

Approximately 200 people attende^A ~~the~~ mass meeting today at the site of the bombed Society Hill Baptsit church in McComb. The meeting was held without incident, despite attempts by Chief of police Guy and D.A. Pickett, to have the meeting called off. Speakers were C.C. byrant, Civil Rights leader in McComb and Pike County head of the NAACP, Joseph Harrison, McComb COFO representative of the F.D.P. and Delegate to the National Convention in Atlantic City, Cephus Hughes, associated Director in McComb, Reverend Ned Taylor, and Mrs. Ayleane Quinn. The purpose of the meeting was to hand over a check ^{of} ~~for~~ \$1000 to Rev. Taylor for the rebuilding of the church. Mrs. Quinn, whose house was bombed on ~~228~~ Sept. 20, 1964, related her experience in Washington, D.C. where she protested the McComb bombings to President Johnson. Mrs. Quinn postponed the planned Freedom day for tomorrow, until Oct. 26, because ~~228~~ Register Throtenberry is on the Grand Jury, and a Deputy Register has not been appointed. Mrs. Quinn, after being accused of "having a record a mile long", by state officials, responded by saying, "I haven't bombed anyone, I haven't robbed anyone, I haven't murdered anyone, but the record I do want to be a mile long, is the record of registered ^{voters} ~~of~~ in Pike county." The meeting ended with the signing of WE SHALL OVERCOME. As the last verses were hummed, Rev. Taylor pronounced the benediction in ~~lew~~ of the registration Drive planned for tomorrow. Instructions in procedures of registering to vote, will be held at the McComb COFO headquarters, 702 Wall Street. Another meeting is planned for 7:30 tomorrow night at St. Pauls Methodist Church, in the Burglung section of McComb. Mrs. Victoria Gray, Hattiesberg house wife and candidate for Congress ~~from~~ the fifth congressional district, will be the Key speaker.

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