INCIDENT SUMMARY -- MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER

1. Shaw -- Two Negro students active in August high school boycott denied admission on opening day.

2. Jackson -- Six policemen entered COFO office with bench warrant for "him", talked with Nat Turner for a while and then left.

3. Dore -- Louis Haynes, local Negro youth, grabbed by a clerk while trying to buy cigarettes. Later chased and shot at by police after he fled.


5. Canton -- Highway Patrol set up roadblocks on routes 43 and 16 leading from Jackson to Canton. Stop all cars and check licenses. PDP rally held here this afternoon.


7. Marks -- Whites in car try to run down four local boys.

8. Jackson -- Willie Shaw and James Jones arrested on charges of drunkenness, speed, and driving without a license.

9. Leake County Project Director Theodis Hewitt arrested on charges of Speeding and reckless driving.

10. Mississippi -- Whites fired five rounds of buckshot into the house in which Mississippi President lives. The shots were fired into the room in which Frents would normally have been sleeping, but he was at the time in the rear of the building with a Negro policeman. Frents later released after being shot in the leg.

11. Marks -- Policeman offered to pay $3750 to local Negro youth, with a blackjack and stick, then slashed him with a knife and left him lying in the road. Young man was on his way to a PDP rally. The hospital in Clarksdale refused to treat him without money in advance.

12. Marks -- Three Whites beat Klondike Abbot, local Negro, with a blackjack and stick, then slashed him with a knife and left him lying in the road. Abbot was on his way to a PDP rally. The hospital in Clarksdale refused to treat him without money in advance.

13. Canton -- Project Director George Raymond hit by a White at the courthouse, and local woman arrested for profanity while describing the incident to a policeman.

14. Tupelo -- Ernie Schroeder arrested for reckless driving and possible car theft.

15. Canton -- Police entered Freedom House, claiming to have proper warrant but not showing it. When George Raymond challenged them on this, one of the policemen told him, "I do what I damn well please!"
26. Columbus -- Norman Chastain arrested for improper license plates.
Marks -- Joe Batesman arrested for trespassing. Batesman had gone with your local Negro high school students attempting to register at a white school earlier in the day.
Canton -- Rob Williams arrested for improperly overloading a truck and improper license.
McComb -- Two clergymen arrested while canvassing. Charges unknown.
John Bescher's car object of arson attempt.
Columbus -- Howard Schulman arrested for disorderly conduct and distributing literature without a permit.
McComb -- Five of those held in jail--now released--reported physical abuse while in custody. Mrs. Quinn's arm was caught in an electrical fail when she fell. She was released by Miss McComb, a Negro woman, and Mr. Sprinkle, and Marshall Gans reported having been kicked, knocked around, or having their arms twisted. Nancy Sosmetic reported having seen Mrs. Sprinkle pushed around and having her arm twisted by a state investigator who caller in the Summer had told Ursula Junk that she couldn't get no rights in Mississippi.

29. Ruleville -- Shot fired through the window of James King Dairy Bar. In the window were posters with pictures of Lyndon Johnson, Robert Humphrey, and Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer. The King family was in the building at the time. Philadelphiak -- Johnnie Finley, who had testified before the Biloxi Federal court hearing Civil Rights cases in Hinds County, was shot in the arm as he walked along the railroad tracks. Two threatening letters thrown on the porch of Linda Johnson's home. She also had testified at the Biloxi hearing.

Indianaola -- Fred Winn and George Winter arrested for refusing to turn out the lights at an outdoor mass meeting. Police waited five minutes after arresting the two and then poured into the meeting hitting people with billy clubs. 13 people arrested.

30. Cardia -- Benjamin Graham and Christopher Williams arrested while canvassing on plantation. Charges of Trespassing.
Belzoni -- Richard Simpson and Curtis Lee, 11 Negro girls, arrested while canvassing. Miss Lee held for several hours and then released, Simpson charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
Iuka -- Clifford Trice arrested on charges of reckless driving. Police tried to break into the trunk of his car, but stopped when they found he was rented.
ocean Springs -- Dicky Flowers arrested for reckless driving.

31. Holly Springs -- Antioch Baptist church burned to the ground. Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party meeting had been held in church the night before. The church housed a freedom school and was to have been a Freedom Vote polling place.
Greenwood -- Police entered Black cafe, Freedom Vote Polling place, claiming they were checking on illegal liquor sales, ripped down posters.
Belzoni -- Curtis Lee reported that police chief Nicholas asked her to sign complaint against Graham (see 10/30)
Bingay -- Cleve Sellers and Frances Mitchell stopped by highway patrol while going to investigate burnig of Antioch Baptist Church (see 10/30)
The area is closed off. Mitchell arrested for improper license.
West Point -- John Bell, Robert Gilman, Eddie Brooks arrested for carrying printed matter without a permit. Edward Ziss arrested for improper tags and improper drivers license.

ADDITIONS:
Oct. 20 Indianaola -- FDP worker kicked in face and hit by local white man. SNCC Photographer Cliff Vaughn beaten outside town by whites.
Lambert -- Five FDP workers run out of town by two whites.
Oct. 21 Indianola -- Insurance cancelled on church after it was used for FDP meeting.
Oct. 29 Tchula -- Home of Hartman Sample, FDP delegate to "National Democratic convention" shot into. Four bullets lodged in wall.
Oct. 26 Indianaola -- FDP volunteer hit in the face at courthouse while escorting four Negroes to apply for voter registration test. Passagouls -- Two FDP workers arrested on traffic charges.
Tallahatchie County -- Two FDP workers threatened by police and had gun pulled on them while talking about FDP in cafe.
Oct. 28 Three FDP workers arrested on charges of car theft. Quitman
Oct. 30 Meridian -- Rick Lowenstein, Jersey Camer, Susan Gallick, Joseph Cross and "Angie" Henderson arrested on charges of distributing leaflets without a permit.
7. Marks -- Police entered COPO office without a warrant, looking for secretary of local Mississippi Student Union, found Alan Goodner, James Pete, and Ernest Harris playing blackjack (no money involved) and arrested them for gambling. They were immediately tried in the mayor's office and fined.

Jackson -- Integrated group refused service at local restaurant; were told that place was closing.

8. Columbus -- Building which was used as project headquarters this summer was burned, seriously injuring Mrs. Essie Goodwin. Valley View -- Interference with radio communications.

Marks -- Klondike Abbot (see 10/3), Lemon Abbot and J.D. Powells jailed.

Charges unknown.


Gulfport -- Charles McKeller arrested for refusing to move off a highway in time of emergency.

Jackson -- Eight students suspended from Lanier High School for wearing SNCC buttons.

Greenwood -- Family active in Movement evicted from plantation Valley View -- Burst of six shots fired near the Freedom House, followed by another burst of seven shots, evidently from a high powered automatic rifle.

10. Ruleville -- After being refused service at a segregated cafe, five persons were shot at from a car as they walked home.

11. Clarisdesale -- Ida Mae Taylor and Jim Adams arrested for speeding and improper equipment.

12. Pascagoula -- cross burned

Jackson -- Mound Bayou project director Jimmy Ross arrested on charges of profligacy.


Greenwood -- Jacquemy arrested for reckless driving. Victoria Gray was with him at the time, and he was pushed around because he insisted on calling her "Mrs. Gray".

Ratcliff -- Bomb threat. Chico Hebert arrested for improper tags.

Jackson -- Radio communications jammed.

15. Canton -- George Raymond arrested for interfering with an officer.

16. McComb -- Ernestine Bishop, Karen Pate, and Jesse Harris were arrested on charges of "operating a food handling establishment without a permit". After these three were released on bond, the police arrested John Wilkins, Cornell Gans, Dennis Swiney, J.V. Smith, Lorrie Smith, William Powell, and the Janes, Candy Brown and Rev. Henry Bevis were arrested on the same charge. The staff cafe in the Freedom House. Rev. Paul Long was also arrested on charges of distributing leaflets without a permit.

17. Union County -- two crosses burned.

18. Itta Bena -- Bruce Gordon and Walt Shepard arrested for speeding.

Marks -- Frank Morse forced off the road and beaten by three white men. The three then held him while a fourth unmasked on him.

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20. McComb -- Freedom Day, 1h people, including Mentz Samstein, Rev. Malcolm Cambell, Dick Sternberger, Jerry Jeeter, and Mrs. J.D. Smith were arrested at the commonhouse on charges of trespassing.


22. McComb -- More arrests made on charges of trespassing, including Mrs. Aylen Quinn, Eugene Ridley, Faddy Coleman, Louis Campbell, Ernestine Bishop, Joe Martin, Douglas Jenkins, Joe Harrison, Rev. George Laurent, Dennis Swiney, Marshall Gans and Rev. Donald Blanchette.

23. McComb -- Tears gas bomb thrown from room window of home of Mr. Ann King (Sunflower). James Dann was in the house at the time.

Incidents reported in office section of Freedom School.