1964 a fire took place on Mrs. Lula Wright's property at Farnhaven, Mississippi. The fire spreaded and accidentally burned someone else's property.

On the afternoon of June 11, 1964 around 5:00, two constables went to the home of Mrs. Wright to arrest her on a charge concerning the fire. When the officers told her she was under arrest, she asked why and was told to shut her mouth.

After being told to shut her mouth, she made the following statement. "I don't mind going to jail but I'll like to know what I am charged.

The constable then struck Mrs. Wright across the head with a night stick which left her unconscious with a hole in her head, she had to have six stitches as a result of the hitting.

Mrs. Wright has had an artificial skull, commonly known as a steel plate in her head for some time. At the present time she is in the King Daughter's Hospital and she is also in the custody of the police force of Canton, Mississippi.

Her present occupation is a Domestic Worker for Bobby Gordon.

**Witnesses**

Milton Picket

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Kissiella Stokes

Welton Stokes

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On the morning of June 12, 1964, at about 12:05 A M, a bomb was thrown at the home of Mrs. Alberta Robinson at 315 Second Avenue in Canton, Mississippi. The bomb fell about 10 feet away from the house so there was no serious damages done, it left a mark in the ground about 5 inches deep and about 12 inches wide, it had the shape of a salad bowl. The only damages were that some of the window panes were broken on the front and sides of the house.

About 3 minutes later the same incident occurred at the Pleasant Green Church of Christ at 301 Walnut Street. Damages included front glasses broken at the church and a hole was about 20 feet away from the window where the glass was broken.

We the Negro citizens of Canton, Mississippi and Madison County, Mississippi are tired of Police brutality being forced upon the Negro Citizens of this County and we demand that our Federal, State and Local Government that we pay taxes to will give us protection against this brutality such as the bombing, the shooting, the continuance beating and threats to Local Negro Citizens in Madison County. We believe that the officials are well aware of the things that are happening here.

URGENT AND IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Rev. J. F. McRee  
Mr. Wilbur Robinson  
Madison County Movement

Mr. George Raymond Jr.  
Congress of Racially Equality