

REPORT ON PRECINCT MEETINGS, JUNE 16, 1964
Mississippi

Meridian

9th--one Negro attended; noone present

10th--?

7th--two Negroes attended; no whites present; Negroes held a meeting

6th--one Negro attended; noone present; he held his Xown meeting

8th--3 or 4 Negroes attended; one of them tried to nominate himself as chairman and delegate; he was told the ~~me~~ both had already been chosen; he was present ~~when~~ at time meeting legally begins

(~~see~~ check out above with Atlanta)

Vicksburg

Jonestown Precinct--Negroes allowed to participate; no nominations for officers or delegates allowed from the floor

? Precinct--allowed to participate

Greenville

Negro nominated and defeated

3rd--1 Negro and 4 whites; loyalty resolution passed unanimously

9th--2 Negroes and 13 whites; one Negro was nominated as delegate, defeated

5th--1 Negro and 10 whites; resolution defeated for want of second; W. W.

6th--1 Negro; arrived at 9:50; at 10:05 was approached by a white ~~man~~ and told the meeting had already been held

Warr

Ruleville

9 Negroes attended; they were locked out of the ~~meeting~~ ^{building} which was in progress; held their own meeting and elected delegates

Greenwood

city hall

precinct meeting at ~~city hall~~: one group arrived and told by

of a meeting ~~and the~~ ^{at 9:45} policeman that there was no meeting there; a man came out another group arrived and was told the meeting was over; the two groups (numbering twelve, of whom 4 were registered voters) combined and held their own meeting

Clark County

get from Mickey

meeting was just adjourned.
about 6 whites were with him.

Yashoba County

3 Negroes wanted to go but met the night before and decided it was too dangerous; they filled out affidavit to that effect

Holly Springs

no meeting

Canton

8 Negroes went to precinct meeting at the Old Veterans Home; the door was locked; Gus Noble and John Chance (Noble is WOC Exec.) went to the door and were admitted. Two men from the governor's staff arrived (Harman Jones and Bob Vandell) and were admitted. Negroes continued to try to enter and were finally told the meeting was over.

They went to the Courthouse, where another precinct meeting was to have been held, and were ordered out by the sheriff. At the courthouse a law student who was present gave Mr. Ward an affidavit to fill out and was arrested for distributing ~~literature~~ leaflets. He was threatened while in jail.

~~Mr. Robinson, one of the people elected as a delegate at this meeting,~~ The Negroes held their own meeting.

Mrs. Robinson, one of the people elected as a delegate at this meeting, went to Jackson. When she returned, she was visited at her home by a white man who claimed to be assistant to the registrar. He asked her questions about how long she'd lived in her home and whether she had relatives in the city.

Clarksdale

15 Negroes and 49 whites at meeting; Negroes allowed to participate

Batesville

West Precinct: 12 Negroes, 3 whites. The whites stalled the meeting for 20 minutes while they called other whites to attend the meeting; 12 more whites came. Negroes not allowed to nominate chairman or delegates.

East Precinct: 1 Negro; allowed to vote

Courtland Precinct: 3 Negroes; there was no meeting being held

Hattiesburg:

Library Precinct: 3 whites, 7 Negroes. 6 Negroes not allowed to participate on the grounds that they had not paid their poll taxes. All were questioned on whether they were registered; election was not by secret ballot.

Meetings also attended in Belthall, Easton, Central, and Dixie Pines precincts but no word on results there.

Columbus

Northside Precinct: 3 Negroes; there was no voting, all ~~election~~ nominations accepted ~~with~~ by acclamation; 6 cops and groups of 30

white kids looked on. Negroes afraid to introduce resolution.

Southside Precinct: 1 Negro arrived; was told meeting was over

Holmes County--Thornton:

4B--looked out of meeting

5B--asked to leave meeting (not clear whether there was dispute over whether they were registered or whether some banker said he would ~~leave~~ leave if they stayed--Nancy to check out)

~~that~~

Jackson

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- 41--meeting held in a bakery; 20 whites, 1 Negro; he was told there was no meeting but stayed anyway; there was discussion between a man and woman and he was allowed to vote
- 43--5 Negroes and Lois Chaffee; allowed to vote; resolution was tabled
- 23--30 whites, 3 Negroes; allowed to vote
- 5--3 Negroes attended; held in fire house; they were told there was no meeting so they held their own outside; they stayed and saw whites ~~leave the building~~ come later and hold a meeting
- 24--4 white ladies were present; 10 Negroes attended. The ladies had a list of instructions from the party. Mr. Harrington was elected chairman and Mrs. Geneva May secretary; they elected 2 people with half vote each; Mr. Harrington was elected as a delegate and one of the white ladies was elected.