MISSISSIPPI BOMBINGS, BURNINGS SINCE JUNE 16

June 16: Philadelphia Mt. Zion Baptist Church burns to ground. Fire starts soon after Negro mass meeting adjourns.

June 21: Brandon: Molotov cocktail explodes in basement of Sweet Rest Church of Christ Holiness.

June 22: McComb: Homes of two civil rights workers planning to house summer volunteers bombed. One damaged extensively. Seven dynamite sticks left on lawn of third home.

June 23: Knights of Pythias Hall firebombed in Moss Point. Used for voter rallies.


June 26: Clinton: Church of Holy Ghost arson. Kerosene spilled on floor and lit after local white pastor speaks to Negro Bible class.


July 6: Jackson: McCraven-Hill Missionary Baptist Church damaged by kerosene fire.

July 7: Vicksburg: Bovina Community Center burn s.

July 8: SNCC Freedom House bombed; two workers injured. McComb.

July 11: Canton: Small firebomb thrown into Freedom House lawn.

Vicksburg: Amateur bomb thrown through window of Negro cafe; no damage other than broken window.

Brownings: Pleasant Plan Missionary Baptist Church burns to ground. Whites tried to buy it, Negroes wouldn't sell.

July 12: Jerusalem Baptist and Bethel Methodist churches burned to ground. Home of Negro contractor firebombed. Natchez.

July 14: Laurel: Gas bomb thrown at local Negro's home.

July 17: McComb: Mount Zion Hill Baptist Church burned or bombed to ground in Pike County.

July 19: Canton: Christian Union Baptist Church burned.


July 24: McComb: Amite County's Rose Hill Church burned to ground.

July 26: McComb: Two bombs thrown at home of local civil rights leaders.

July 25: Hattiesburg: Home of two local FDP leaders bombed.

July 29: Meridian: Mount Moriah Baptist Church burned to ground.

July 30: Brandon: Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church burned to ground.

August 10: Gluckstadt: Mt. Pleasant Church burned to ground. It had been used daily as Freedom School site.

August 12: Brandon: St. Matthews Baptist Church burned to ground.

August 14: McComb: Supermarket across street from Freedom School bombed.
Aug 14: Natchez: Tavern next door to Freedom House bombed.

Aug 18: McComb: Gasoline-filled jaround smoking under house of woman whose daughter active in civil rights movement.

Aug 20: Meridian: Church in Battlefield (near Meridian) burned to the ground on or around Aug. 20.

Aug 21: Itta Bena: Perry's Chapel burned to ground.

Aug 23: Tupelo: Arsonists set fire the COFO office, getting attic.

Aug 27: Jackson: Bomb damaged office of The Northside Reporter; editor is known to be a white moderate.


Sep 1: Meridian: Molotov cocktail explodes next door to mother of James Chaney, murdered civil rights worker.

Sep 6: McComb: Clergyman's home bombed in nearby Summit.

Sep 11: Aberdeen: Daniel Baptist Church partially burned.

Sep 14: Natchez: St. John's Baptist Church burns to ground.

Sep 16: Natchez: Two stores owned by mayor bombed; mayor earlier told journalist Natchez is armed arsenal controlled by extremist whites.

Sep 17: Canton: Cedar Grove Baptist Church burns to ground.

Sep 20: McComb: Two children injured when bomb explodes at home of Mrs. Aleyenne Quinn, leader in local civil rights movement.

Sep 20: McComb: Explosion almost completely destroys Society Hill Baptist Church in Baertown section.

Sep 22: Meridian: Fire heavily damages Battlefield Church.

Sep 24: McComb: Bomb slightly damages home of Ardis Garner, who was enroute Washington to testify before the Civil Rights Commission. Another bomb explodes near home of Matthew Jackson.

Sep 25: Natchez: Homes of Mayor John Moss and Negro Contractor Willie Washington bombed; mayor had advocated hiring Negro white-collar workers for new shopping center.

Sep 27: Jackson: Bomb destroys car of I.S. Saunders, who had housed civil rights workers this summer.

Sharon: Bomb exploded at store-and postal-station. Wife of store's owner had protested police treatment of a Negro.

Sep 26: Holly Springs: Two-alarm fire completely destroys two-story building on grounds of old Baptist College; building had recently been used by group of Negroes trying to organize union.

Oct 4: Vicksburg: Dy-amite bomb wrecks Freedom House, destroying 100,000-volume library; two of fourteen in building receive minor cuts.