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MISSISSIPPI SUMMER PROJECT
RUNNING SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

- JUNE 16: Philadelphia: Mt. Zion Baptist Church burns to ground. Fire starts soon after Negro mass meeting adjourns. Three Negroes beaten by whites. Church was freedom school site.
- State-wide: Negroes attempt to attend Democratic Party precinct conventions for the first time in this century. Results vary. Two Negroes, two whites elected in Jackson.
- JUNE 17: Vicksburg: Summer volunteer arrested for driving while intoxicated. Not allowed phone call. Held overnight. Acquitted at trial next day.
- JUNE 20: Fayette: Police, citizens order SNCC worker out of his house. He flees, but when car recovered two days later his camera, food, and personal documents are missing.
- JUNE 21: Brandon (Rankin Co.) Molotov cocktail explodes in basement of Sweet Rest Church of Christ Holiness. Fire; minor damage.
- 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 with no civil rights ties.
- Meridian: Three civil rights workers missing after short trip to Philadelphia.
- JUNE 22: Clarksdale: Four volunteers arrested on vagrancy charges while engaged in voter registration work. Held 3-1/2 hours, released.
- Brandon: Negro youth killed in hit-and-run accident.
- JUNE 23: Philadelphia: Missing car found burned; no sign of three workers. Car was on list circulated state-wide by Canton White Citizens Council.
- Jackson: Shots fired at home of Rev. R.L.T. Smith. White man escapes on foot, reportedly picked up by a city truck. (Smith's home is under 24-hour guard.)
- Moss Point: Knights of Pythias Hall firebombed. Arson attempt on side of building. Damage slight. Used for voter rallies.
- Moss Point: Two summer volunteers picked up as they leave cafe, relax on private lawn. Taken by police at 85 m.p.h. without lights at night to Pascagoula jail. Held in "protective custody" overnight, then released.
- Jackson: Civil rights worker held eight hours after receiving \$5 change for a \$20 bill.
- Jackson: White car fires shot at Henderson's cafe. Negroes pursue. Three shots fired, hitting one Negro in head twice.
- Clarksdale: Local pastor, a civil rights leader, arrested for reckless and drunk driving. He is a total abstainer.
- State-wide: Negroes try to attend Democratic Party county conventions. Participation systematically discouraged.
- Ruleville: LOOK, TIME reporters covering voter rally at Williams chapel, chased out of town by car at speeds up to 85 m.p.h. Early next morning, nine Negro homes, cars hit by bottles thrown from similar car.
- JUNE 24: Meridian: Threat: "You G. D. people are going to get bombed."
- Hollandale: Police, mayor tell summer volunteer he can't live in Negro section of town and register voters.

JUNE 24: Drew: Thirty volunteers, staff workers engaged in voter registration meet open hostility from whites. Weapons shown.

Canton: Civil rights car hit by bullet.

Collins: 40 M-1 rifles, 1,000 rounds of ammunition stolen from National Guard armory.

JUNE 25: Ruleville: Williams Chapel firebombed. Damage slight. Eight plastic bags with gasoline found later outside building.

Jackson: Two separate arrests of volunteers on minor traffic charges. Seven questioned in one case; charges dropped in other. (Law student presented his own case.)

Philadelphia: Southern newsman's car deliberately rammed by local citizen. Newsman gets two tickets.

Itta Bena: Two volunteers working with local Negro, handing out literature for voter registration rally, taken to gas station-bus stop by four white men who tell them: "If you speak in town to-night, you'll never leave here."

Greenville: Federal building demonstration. No harassment.

Durant: Civil rights worker's car stopped on highway for repairs. Driver charged with illegal parking. \$60 bond paid.

JUNE 26: Hattiesburg: Hate literature from whites: "Beware, good Negro citizens. When we come to get the agitators, stay away."

Columbus: Seven voter registration workers arrested for distributing literature without a city permit. Bond: \$400 each.

Itta Bena: FBI arrests three local residents for June 25 incident. Two are released on \$2,000 bail, one on \$1,000.

Clinton: Church of Holy Ghost arson. Kerosene spilled on floor, lit after local white pastor speaks to Negro Bible class. (Fifth firebombing in 10 days.)

Holmes County: Two staffers detained for illegal parking, no Mississippi permit. One arrested. Bond \$60.

Holly Springs: Harassment: beer cans tossed at volunteers, car tires slashed.

Greenwood: Freedom House call: "You'd better not go to sleep or you won't get up."

Greenwood: Voter registration worker picked up by police, released after questioning.

Jackson: CORE field secretary beaten at Hinds County jail while a federal prisoner. Third beating of a civil rights worker at same jail in two months, second of federal prisoner.

Canton: Two volunteers picked up by police, told all out-of-town visitors must register with them. Registered, released.

Belzoni: Three arrested for disturbing the peace. Two released without charges, third held on \$100 bond.

JUNE 27: Batesville: Local person helping voter registration gets obvious harassment ticket for illegal parking outside courthouse.

Vicksburg: Threatening call: "We're going to get you."

Philadelphia: Local Negro contact has bottle thrown through window of home. Threatening note attached.

JUNE 27: Greenwood: Several phone harassments; bomb threat.

Doddsville: Highway Patrol kills 34-year-old Negro with history of mental illness. Local deputy who knew Negro with patrolman. Mother asks to see body. Police reply: "Get that hollering woman away." Ruled "justifiable homicide" in 17 hours.

Jackson: Two phone threats: "We're going to kill you white SOB's."

JUNE 28: Jackson: Civil rights worker held 8-1/2 hours without charges; stopped for no reason while driving near COFO office. (Mississippi law permits holding for 72 hours "for investigation.")

Vicksburg: High school girl tells friends COFO "going to get it."

Canton: Threatening calls throughout the night.

Ruleville: Mayor tells visiting white Methodist chaplain he cannot attend white Methodist services: "You came here to live with Negroes, so you can go to church with them, too." He does, with three volunteers.

Batesville: Report local Negro man beaten, missing.

Jackson: "Hospitality Month" in Mississippi: white volunteer kicked over from behind, slugged on arrival from Oxford at local train station.

JUNE 29: Hattiesburg: Two cars owned by volunteers shot by four whites in pickup truck at 1:00 a.m. No injuries, \$100 damage to each car. Three witnesses. (Owners were sleeping two blocks away.)

Columbus: Six carloads of whites drive up on lawn of Freedom House. Five flee before police arrive. Police question, release two men in sixth car.

Hattiesburg: Civil rights worker charged with reckless driving, failure to give proper signal. Held overnight, paid fine.

Biloxi: Volunteers in White Community Program turned away from hotel.

Hattiesburg: Phone rings. Volunteers hears tape recording of last 20 seconds of his previous conversation. Someone goofed!

Columbus: Restaurants serving volunteers threatened.

JUNE 30: Vicksburg: Negro woman threatened for registering to vote.

Ruleville: Man loses job for housing white volunteers.

Jackson: Car circles office with gun, threatens teen-ager: "Want to shoot some pool, nigger?"

Jackson: Volunteer charged with reckless driving. Fine \$34. (He moved from one traffic lane to another in integrated car.)

Holly Springs: White teen-agers scream profanities, throw rocks at office from passing car.

Hattiesburg: Whites in pickup truck with guns visible drive past office several times. FBI checks June 29 car shooting.

Holly Springs: SNCC staff worker jumped by local white who threatens to shoot both him and his office with 12-gauge shotgun.

Harmony: Freedom School teachers arrive. School superintendent announces first Negro summer school in memory of local residents.

Tchula: Two carloads of highway patrolmen start excessively close watch on volunteer. Ended 48 hours later.

JUNE 30: Oakland: Police find body of white man, badly mangled by hit-run driver, no identification at all. (Later found no civil rights tie.)

Greenville: Report that on June 19 a Negro porter at Greenville General Hospital was beaten by policeman with billy club there. Porter charged with resisting arrest and disturbing the peace.

JULY 1: Holly Springs: Justice of Peace (and Mayor) has local farmer arrested on assault and battery charges in June 30 incident. Bail set at \$1,000.

Clarksdale: Pickup truck tries to run down SNCC worker and volunteer. License plates hidden.

Gulfport: Police threaten to hurt children of lady housing civil rights workers. Workers plan to move elsewhere.

JULY 2: Harmony: Sheriff, school superintendent tell community abandoned buildings may not be used for freedom school. Cross burned, tacks strewn in Negro community.

Vicksburg: Whites chase, shoot at Negro on motorcycle.

Hattiesburg: Two voter registration canvassers followed and questioned by men describing themselves as state officials.

Hattiesburg: School superintendent threatens all janitors who participate in civil rights activity. Ditto at Holiday Inn.

Hattiesburg: Local police stop Negro girl, five white boys en route home. Policeman curses, threatens arrest, slaps one boy.

Batesville: Panola County Sheriff Carl Hubbard detains several persons housing civil rights workers, spends most of night in courtyard where many workers are living.

Meridian: White teen-age girl throws bottle at civil rights group outside church, cuts leg of local Negro girl.

Canton: Local police turn on sirens, play music on loudspeaker near COFO office, fail to answer phone calls.

Gulfport: Two voter registration workers threatened: "Things are fine around here; we don't want them to change." Man grabs volunteer's shirt: "I'm going to whip your ass." Workers run.

JULY 3: Meridian: Volunteer's car goes through green light, hits local station wagon. Volunteer charged with running light, reckless driving. Bond \$122.

So So: The "Greasy Spoon," a Negro grocery and teen spot, is bombed. Damage minor. Sheriff's deputy says there is no civil rights motive for the bombing, calls it "senseless."

Greenwood: Three visiting Congressmen witness voter registration, call it discriminatory.

Tougaloo: En route to Canton, four civil rights girls are chased by two cars driven by whites. They decide to stop here (in Jackson) for safety.

Jackson: Lots of phone harassment. WATS line goes dead, then rings--a technical impossibility.

Columbus: Police impound volunteer's car--claim it's stolen because transfer papers are not notarized.

Itta Bena: Police question two volunteers about robbery, say they were only ones in vicinity. No charges filed.

Greenwood: Two tagless cars drive continually past office.

Moss Point: Police, white citizens pressure Negro cafe owners not to serve civil rights workers.

Policeman says white racist in town has gun on his person, grenade in a satchel.

JULY 3: Harmony: Sheriff, superintendent post "no trespassing" sign at abandoned school. Local citizens move books, other materials to Negro church. Police flash lights on homes.

JULY 4: Laurel: Police barely prevent large racial clash after two Negroes, two whites injured in attempt to integrate drive-in. Police fail to respond to calls for help from injured Negroes.

Clarksdale: Local manager says Negroes going to courthouse will be discharged: "I have a large contract with the head of the White Citizens Council, and I'm not going to lose thousands of dollars for one of you."

Batesville: Volunteer, local worker chased 30 miles by car.

JULY 5: Greenville: Local citizens test several restaurants. The eating places are closed either before or after testing.

Ruleville: Local segregationist visits COFO office, has a very friendly argument with civil rights workers. Police ask him to leave. He refuses. Charged with disorderly conduct. Fined.

Laurel: Civil rights worker who witnessed and reported the July 4 incident is arrested. Police say he has 4-6 months left to serve on previous sentence.

Columbus: St. Louis (Mo.) Negro beaten by whites who mistake him for a "Freedom Rider." En route to a funeral, he's fined \$75.

Laurel: Two volunteers questioned by police who stop their integrated car as it leaves Sunday school. Charges dropped against driver, but passenger arrested on vagrancy charge. She left pocketbook in car at police station, gets 10 days suspended sentence.

Jackson: NAACP integrates local hotels without major incident. Individuals integrate many other places on their own.

Jackson: Local woman's leg cut by bottle thrown at COFO office.

JULY 6: Jackson: Voter registration group harassed by police who say "One man, one vote" sticker has been found on city car. They threaten arrest for trespassing if anyone will sign charge.

Jackson: McCraven-Hill Missionary Baptist Church damaged by kerosene fire. Church has no ties to civil rights movement.

Clarksdale: Station wagon plays "chicken" with civil rights workers going home.

Jackson: Negro youth slugged by white who flees in truck.

Moss Point: Negro woman shot twice at voter rally, singing "We Shall Overcome." Three Negroes arrested when they pursue car from which they believe shots were fired. White car not checked.

Greenwood: Harassment call: "I just shot one of your workers..."

- JULY 7:** Clarksdale: Sheriff asks white minister driving integrated car: "Are you married to them niggers? You ain't no minister, you're a SOB trouble maker...I'm gonna stay on your back until I get you."
- Vicksburg: White boys throw bottle, break windshield of car waiting to pick up freedom school student.
- Greenwood: Six young students picketing jailhouse ("Stop Police Brutality," "One Man, One Vote") arrested. So are three others with them.
- JULY 8:** McComb: SNCC Freedom House bombed; two injured. Despite numerous requests by Congressmen attorneys, pastors (and a personal visit with the mayor—who also heads the White Citizens Council), no local police were seen in the area prior to the bombing. 15 FBI agents, several packing pistols, show up during day. 150 local citizens attend rally same night.
- Hattiesburg: Rev. Robert Beech of National Council of Churches arrested on false pretense charge after allegedly overdrawing his bank account \$70. Bail set at \$2000.
- Ruleville: Volunteer bodily ejected from county circuit clerk's office for accompanying local woman to voter registration.
- Columbus: Three volunteers arrested on trespass charges after stopping at a gas station for a soft drink. Friendly conversation there until attendant says, "You boys should be on the road." They leave immediately. He files charges. Bail \$500 to \$1000 each.
- Clarksdale: Bomb threat.
- Hattiesburg: Bottle thrown at picnic by passing car. No plates.
- Holly Springs: Civil rights worker arrested. Reckless driving. \$250.
- Clarksdale: Police chief in Lafayette tells Negro cafes not to serve volunteers.
- Vicksburg: Bomb threat.
- JULY 9:** Greenwood: Local insurance salesman slugs volunteer during voter canvas. Follows in car and rebats.
- Yazoo City: Folk singer arrested for reckless driving. Quick fine.
- Clarksdale: Volunteer arrested for taking pictures in court room. Photos taken in hall after police chief sprayed room deodorant on two girls.
- Gulfport: Four arrested for refusing to leave local people and cross street on police orders as they near court house. Held on \$500 bond for violating anti-picketing law.
- Vicksburg: Freedom school students stoned en route to class.
- Moss Point: Five Negroes fired from jobs for attending mass rally. Woman fired from work for housing two volunteers.
- Clarksdale: Police chief visits office when another white man comes to turn off electricity.
- Gulfport: Police urge volunteer to leave for his own protection, or face charges of inciting to riot.
- JULY 10:** Clarksdale: Chairs removed from libraries. NAACP youths refused service at two restaurants.
- Hattiesburg: Rabbi, two volunteers, two local teen-agers attacked by two men as they walked in uninhabited area. Assailants escape after attacking three men. On emerging from hospital, rabbi says Jews in Mississippi should "stand up for decency and freedom with all risks involved" or leave the state.

- JULY 10:** Vicksburg: Four civil rights workers chased by two cars, one of which has a man with revolver.
- Jackson: J. Edgar Hoover opens Jackson FBI office, first statewide center since 1946. Cites efficiency as reason. Says 153 agents now in state. Says FBI can give civil rights workers "no protection" (beyond reports based on complaints and directions for investigation from civil rights division of Justice Department).
- Greenwood: SNCC staff member arrested on public profanity charge. Policeman overheard him say, "We've got to get some damn organization in our office." Bail: \$15.
- Moss Point: Howard Kirschenbaum, only volunteer to leave the MSP because of arrests and harassment, returns with \$2000 in gifts from New York.
- JULY 11:** Shaw: Local Negro offered \$400 by five whites to bomb SNCC Freedom House, \$40 for list of residents' home addresses.
- Laurel: Four young Negroes injured during and after attempts to integrate Kresses lunch counter, where Negroes had eaten earlier.
- Canton: Small firebomb thrown at Freedom House lawn.
- Vicksburg: Amateur bomb thrown through window of Negro cafe.
- Canton: Volunteer arrested on traffic charges while delivering freedom school books.
- Browning: Pleasant Plan Missionary Baptist Church burns to ground. Whites sought to buy it, Negroes would not sell.
- Laurel: Local NAACP president received two death threats both for July 19.
- Holly Springs: Integrated staff picnic broken up by police.
- Clarksdale: NAACP member testing barber shop driven out at gun point.
- Harmony: Police visit local Negroes who have had contact with COFO volunteers, staff, forcing them to sign peace bonds. Police come armed with a warrant to search for liquor.
- Greenwood: Local Negro woman hit in chest by white man, while accompanied by two volunteers. No police cooperation in getting assailants.
- JULY 12:** Canton: Two summer volunteers, visitor refused admission to First Methodist Church. Volunteers had been welcomed a week earlier.
- Greenwood: Bomb threat.
- Jackson: Half-body found in Mississippi identified as Charles Moore, former Alcorn A&M student. Second half-body found in river. (In mid-April, more than 700 students, all Negroes, were summarily dismissed from Alcorn after a non-violent general grievance demonstration)
- Jackson: White teen-agers slash Negro woman's tires, spit in face of volunteer co-ed after integrated group eats at drive-in.
- Jackson: Elderly man attacks Negro woman at Greyhound coffee shop. She is treated for cut head, hand, then charged with disturbing the peace. Out on \$50 bond. Assailant escapes.
- Biloxi: Volunteer picked up while canvassing, informed of complaints by local residents, released.
- Itta Bena: Local woman attacked by two white boys while baby sitting. Both her arms cut.
- Natchez: Jerusalem Baptist and Bethel Methodist Churches burned to ground. Home of Negro contractor in Natchez firebombed.

- JULY 13:** Clarksdale: Negro volunteer chased out of white laundromat, picked up by police for failure to signal turn, taken to jail and beaten. Sheriff says: "You're a nigger and you're going to stay a nigger." Charged with resisting arrest, out on \$64 bond.
- Clarksdale: Chief voter registrar closes courthouse for next few days. Stated reason: court in session, no time for registration.
- Clarksdale: Owner of electric company has project leader pointed out to him, then fingers knife in his presence.
- JULY 14:** Canton: Man threatened with job loss if youngster continues in Freedom School. Youngster stays.
- Drew: Police chief, local citizens protest Albuquerque Journal article based on volunteer's letter home. Volunteer says letter was edited.
- Hattiesburg: State Sovereignty Commission visits office.
- Vicksburg: Milkman's assistant loses job because he attends the Freedom School.
- Vicksburg: SNCC team confirms burning of Bovina Community Center July 7.
- Drew: Police pick up James Dann for distributing literature without permit. Later, seven people arrested for distributing literature without a permit and blocking the sidewalk. \$100-\$200 bond.
- Holly Springs: Oxford police chief told civil rights worker he should not come back to town. Chief threatened to hit Negro over head, especially if he did not speak to others with proper respect. (No major changes.)
- Laurel: Gas bomb thrown at local Negro's home.
- Batesville: Movie which had upstairs for Negroes now offers admission only to whites.
- Canton: Three white men pursue five civil rights workers in car en route home.
- JULY 15:** Biloxi: Two arrested in traffic harassment case.
- Clarksdale: Another traffic arrest: improper turn.
- McComb: Freedom School enrolls 35 here.
- Drew: 25 arrested for willfully and unlawfully using the sidewalks and the streets during voter registration rally. Citizens Council met at 9 a.m.
- Gulfport: Civil rights worker arrested for putting posters on a telephone pole. City ordinance. Bond \$50.
- JULY 16:** Canton: Volunteers report they were beaten by police last night following arrest with truck carrying freedom registration supplies, books, miscellany. Bond set at \$150 each.
- Greenwood: Freedom Day -- 111 arrests, including 13 juveniles. Group includes 98 adults, of whom 9 were SNCC staff and 13 volunteers.
- Vicksburg: White man comes to door of home where volunteer staying. Has pistol showing in holster. Asks to see owner of house. At another home housing workers, car circles block 10-15 minutes.
- Greenwood: Silas McGhee, local resident, picked up by three whites, forced to enter cab of their pickup truck at gunpoint, then beaten with pipe and plank. Incident occurs just after he leaves FBI office. He returns there; agents take him to hospital. He has been active in attempt to integrate theatre.

JULY 16: Greenville: Freedom Day: 101 people took test, 100 more came too late. No arrests.

Hattiesburg: Two voter canvassers stopped by police.

Hattiesburg: Police question those who complain about inadequate protection for those going to Freedom School may charge them with threatening mayor.

Indianola: Of those arrested in Drew July 15, 10 women are being held at county jail and 15 men at county farm near here. Superintendent of farm tells lawyer he can't guarantee safety of those at the farm. FBI advised.

Laurel: Volunteer canvassing accosted by two white boys who accuse him of not being from Mississippi, knock materials from hand and run.

Cleveland: Freedom Day: 25 to 30 picket without incident. About 20 of 25 from Shaw group register. More than 50 from other communities came, of whom 30 registered. Process slow but polite. Ten regular and 45 auxiliary police allow only those registering or picketing on courthouse grounds.

JULY 17: McComb: Mount Zion Hill Baptist Church in Pike County bombed or burned to ground. Pastor of this church had let Project use his McComb Church, St. Mary's.

Philadelphia: Columbia law student and a writer beaten with chain by two middle-aged white men in early afternoon.

Greenwood: 15 staff and volunteers on hunger strike until let out of jail after being brought in during massive freedom-day arrests.

Greenwood: Greenwood and Drew mass arrest cases have been removed to Federal court and bond reduced to \$200 out of state, \$100 for residents.

Yazoo: Three Negro men, late teens or early twenties, arrested for looking at a white girl.

Greenshaw: White summer volunteer harassed by three white men while putting up voter registration poster.

JULY 18: Lauderdale: Two summer volunteers arrested for willful trespass while discussing voter registration on front porch of two Negro women; no complaint made by women.

Hattiesburg: Kilmer Estus Keyes, white, of Collins, Mississippi, turned self in to local police in connection with beating of Rabbi and two workers last week. Charged with assault; out on \$2500 property bond. (Eventually fined \$500 and given 90-day suspended sentence.)

Batesville: 8 people detained one and one-half hours by sheriff who was "trying to see if there is a state ordinance against the passing out of leaflets." Statute not found; released into crowd of whites standing about. Local volunteer hit hard in jaw by white man.

Starkville: Police Chief followed two volunteers to various stops in Negro cafes, delivered lengthy "anti-agitator" speech directed at local Negroes talking to volunteers. Lengthy verbal abuse by police chief, directed to the voter-registration workers.

JULY 19: Columbus: Two voter registration workers detained in jail in Aberdeen for four hours after being picked up as suspicious strangers and refusing to be driven out of town and left on highway by police.

Greenwood: Mass arrest victims still at city jail and county farm. No visiting privileges at Farm--among those there is a 78 year-old man who is in need of medicine which no one has been able to bring to him.

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JULY 19: Oxford: An Ole Miss student who has contacts at Rust College (Negro) had his seat covers slashed while car parked outside faculty home, threatening note left. He has had much harassment before, but cannot get administration to act.

Biloxi: Voter registration worker chased, threatened by two men in pick-up truck;

Biloxi: White Community Project worker arrested for trespass in white restaurant where he had worked for one day until owner discovered he was a civil rights worker. Owner turned him into police when he went back to restaurant.

Batesville: Town marshals threatened volunteers at mass meeting in Crowder (13-15 miles away). Said "Lucky I have no gun in here...wish I didn't have my badge on..."

JULY 20: Greenville: Nine shots fired at car workers went to mass meeting in. Two workers threatened that white mob would form at place where they were staying.

Hattiesburg: White volunteer beaten downtown as left bank with two other freedom school teachers. Assailant hit from behind. No words exchanged. Volunteers and attacker charged with assault.

Ruleville: Two workers ordered out of cafe. Doors locked with people inside.

Greenwood: Both barrels of shotgun fired at worker's car.

Greenwood: Trial of mass arrest victims held despite filing of petition to remove case to federal courts. Defendants remained mute on basis of violation of constitutional rights. Convicted of violation of picket law--30 days, \$100 fine.

Clarksdale: Three workers (girls) of newly formed Clarksdale Youth Action Group arrested for trespass outside local cafe in Negro section.

McComb: SNCC field secretary hit on side of head by white man as both stopped their cars for red light at intersection of two state roads and federal highway while

JULY 21: Lexington: Volunteer hit in face and body with fists by white man/waiting outside courthouse to take part in voter registration campaign.

Laurel: Rights workers believe the second ouster of summer project workers from a rented office here this summer is due to "intimidation" of local Negro realtors by white persons opposed to the Project.

Clarksdale: Volunteer arrested for running red light, paid fine.

Holly Springs: \$200 bond levied on volunteer for failure to have a car inspection sticker.

McComb: Freedom School enrollment reaches 75 in this "hard core" area.

Greenwood: Windows of three Negro cafes broken. Windows of volunteer's car also broken.

Natchez: Within 45 minutes after 3 SNCC workers arrived in this area to set up a Summer Project office, one is arrested for failure to stop at stop sign. Police Chief tells him police knew of their movements "every minute of the day." Continual following by police.

Doodleville: Three Negro youths in company of white volunteer picked up and held for "investigation" at Club 400 by police. Volunteer later arrested for "improper tags." Negro youths released on bond; amount not known.

Clarksdale: Two precinct meetings of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party attracted 160 persons here.

JULY 22: Jackson: Volunteer beaten with billy clubs by two whites at a major downtown intersection. Police officer who returned the beaten volunteer and two colleagues to the COFO office indicated that a complaint had been filled out and a pick-up call had been issued for any cars matching the assailants!

McComb: Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, organized more than 80 years ago, found burned. FBI, sheriff, and police uncovered no clues. Fire officially listed as "of undetermined origin." Neither the pastor nor his church is in any way affiliated with the civil rights movement.

JULY 22: Tchula: Driver of car carrying man who attacked volunteer here yesterday reportedly arrested.

Natchez: Local Negro taken into police custody today while walking along street with two SNCC field secretaries.

Greenville: Local Negro arrested for forgery while passing out voter registration leaflets with several other local citizens. After being questioned about civil rights activity here released for lack of evidence on forgery charge.

Natchez: Mayor tells SNCC field secretary that most of the nationally publicized shipment of arms to white terrorist groups in this area has been done in Adams Co., as opposed to the city. Police continue to follow the SNCC workers "every minute."

JULY 23: Tchula: SNCC staff member followed out of Jackson, arrested by police on speeding charge.

Canton: White volunteer and Negro CORE staff member harassed by a group of white men while canvassing for voter registration. CORE staffer struck five times with wooden cane by one of the whites. The workers were on porch of some potential Negro registrants when white drove up.

Moss Pt.: Volunteer arrested today for improper turning, released on \$40 bond.

Durant: Volunteer assailed today while canvassing for voter registration. Two white men approached him and asked what it would take to get him out of town; volunteer replied he was not quite ready to leave. After approximately 10 minutes of talk, one man began to punch him, then left after several minutes of blows.

Granada: SNCC staff member arrested for speeding.

Moss Pt.: At mass meeting last night, \$33 was collected for a woman who lost her job two weeks ago for housing COFO volunteers. Several people pledge to give 50¢ a week indefinitely to help pay hospital expenses of local resident who received back and side wounds when shots were fired into voter registration mass meeting July 6.

Shaw: Local white woman tells local Negro woman that she plans to watch mail and those Negroes who get letters from "freedom riders" (presumably Summer Project volunteers) would "get hell after they leave." Mail is picked up at a post office box.

Jackson: Surprise--police court acquits three local youths on public drunk charges. Trio were arrested July 21 in Club 400 at Doodleville.

Harmony: Local residents plan to start construction of a wooden frame building for use as a permanent Community Center to be staffed by Project volunteers.

Meridian: Hearing continued to July 30 for omnibus suit filed against Ku Klux Klan, Sheriff Rainey, Deputy Sheriff Price, the White Citizens Council, and others in attempt to enjoin acts of violence on the part of defendants and the classes of officials and citizens they represent. This hearing is the first of its kind in Mississippi.

JULY 24: Holly Springs: Voter registration worker arrested for "disturbing the public peace" at a Holly Springs Freedom Day, is being held on \$500 bond. Volunteer charged with "using profanity in front of more than two people" after using two-way radio to inform office of profanities local policeman told potential Negro registrants on court house steps. Police insisted that the 40-50 potential registrants walk to the courthouse steps one by one, eight feet apart, and have a police escort from steps to registrar's office. Approximately 55 helmeted highway patrolmen and 35 helmeted local police were stationed at the courthouse for Freedom Day. Their presence in such numbers prompted cancellation of planned integrated picketing of the courthouse.

McComb: Amite County's Rose Hill Church reported burned last night. Owner of a local Negro club near Freedom House arrested and beaten. Officer tells owner "Now that you've got white folks in here, you're getting uppity."

Ruleville: A Negro woman ordered off the bus and handled roughly by driver when she sat down next to white man. All but two passengers got off.

Ruleville: Rabbi and Summer volunteer are "forcibly ejected" from office of Drew City attorney where they had gone to attend a meeting of the parents of children detained and then released July 15.

JULY 24: Jackson, Meridian: FDP holds precinct meetings.

JULY 25: Greenwood: Ten to 15 workers handing out Freedom Registration forms prompt at least three incidents: 1) SNCC worker Eli Zeretsky approached by three whites who took his clip board from him and tore up forms. Police stood by, refused to act unless Zeretsky knew assailants' names and filed complaint with a judge; 2) white volunteer Adam Kline was jumped from behind and hit on head, police refused aid; 3) volunteer William Hodes, white, threatened by local whites in presence of police who refused to make arrest and refused to give name of citizen involved so that complaint could be filed.

Greenwood: Shot fired at home of Silas McGhee, the young man whose beating in local movie theater prompted first arrests under the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Canton: First FDP county convention adopted resolution of loyalty to principles of National Democratic Party for strong and enforceable civil rights plank in platform. Approximately 300 people attend, of whom 102 were voting delegates elected by precincts.

Hattiesburg: Home of two local FDP leaders bombed between 1 and 4 a.m. Broken whiskey bottle found indicated "molotov cocktail" type of device. Used on home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, FDP temporary chairman and secretary.

Ruleville: Rock smashed windshield of local Negro housing civil rights workers; car parked in his yard.

Drew: Affidavit received from parent of one of Negro children arrested after July 15 rally: mayor and city attorney called meeting of parents, told them defense would not be provided unless children signed statement disavowing association with "the communists coming into town." According to affidavit, city attorney called Congressman Don Edwards (D-Cal) a communist and said Edwards has been "Castro's secretary." Summer volunteer and rabbi were forcibly ejected from room when they tried to attend the meeting yesterday.

Clarksdale: Bottle thrown through office window last night.



JULY 26: McComb: Two bombs were thrown at the home of a local civil rights leader. As the first bomb was thrown, leader's wife fired at car with shotgun. When car's lights were seen approaching again, her husband ran outside but was knocked to ground by second explosion before he had time to fire. About 50 people attended a voter registration meeting at this home today.

Batesville: Tear gas bomb explodes behind home in which five civil rights workers are living, forcing occupants to leave. Sheriff and deputy arrived approximately 30 minutes later, found grenade still hot, handled it a good deal so that FBI found it covered with police fingerprints.

Mileston: SNCC car burned outside home housing volunteers.

Mileston: Volunteer approached in store by two whites who ask where he lived. He pointed to Community Center. They go to their car, take a pistol each from trunk, put them in their belts, come back and tell volunteer they would "find out what was going on" when they "came back."

Canton: Church Council of Canton voted in June to keep all summer civil rights workers from attending services. One Presbyterian church took exception and admitted volunteers until today, when two white volunteers were turned away by three white men who told them they had "caused too much dissension in church." At a Methodist Church, four white volunteers were refused attendance for third week in row. As they left church, a group assembled around their car, shoved them into the car, and slammed the door with such force the window cracked. Their car was followed to its destination by pick-up truck.

Greenwood: Silas McGee, the young man whose July 16 beating led to first arrests under civil rights act, and his brother Jake are mobbed by 150-200 whites as they leave theater after they walked from theater to car. Jake hit repeatedly by whites. Both receive cuts and abrasions of face and shoulders and glass in eyes when a coke bottle is thrown through car window. Both treated at LeFlore Co. Hospital, then trapped there with SNCC staff members until 1 a.m. as cars of armed whites blocked all roads leading out of hospital. FBI, local police, highway patrol, and sheriff refuse protection out of hospital, until 1 a.m. After more than three hours of waiting behind locked doors, the sheriff followed SNCC staff and McGee car to their destinations.

JULY 27: Jackson: Aaron Henry, Ed King, Mrs. Victoria Gray replied publicly to Sen. Douglas' (D-III.) "conciliatory suggestion" that no Mississippians be seated at convention or the delegation be half Dixiecrat, half Democratic: "we are dubious of value of delegation that is half-slave, half-free."

Canton: On arrival at bus station, five NCC ministers are threatened by seven local whites. When ministers try to leave station in car with two local Negro housewives, their car is trapped in narrow, one-way alley for two hours. One local white stops his car in front of them, the other stops in rear. Separate crowds of 100 whites, 50 Negroes gather. Local Negro alerts CORE staff, who send pick-up truck to scene and persuade local sheriff to let ministers drive out of alley.

Greenwood: Brick thrown through window of Negro barbershop in neighborhood where Freedom Registration was held.

McComb: White volunteer arrested for "failure to yield the right of way" as he drives a group of local Negro children for voter registration canvassing and leaflet distribution for an FDP precinct meeting. Fined \$16.50.

Mayersville: Precinct meeting held in Moon Lake Baptist Church. Owner of plantation across street threatened to burn the church if any more civil rights meetings were held there. (2,399 Negroes here out of total population of 3,576.)

Batesville and Holly Springs: Precinct and county meetings.

Gulfport: Precinct meetings.

JULY 28: Itta Bena: Voter registration house broken into during night. Front porch supports broken, leaving badly sagging roof. Door half torn off, all windows broken. Posters urging citizens to vote for Fannie Lou Hamer in Democratic primary ripped off. Volunteers have received several threatening phone calls about the house and voter registration activities there.

Holly Springs: Police cars surrounding school where FDP precinct meeting was being held are themselves surrounded by approximately 200 Negro FDP participants singing freedom songs. Participants gathered around cars as they left school late at night. Police record license of every car at school, stop about 70 drivers to check licenses, arrest five on various traffic charges. School superintendent said he would burn or tear down school if meeting were held there.

Vicksburg: Precinct meetings--FDP Clarksdale: FDP county meeting.

JULY 29: Hollandale: A Negro SNCC staff member chased from a traditionally white barber shop by a razor-wielding barber: "If you don't get out of here, I'll kill you."

Ruleville: A plantation worker fired for being a freedom registrant and attending two voter registration rallies. Plantation renter tells Negro: "get off the place and don't come back. You're messed up in the voter registration and I don't want to have anything to do with you." (This type of incident occurs often; it is seldom reported in detail.)

Greenville: FDP precinct meetings. Gulfport: County meeting--FDP.

JULY 30: Meridian: The Mount Moriah Baptist Church, a Negro church located in a completely white neighborhood, burned to ground last night. Although many homes are located close to the site, the fire department was not notified until too late to halt the fire.

Gulfport: Local Negro volunteer forced into car at gunpoint last night, blindfolded, and taken into a room at a location he guessed to be Biloxi. Five men question him at length about COFO activities. They offer to pay him well for information about people and organizations who contact COFO. He was not injured or molested, except for one man repeatedly poking him with a gun. FBI investigating.

Drew: Negro SNCC volunteer and Ruleville Negro volunteer arrested in Drew for distributing leaflets for FDP on public property without permit. Total bond for two: \$600.

Meridian: County meeting. Laurel: Precinct and county meetings.

JULY 31: Brandon: Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church burned to ground last night. Fire department came to scene, left before fire put out, stating they had "been called too late." A butane tank was buried next to church. FBI investigating.

Carthage: Rev. Edward K. Heininger, NCC volunteer, and John Polacheck, summer volunteer, brutally beaten in office of Dr. Thaggard Sr. in Madden today. Polacheck had gone to clinic yesterday for medical treatment, but left when he was told to go to Negro waiting room (he is white). He came back today with minister, and both were met in waiting room by doctor who began berating Heininger for his civil rights work. While they were talking, Heininger was hit from behind. Polacheck estimates that between 5 and 10 men beat them for approximately 5 minutes. Heininger reported that the doctor pushed him from the front into the punches of his assailants. Heininger was knocked unconscious, suffered severe injury to the left eye with possible internal injury to the eye, severe lacerations of scalp and face, contusions on back of neck, bad cut on left ear, and swelling of mouth and lips with possible injury to gums. Polacheck got to their car parked outside clinic and pulled in the minister who was on his back outside the car. One of several whites standing around car grabbed keys. A deputy sheriff arrived, handcuffed Heininger and Polacheck and jailed them for disturbing peace: the doctor had reported they had used profanity. They were released on cash bond of \$100 each after being brought to station in a nonofficially marked pick-up truck and car. Trial set for Sug. 27.

Meridian: White summer volunteer arrested for reckless driving and speeding. He was not informed of charges until after being held at police station under arrest. At station, he was asked whether he was "sure" what his race is, and was hit on hand when reached for ticket to see what charges were being placed against him.

Greenwood: Silas McGhee and a summer volunteer arrested for driving with improper vehicle license. Both cars had temporary 7-day Tennessee license tags. Negro SNCC worker reported the arrests to Greenwood office over car radio, then was arrested for resisting arrest. Total bond: \$200.

Batesville: Three shots fired late last night past Negro home where five volunteers stay. July 26 the same home was tear gas bombed. A local white reportedly has threatened to kill the home owner if he does not oust the volunteers.

Shaw: Three white volunteers made to leave Negro high school cafeteria where they had been invited to a fund-raising supper. They were warmly received by students and supervising teacher, but were told by principal they must first secure permission of superintendent to enter school. One volunteer called this an "excellent demonstration of the fact that not only Negroes but whites also are not free in Mississippi."

Ruleville: Precinct meetings.

AUG. 1: Holly Springs: Wayne Yancy, 21-year-old volunteer from Chicago, killed in head-on collision here today. He was passenger in car driven by SNCC worker Charles Scales. Both are Negro. Highway patrol claimed Scales passed another car near hill crest, crossed yellow line, hit oncoming car. He was charged with manslaughter, hospitalized with injuries. SNCC staffer and summer volunteer nurse who tried to visit him were bodily thrown out of hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Greenwood: Two local Negro volunteers arrested for disorderly conduct in front of store belonging to police officer Henderson, who dragged a pregnant Negro woman on pavement during Freedom Day demonstration. At police station, officers twisted one volunteer's arms behind him, kicked him, shoved his head three times against a concrete wall, hit him in mouth with stick, shoved and kicked him into cell, kicked him 7 more times after he fell to floor--and then refused him a doctor. Bail originally set at \$50 each. White volunteer arrested same night on Negro business street. He was treated roughly by police during arrest. Officers pushed, kicked and stamped on his feet at station. FBI visited him within minutes of his confinement to ask if he had been beaten. Bond originally set at \$100. When SNCC workers arrived to bail out all three, they discovered bond had been raised to \$200 each. All three were bailed out.

Canton: Six civil rights workers--five white, one Negro--handing out Freedom Registration forms in downtown Canton jailed.

Vicksburg: FDP county meeting held at Courthouse, first FDP meeting to be held in govt. building.

Ruleville, Moss Pt., Jackson: County meetings.

McComb: "In White America" production at Freedom School.

AUG. 2: Greenwood: Summer volunteer arrested on Justice of Peace warrant for assault with deadly weapon. Arrest apparently connected with breaking of window in store owned by police officer Henderson. Volunteer not near store, but had been calling jail all night to obtain information on other arrests. She was held for four hours and released on \$1,000 bond.

Greenwood: Annie Lee Turner, the pregnant 15-year-old Greenwood Negro whom officer Henderson reportedly dragged across the pavement during Freedom Day, arrested today while among group of local youth gathered in front of Henderson's store. Henderson came, ordered them to disperse, then reportedly dragged Mrs. Turner to waiting police car. She was held on \$50 bond for disturbing the peace. A police blockade, with tear gas equipment, was maintained at Henderson's store for 2 hours.

Greenwood: Local resident arrested today while in his front yard. He reported that police car drove by, an officer made obscene gestures, the Negro laughed, the car backed up, and the Negro was arrested for profanity. Bond: \$50.

Greenwood: Shortly after midnight four shots were fired at SNCC office from passing car.

Jackson: Report of local Negro man beaten very badly after being arrested for an accident.

Natchez: Passing car fires shots at Archie Curtis Funeral Home. Curtis was beaten last Feb. by hooded men on desolate road outside city. He was lured to spot by unidentified caller who told him a woman was dying of heart attack. Earlier, Curtis had participated in vote drive.

Canton: Shot fired from car passing approximately 50 feet from Freedom House.

Greenville: County meeting, FDP.

Hattiesburg: "In White America" tours Freedom Schools.

AUG. 3: Columbus: Police arrest Negro volunteer for driving without a license and charge SNCC project director with allowing him to do so. Bail set at \$300 and \$100, respectively.

Batesville: SNCC project director Charles Weaver and summer volunteer Benjamin Graham arrested while trying to get names of 25 potential Negro voter registrants lined up outside courthouse. Weaver arrested while talking with another volunteer, who had been ordered out of courthouse by registrar. Graham arrested when he inquired what police were doing to Weaver. Both charged with interfering with officer. (The registrar is under federal injunction to facilitate registration.)

Greenwood: White volunteer arrested on John Doe warrant for assault and battery. Arrest stems from his participation in Freedom Registration Drive. Elderly white man with limp came up while volunteer was distributing FDP registration forms Aug. 1 and stepped on his foot. He asked if volunteer wanted

to "punch me in the face." Volunteer did not reply. Today he was picked up from across the street from Greenwood SNCC office. Two police, one with club, served warrant and grabbed him. He is held on \$100 bond. (This is 8th arrest in Greenwood this weekend. At least three of previous arrests involved extensive police brutality at jail.)

Jackson: Local Negro volunteer arrested for vagrancy in front of drugstore near his home. He had an SNCC button on his shirt, reportedly did not have his draft card with him. He is held on \$225 property bond.

Clarksdale: White Church of Christ minister and white summer volunteer refused admission to white Church of Christ. Church members felt they were "exploiting the church."

AUG. 4: Washington, D.C.: FBI announces that two of three bodies found near Philadelphia last night have been identified as Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner. (Third subsequently identified as James Chaney.)

Show: Negro schools closed indefinitely following student boycott. This was triggered by Negro principal's request that three white volunteers leave cafeteria where they'd been invited for school fund-raising dinner last Friday. Students declared boycott of cafeteria, asked Student Union to assemble their grievances, then called a general boycott of the schools which was supported by 75 per cent of students. The Union called the boycott "because of the inadequate education we're getting." Its demands included up-to-date texts, a well-stocked library with Negro history materials, workshops and laboratories, foreign languages and other courses needed for college entrance. Principal relayed these requests to white school superintendent, then notified students schools would be closed. Heavily armed sheriff's deputies in helmets soon arrived on scene.

Moss Pt.: Approximately 62 people arrested during voter registration meeting held on front lawn of SNCC office. Five were civil rights workers, rest local Negro citizens. The orderly meeting had been in process for 15 minutes when an assistant deputy sheriff gave the group 5 minutes to disperse. Group stayed. Within minutes 18 helmeted policemen with guns, bayonets, and clubs surrounded them; 15 minutes later a prison bus drove up. Ten police cars and two motorcycles--total of 40 officers--accumulated. All at meeting were put in bus and taken to jail. They were held for breach of the peace on \$300 cash or \$600 property bond each.

Cleveland: Fifty potential Negro registrants lined up at courthouse this morning, accompanied by 13 civil rights workers. Negroes were admitted one by one at 45 minute intervals. Leaflets were given them without incident. But when civil rights workers moved across street, all 13 arrested for distributing pamphlets among pedestrians. Charges based on anti-litter ordinance. Bond: \$300 each.

Marks: LCDC attorney received head injuries, including large gash over one eye, when he was thrown against police car by city marshal. Attorney arrested for "obstructing officer in performance of duties" and held on \$200 bail. He had gone to Marks to check detention of voter registration worker, when he saw marshal had stopped car filled with civil rights workers. He went over to investigate and the incident followed.

Jackson: After being refused service at small cafe, local volunteer chased by white man in pick-up truck who fired two shots at him.

McComb: Pete Seeger held folk music workshops at McComb Freedom School this morning following evening concert last night.

Hattiesburg: Seeger conducted folk music workshops in two Freedom Schools this afternoon. "In White America" at the Freedom Schools here.

Meridian: Community concert by Seeger in support of Summer Project. Four people refused service at supposedly integrated "Dairy Queen." Bus driver refused to pick up person wearing CORE shirt.

Cleveland: Car with 3 or 4 armed whites circled house of local volunteer between midnight and 1 a.m., parked briefly about 100 yards from her home.

JG..5: McComb: Two teen-age Negro boys, students at McComb Freedom School, have received harassing phone calls from two white girls. Boys were arrested few days ago, and yesterday were sentenced to year in jail each under Mississippi's recent phone harassment law.

Natchez: Mt. Pilgrim Baptist church in Finwick - red burned last night.

AUG. 5: Show: Thirty-five parents are organizing association to meet with school board and high school faculty. In addition to students' demands which led to boycott and closing of schools, parents will take action against inadequate school lunch program, problems of split session and mechanics of desegregation in school system there.

Jackson: Community concert by Pete Seeger. Gulfport: Free Southern Theater production of "In White America."

AUG. 6: Jackson: Approximately 300 delegates from precinct meetings and county conventions attended First State Convention of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Alternates and observers bring total attendance to 1,000. Slate of 68 delegates and alternates was elected to represent Mississippi at National Democratic Convention. Hattiesburg housewife Mrs. Victoria Gray elected National Committeewoman, and Rev. Ed King, white chaplain of Mississippi's private, interracial Tougaloo College elected National Committeeman. Dr. Aaron Henry, Clarksdale pharmacist and president of state NAACP, named permanent chairman of Convention, and chairman of National Convention delegation. After Convention, newly elected State Executive Committee named Pass Christian resident Laurence Guyot chairman and Hattiesburg resident Mrs. Peggy J. Connor secretary of Party. Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, candidate for Congress in Mississippi's 2nd District, named vice-chairman of delegation and Mrs. Annie Devine of Canton, secretary. Address of keynoter Miss Ella J. Baker, currently coordinator of Washington office of FDP, received standing ovation and sparked spontaneous marching and Freedom song in hall. Among resolutions adopted were statement of loyalty to Natl. Democratic Party platform & candidate

Gulfport: "In White America," Free Southern Theater production, at Freedom Schools.

AUG. 7: Meridian: Over 200 persons gathered at four churches to take part in memorial procession for slain civil rights worker James Chaney. Walking in silence, two abreast, in somber dress, the mourners joined approximately 400 others for memorial service at First Union Church. Procession and service followed private burial of Chaney in Meridian. Immediately following service, Free Southern Theater production of "In White America" was presented at church in conjunction with Freedom School convention which began here tonight.

Jackson: A. Phillip Randolph, president of American Negro Labor Council and longtime head of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, addressed mass meeting of students and parents of Jackson Freedom schools which opened this week.

Aberdeen: Integrated group refused service at Tom Restaurant and Elkin Theater.

Jackson: SNCC staffer Ivanhoe Donaldson arrested for improper driver's license. He was not in car at time of arrest. There were four integrated cars in front of house at which he was picked up. Bond: \$50.

Jackson: White co-ed volunteer Mary Zeno and local Negro volunteer Rommie Drain chased by white man with pistol in belt as they canvassed for voter registration. lane.

Jackson: Freedom School coordinator Tom Wahman arrested and fined \$17 for failing to yield proper

AUG. 8: Jackson: N.Y. pathologist David M. Spain, M.D., reported today after post-mortem examination of body of James Chaney, "In lay terminology--the jaw was shattered, the left shoulder and upper arm were reduced to a pulp; the right forearm was broken completely across at several points, and the skull bones were broken and pushed in toward the brain. Under the circumstances, these injuries could only be the result of an extremely severe beating with either a blunt instrument or chain. The other fractures of the skull and ribs were the result of bullet wounds. It is impossible to determine whether the deceased died from the beating before the bullet wounds were inflicted. In my extensive experience of 25 years as a pathologist and as a medical examiner, I have never witnessed bones so severely shattered, except in tremendously high speed accidents such as airplane crashes."

Hattiesburg: Two men, Clifton Archie Keys, 51, and his nephew Estus Keys, 31, were tried today for the July 10 beating of Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, 51, of Cleveland, Ohio. Pair pleaded nolo contendere, waived arraignment, and paid fines of \$500 each. They also received 90 day suspended sentences on condition of good behavior. The charge was changed by District Attorney James Finch from assault and battery with intent to maim to simple assault and battery.

Meridian: Approximately 150 outstanding students from throughout state gathered for Freedom School Convention here today. Resolutions brought by student delegates from their community Freedom Schools were divided into four groups: Foreign Relations, Medical Care, Education, and Public Accommodations, and workshops held in each area. "Seeds of Freedom," a Holly Springs Freedom School production based on life and death of Medgar Evers, was performed during evening, as well as Free Southern Theater production of "In White America."

AUG. 8: Tallahatchie: Four members of a local family--the first Negro family to attempt to register to vote from this county in several decades--have been steadily harassed since they attempted to register last Tuesday. On Tuesday night two truckloads of whites with guns came by at 6 p.m., 10 p.m., and 3 a.m. shouting obscenities and threats. They have been back several times, and the family is now afraid to go to work in the fields. The County Registrar is currently under a court injunction to determine the qualification of Negro registrants by the same standards as whites, not to limit Negro registrants to coming in one at a time, and not to use the constitutional interpretation section of the registration form. Approximately 70 per cent of the county's population is Negro. SNCC voter registration activity began here two weeks ago.

Show: Two cross burnings here were reported night of Aug. 6-7. Both were apparently intended to frighten local families involved in civil rights work.

AUG. 9: Mileston: Shortly after midnight a bomb was thrown in road approximately 40 yards from new Freedom Center. Thrown by whites from passing car, the bomb left a hole approximately one foot deep and 5 or 6 feet wide in road. There were no injuries.

Aberdeen: Two or three cannisters of tear gas were found on lawn of Freedom House here. Local police arrived and removed cannisters before FBI could take fingerprints.

Canton: "In White America" produced here tonight.

AUG. 10: Marigold: An elderly Negro man was shot to death in a gas station here this morning. Although reports vary, it seems confirmed that the man ordered gas and either had forgotten his billfold and could not pay, or received more gas than he had ordered and refused to pay for the extra. The gas station attendant began to beat him. A local policeman shot and killed the Negro who was unarmed.

Aberdeen: Two local Negro voter registration workers were stopped and given speeding tickets here after they and approximately 20 other Negroes attempted to integrate the downstairs section of the Elkins movie theater. CDC lawyer Abe Weitzman and law student Richard Wheelock were harassed as they observed the integration attempt. Their car was kicked by local white citizen, and they were stopped and questioned by police. They were followed back to Columbus by police car and carload of whites. The two given speeding tickets were driving 25 mph in a 30 mph zone. A third local Negro who participated in integration attempt was ticketed for improper lights. His lights were in on.

Canton: "In White America" presented here tonight.

AUG. 11: Gluckstadt: Mt. Pleasant Church in Gluckstadt burned to ground last night. It had been used daily as Freedom School site. Within minutes after leaving site, white volunteer Jim Ohls arrested for reckless driving.

Aberdeen: White volunteer Joel Bernard attacked by local white man today while engaged in voter registration canvassing. Volunteer was with local Negro filling out Freedom Registration form when white man drove up in pick-up truck, questioned him about what he was doing, struck him to ground, and punched him several times. Bernard managed to break away, and was searching for telephone when police car passed by. While he was explaining incident to police, his attacker--who had been following in his truck--came out and began threatening once again. Bernard taken to station for questioning, was refused use of telephone, and was refused protection back to office. He sustained bruises and grazed arm.

Ruleville: Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, candidate for Congress suffered brutal beating in County jail in Winona for her voter registration activities, is again being threatened. One of men involved in her earlier beating has been passing by her home today in pick-up truck, pointing her out to a series of companions. Mrs. Hamer, who suffered a permanent back injury from her earlier beating, states she feels the man "is up to something drastic."

Cleveland: Preliminary hearing held this morning on fatal shooting yesterday of 60-year-old Negro Neimiah Montgomery by police officer Leonard Yarborough of Marigold force. Witnesses testified that Montgomery went berserk soon after he drove into station, when attendant asked to be paid. Montgomery reportedly ran across highway to trailer and got hammer, then threatened to kill woman. Service station attendant got an axe handle and he and Montgomery struggled for it. Officer Yarborough arrived and reportedly tried to subdue Montgomery. Officer shot him twice, both bullets going into heart. This was viewed at hearing as justifiable homicide while acting in line of duty.

Anguilla: Two local Negro civil rights workers, Louis Grant and Bob Wright, arrested this evening while handing out leaflets advertising Freedom Day in Rolling Fork. Leaflets urged voter registration (Bond set later at \$200 on anti-littering charge.)

AUG. 12: Aberdeen: Potential Negro registrants taken to Courthouse today found it closed. Officials there said registrar was sick. There is no deputy registrar.

Greenwood: Six local Negro youths arrested today while standing in front of Doris' store in Baptist Town, singing. At least one beaten. Doctor and nurse dispatched to jail. Charges unknown.

Charleston: 24 Negro citizens attempted to register at Tallahatchie Co. Courthouse here yesterday. Approximately 93 armed whites gathered. Cars and trucks with guns prominently displayed were double- and triple-parked in front of courthouse. Potential registrants were able to take test quickly as registrar is under Federal injunction to cease discrimination. Sheriff also under Federal injunction restraining him from intimidating Negro applicants.

Ruleville: Students at local Negro school organizing to force teachers to register to vote. Only one is registered. They are also pressing to improve school conditions, and to stop practice of students financing school's operations. Classes reportedly have class field days when students go out in field and pick cotton to raise money for school.

Ruleville: Mrs. Hamer threatened with murder in telephone call to her home tonight.

Oak Ridge (near Vicksburg): Three people who have supported FDP beaten and shot at last night by men with hoods over their heads and in robes. Henry Ollins, his wife Lucy, and their next door neighbor Thomas Hick attacked by three carloads of men. Attackers broke doors of both houses and fired high-powered rifle at Hick's house. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ollins beaten; she sustained damaged hip, while he suffered rather severe beating, according to Vicksburg hospital. Hick managed to wrest hodd off one of men, and has delivered it to sheriff. According to MSP spokesman, "Warren Co. prides itself on not having a White Citizens Council, let alone a KKK."

Ocean Springs (near Gulfport): In two separate incidents, two local Negro men shot at here today. 19-year-old city employe Calvin Galloway cutting grass near beach when three white men drove by and fired pistol shots. Second incident involved man about 50, Barney Brooks. His attackers may have been same as those of Galloway. Neither was hit by shots.

Biloxi: Rental of local store for precinct meeting cancelled by owner today when SNCC poster put up. Local people reportedly told him they feared he was going to "move the nigras in."

Brandon: St. Matthews Baptist Church here burned to ground last night. Fire department spokesman told AP that department was unable to stop the fire.

Hattiesburg: Mrs. Dorethea Jackson, local Negro woman, arrested yesterday when she would not give her seat to white woman on bus. Mrs. Jackson reportedly was pulled off bus by policeman. She asserted that knife was planted in her purse. Charges as yet unknown.

Lexington: "In White America" produced here.

AUG. 13: Canton: 18-year-old Gluckstadt Freedom school student, whose school site was burned to ground two days ago, arrested today for alleged reckless driving and attempting to run Constable Bruno Holly off road.

Ocean Springs: Report here of third shooting in 24 hours at local Negro citizens, none hit. Also here last night, three white women in pick-up truck attempted to run over local Negro woman.

Cleveland: Local Negro reported that Willie Carter, another Negro Cleveland resident, offered \$200 by Shaw chief of police W.H. Griffin "to get rid of" three local Negroes--Elijah Smith, Aaron German, and Charles Bond--who are active in voter registration activity. Carter reportedly accepted offer, but second man reported it to COFO.

Columbus: Summer volunteer Ron Bridgeforth jailed at Starkville today on charges of refusing to be fingerprinted and photographed. He had gone to courthouse to pay parking fine. Bond: \$500.

Ruleville: 19-year-old white volunteer Joseph Smith arrested this evening in Drew on charges of "conduct tending to incite a breach of peace" while passing high school campus. He is in Drew City jail; bond not set.

Greenwood: Production of "In White America."

AUG. 14: McComb: Supermarket across street from church site of McComb Freedom School bombed before 1 a.m. today. All windows shattered and walls and roofing damaged. Blast, which left large hole in ground, almost knocked down voter registration worker in Freedom House two blocks away. (over)

AUG. 14 (Cont.): Immediately after explosion, white SNCC staffer Mendy Samstein ran outside, jumped into car, passed by car with two white men in it, followed car until he could record license; he had seen car before and found it listed on McComb SNCC's "suspicious car" list. Law student Clint Hapson arrested for interfering with officer as he worked his way through crowd at bomb site and spoke with one of officers there. He was released on \$52.50 bail. Local voter registration worker Roy Lee arrested when he returned to scene of bombing and charged with inciting to riot, threatening life of policeman, cursing, and disorderly conduct. Being held on \$900 bond. McComb SNCC spokesman stated he was arrested for no apparent reason.

Natchez: Tavern next door to Freedom House here bombed tonight. Owners of tavern, an integrate couple, live in home attached to it. Tavern owned by Jake Fisherman and Evangeline Thornton. He is white, she, negro. Natchez SNCC spokesman report that police were circulating through crowd of several hundred spectators, stating that "the wrong place" had been bombed. Firemen told one of voter registration workers there (whom they did not recognize) "those outside agitators are in that house. The bomb was set for that house. They're here to stir up trouble. George Greene rents that place." Greene is 20-year-old SNCC staff member working in Natchez.

Aberdeen: Elkins theater closed down today rather than integrate. There have been two integration attempts at theater Aug. 6 and 11.

Aberdeen: 24 voter registration workers had to wait outside courthouse here last night as local Negro volunteer Leon Smith tried for traffic violation. When Smith's lawyer inquired why workers were not permitted in courtroom, judge said, "I don't hold trials for monkeys." As workers waited outside, large group of whites gathered, many with baseball bats. This morning local volunteer Sammy Bets, who tried to attend trial, fired without being given any reason by his white employer, one of white crowd outside courthouse last night.

Aberdeen: Three local voter registration workers given traffic tickets as they drove home from registration meeting last night. This is third time this week that this form of harassment used by police.

Hattiesburg: Local Negro citizen Willie Mae Martin re-arrested last night in connection with charge of resisting arrest and interfering with police officer last March. Billy McDonald, another Hattiesburg Negro resident, and FDP chairman Lawrence Guyot arrested at same time, McDonald on same charge as Miss Martin and Guyot solely for interfering. Because of legal misunderstandings, three did not know they were scheduled to appear for hearing to be held six months after their charge. Miss Martin and McDonald assigned \$200 bond and 30 days imprisonment, and Guyot \$100 and 30 days. It is doubtful that Guyot will be released before the Democratic National Convention.

Ruleville: Local attorney has informed voter registration workers here that any white volunteer staying overnight in Negro section of Drew, a small town near here, would be arrested.

Columbus: Local voter registration volunteer John Luther Bell jailed at nearby West Point today on charges of larceny and disturbing peace. He was arrested while canvassing for potential Negro registrants. Bell was one of three outstanding students selected as delegate to Freedom School convention in Meridian Aug. 8-10.

Hattiesburg: Freedom School teacher Sandra Adickes, UFT volunteer, arrested today when she attempted to have six of her students check out books from public library deemed for whites only. After they were refused applications for cards, they sat down at tables to read magazines. Short time later police chief Hugh Herrin walked in and announced library was being closed. Everyone made to leave library, which Mayor Claude F. Pittman now states was closed for inventory. This is second time this year it has closed for inventory. Miss Adickes and students were followed by police from time they left library. They went to integrated lunch counter, where waitress said she would serve only Negroes. UFT volunteer arrested outside lunch counter and released under \$100 bond on a vagrancy charge.

Greenwood: White women owners of grocery store here fired with shotguns on crowd of 75-100 Negro pickets today. Their "Happy Day" store has been object of civil rights boycott for past several days. There were no injuries reported. Police arrived shortly after shooting and dispersed pickets.

Columbus: LCDR Attorney Tom Connelly arrested on charges of reckless driving today after pick-up truck rammed into his parked car. Local white citizen Travis Hamilton ran his truck into Connelly's car, smashing door, shattering window, and injuring passenger and law student Richard Wheeler (cut on arm by flying glass). Connelly released after several hours on \$110 bond.

AUG. 14 (cont.): As Connelly was being driven home from District Attorney's office by summer volunteer Steve Fraser, their car was met by highway patrol roadblock. Fraser was given ticket for improper license. Roadblock then ended.

Canton: Bullet fired at Freedom House at approximately 10 p.m. from passing car. No injuries or apparent damage. Police came immediately upon being informed and were cooperative.

Indianola: Local white resident Joe Hopkins today drove to Freedom School while classes in session questioned volunteer about presence of NY reporter and Attorney Andrew Goldman, fumbled with rifle, drove off. Earlier, Hopkins told Negro family living next door to Freedom School site that civil rights workers "better get out of there." He said, "I'm going to blow up that place." Two Negro citizens also told summer volunteer that several white men planned to "shoot up the place" tonight. Local police stated they would patrol area all night.

AUG. 15: Jackson: Between 10:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m., voter registration worker beaten over head with baseball bat outside COFO office, carload of one white and four local Negro voter registration workers was shot at 8 to 10 times, four crosses were burned simultaneously, and local student shot by white man: white volunteer Philip Hocker working on pick-up truck across street from COFO office as three other workers--two Negro, one white--sat in car behind him lighting his work with headlights. Another car doubleparked beside car and truck. Young white man wearing bermuda shorts went up to Hocker, hit him on back of head with bat, and continued to hit him after he fell to street. At 10:45 Hocker taken from office to Baptist hospital, still bleeding about the head. At 11 crosses burning at Lynch St. and Terry Rd. approximately three blocks from COFO office; at Sun-n-Sands Hotel, where many Project lawyers, doctors, ministers, and national press correspondents stay at Millsaps College; and at Valley Rd. and Hwy. 80, site of soon-to-be-integrated public school. White summer volunteer and four local Negro voter registration workers shot at 8 to 10 times by two white men in car as they drove through Jackson. Civil rights workers stopped when they saw parked police car. Officer, after hearing Smith's statement, sent out report over radio that "we got some colored people who say some niggers were shooting at them." As soon as Oldsmobile containing attackers came close, police drove off. Investigating plainclothesman found 5 bullets in the car. Willie Gynes was shot in leg by white man in car passing a teen dance here. Gynes is in the Emergency ward of University Hospital.

Meridian: Two local Negro voter registration volunteers, Sam Brown and David McClinton, and SNCC staffer Preston Ponder fired upon today while driving Hwy 11 in Jasper Co. Shot hit and cracked front window of trio's car as they returned from investigating beating several weeks ago of school teacher and her mother.

Greenwood: SNCC staffer Jesse Harris arrested today for disturbing peace. Arrest made under warrant, presumably in connection with boycott currently in operation against several stores here.

Greenwood: Silas McGhee, young man whose brutal beating led to first arrests under 1964 Civil Rights Act, shot in face tonight as he sat in car outside Lulu's restaurant. McGhee alone in car when shot fired by white man in passing car. He was rushed to University Hospital in Jackson in critical condition. McGhee initially brought to Leflore Hospital here. Staff reportedly unable to remove bullet which entered through left side of face near temple and lodged near left side throat. Two SNCC staffers refused admittance to hospital because they were not wearing shirts; they had taken off their shirts to help stop McGhee's bleeding.

Laurel: Volunteer and three local Negro voter registration workers beaten today after sitting down for service at theoretically integrated Kress' department store lunch counter. Ten whites approached as Levelle Keys, James House, Larry McGill and Ben Hartfield being served. Two of whites beat group with baseball bats. Hartfield knocked unconscious. Woman pulled pistol on McGill. His mother yelled "Don't kill my son" to woman who pulled pistol. For this remark, McGill's assailant reportedly filed assault charge against his mother. SNCC staffer Fred Richardson entered store earlier, was asked to leave because he had a camera. Richardson outside Kress' when incident occurred and was himself beaten by whites who gathered at scene when he called police. His camera taken by one of his attackers. Police arrived and warrants were sworn out against several of the attackers.

AUG. 16: McComb: McComb office raided at 1:30 a.m. by 24 policemen in five cars, representing city police, sheriffs and deputies, and highway patrol. Warrants were for illegal liquor. None was found, but officers spent good deal of time reading letters and literature found in office.

AUG. 16 (cont.): The workers had just returned from an evening of canvassing bars and restaurants in McComb area, announcing rallies and Freedom Days. These were planned in response to a period of increased violence and harassment by local white community.

Greenwood: Several hundred local Negro citizens gathered at Friendship Baptist Church here to protest shooting of McGhee. Approximately 100 of those who had gathered in church came to SNCC office after meeting. Police in full riot garb, with tear gas, equipment, blocked off both ends of street on which office is located until angry crowd dispersed.

Philadelphia: Memorial service held today for civil rights workers James Chaney, Michael Schwerner, and Andrew Goodman who were slain here June 21 after inspecting burned-out church site of a Freedom School.

Laurel: White volunteer David Goodyear beaten unconscious at gas station here today, and his companion, white volunteer Linnelle Barrett, was kicked and stepped upon. They were outside their car when two white men approached and asked if they were civil rights workers. When they replied "yes," several whites milling around closed in and began beating them. Police came in three cars immediately after being notified. Within an hour after incident, police--on basis of license number--picked up assailants' car. Gas station attendant closed station and left before police arrived. Two of Goodyear's teeth were loosened.

AUG. 17: Four voter registration workers, 3 white and 1 Negro, arrested on vagrancy charges here as they left public library which had refused them service. Susan Patterson, Ben Achtenburg, Tom Edwards, and Bill Jones held on \$100 cash bond or \$250 property bond. (Hattiesburg)

Ruleville: Three local Negro youths picked up by police here and held for half an hour for distributing announcements of tonight's production of "In White America."

Laurel: Anthony Lynn hit twice by passing white citizen as he stood on street corner here today. Lynn was with local Negro citizen whom he had just accompanied to courthouse to take voter registration test. Lynn called police and pointed out his assailant to them. Assailant denied everything; police had both file affidavits.

Gulfport: Volunteer Steve Miller ^{badly} beaten today by passing white man as he left Carnegie Library. Miller sustained severe bruises on jaw, right temple, and head, and is suffering from amnesia. County police officer arrived at scene, but left without providing any aid. Taxi then refused to take him to hospital. Civil rights workers arrived at hospital with Miller about one hour after beating. They were made to wait another two hours for doctor. Assailant walked by police officer and commented "I got me one." Workers went to city police, who refused to take action for lack of complaint. Warrant filed by one of witnesses at whom assailant had swung but not hit. Miller not capable of filing warrant. Sheriff is investigating.

Indianola: Approximately 25 white citizens, some of whom were reportedly White Citizen's Council members, attended this evening's performance of "In White America." Eight to 10 helmeted police arrived in two cars, said there would be no trouble. Play features integrated cast of 8; it describes suppressions and victories of American Negro in his own country.

Winona Co.: White volunteer Tim Morrison arrested here for faulty driver's license and fined \$18.

Clarksdale: Franklin Delano Roosevelt III arrested and fined for speeding while going 25 mph in 35 mph zone. Roosevelt has been doing research on project to bring aid to civil rights workers.

AUG. 18: McComb: After series of bombings and intimidation, first Southwest Mississippi Freedom Day was peacefully conducted here today. 25 potential Negro registrants went to courthouse, 23 of whom permitted to take test. Registrar processed one applicant every 45 minutes. Police and FBI agents were at Pike Co. courthouse in Magnolia throughout day. (Of Pike Co.'s 35,063 Negro voting-age citizens, 207 (3%) registered, as contrasted to 9,989 registered whites representing 82.1%.) Over 200 local Negro citizens attended mass meeting here last night to protest terrorist activities brought against Negro citizens and voter registration workers in this hardcore area.

McComb: Attempted house-burning reported by SNCC spokesmen today. At 1:30 a.m. local Negro resident Vera Brown, whose daughter is active in civil rights movement here, woke up to smell of smoke. Gasoline-filled jar found smoking under house. Conflagration was smothered with little damage. Mrs. Brown plans to attempt to register as part of Freedom Day.

AUG. 18: Philadelphia: Shortly before 11 p.m., Aug. 15, cdr stopped across street from Freedom School headquarters here and driver kept single-barreled shotgun pointed at office for about 5 minutes, left, and returned second time. When two Freedom School teachers filed warrant about incident with district attorney, official put on it that party was COFO worker who made \$9.64 a week, "lives off people in community, and has no other visible means of support." Freedom School coordinator Ralph Featherstone refused to sign affidavit with this addition. His companion, volunteer Walter Kaufman, did sign complaint. Name of man with gun is known; action on case is awaited. Aug. 16 a rumor began spreading that office and motel across street from it, where workers eat, would be bombed. By Aug. 17 rumor was widespread--woman at motel was threatened and told workers she could not feed them any more. FBI watched office all night; local police took no action. This morning Deputy Sheriff Price, officer who arrested James Chaney, Michael Schwerner, and Andrew Goodman, came to office and took films of all workers. He came by three times. He reportedly has been questioning local Negro citizens as to the workers' activities. Today local Negro citizen beaten by white man when he went into store with Negro girl. Philadelphia staff reports man could be taken for white and was probably thought to be project worker. He came to office after leaving doctor's office. He was frightened and refused to contact local police. FBI contacted, and man questioned for about 1/2 hour. One agent reportedly was "very hostile."

Greenwood: Jake McGhee, younger brother of Silas, arrested here this morning for traffic violation. His mother, Mrs. Laura McGhee, hit in chest by desk sergeant when she went to pay fine. Mrs. McGhee hit officer in nose; officer went for gun. Greenwood staff members George Greene and Ed Rudd held policeman's hand til another officer came in and calmed him down. Jake fined \$100 for improper license and impersonation. Warrant issued for Mrs. McGhee's arrest for assaulting officer.

Jackson: 17-year-old Negro from Columbus formally announced plans today to seek state charter for Mississippi Young Democrat Club. Melvin L. Whitfield assumed presidency of new Young Democratic group at their Aug. 10 convention in Meridian, which included representatives from about 25 Mississippi communities. He will represent body, along with 9 other Mississippi officers, at meeting of National Committee of Young Democratic Clubs of America Aug. 21-23 in Atlantic City. Group, thus far all-Negro, learned few weeks ago that existing Young Democratic organization in Mississippi has never been granted charter by national body. Spokesman noted, "Our organization, in keeping with principles stated in constitution of Young Democratic Clubs of America, is open to anyone who is between ages of 16 and 40 who 'professes and demonstrates allegiance to principles of National Democratic Party,' regardless of race or creed."

Gulfport: Man who yesterday beat volunteer Steve Miller today was arrested and charged with assault. Gulfport resident James Robert Thomas released on \$200 bond. Thomas has only been charged with assault as warrant against him was filed by Miller's companion Charles Wheeler, who was not hit. Miller will swear out warrant when able.

Vicksburg: Early this morning, bottle hurled through window of barbershop owned by Mr. Eddie Thomas, Warren Co. FDP delegate.

McComb: As white volunteer Marshall Ganz drove back from Pike Co. courthouse in Magnolia to transport potential Negro registrants, he was followed by four men in unmarked pick-up truck. When he stopped at red light, one man quickly got out of truck and began running at him. Ganz quickly drove off and was followed by truck back to McComb. Passenger in truck threw bottle which narrowly missed going through window of Ganz' car.

Natchez: Five-gallon can of gasoline, a bomb-like apparatus, found under Blue Moon bar here. Bar belongs to Jake Fisher, whose brother's bar was found bombed in Louisiana over the weekend.

Yazoo City: Two local Negro citizens today filed applications for cards at local library here without incident. Police talked with two "politely" and later contacted mother of one.

Shaw: Three Negro members of Shaw Mississippi Student Union entered town library today and successfully registered for cards. When Eddie Short, James Johnson Jr., and Willie Wright left, they were followed by four police officers and watched by a number of bystanders.

AUG. 19: Jackson: Three busloads of FDP delegates and alternates to National Convention, as well as FDP staff members, left from Jackson amidst hundreds of well-wishers late this evening.

AUG. 19: Jackson: At conclusion of 3½-day staff meeting at Tougaloo College this weekend, Dir. Robert Moses announced that Mississippi Summer Project would not end. Speaking at press conference, Moses said 200 of volunteers now in state plus 65 SNCC staff and about 30 CORE staff would stay in state throughout year. This figure does not include those who will come down for minimum stay of three months who have been applying for work during year since Summer Project began. Moses also noted that medical, legal, and ministerial groups have announced plans to place Mississippi operations on a permanent basis.

Natchez: Owner of house rented by SNCC workers here has indicated he does not want to rent it to civil rights workers for fear of bombing. Company holding house's insurance indicated it does not want to continue the policy on the house.

Meridian: Church burning reported in Collinsville.

McComb: Three potential Negro registrants in front of Pike Co. courthouse in Magnolia told they would be arrested if they did not move. Three sat in car for 30 minutes. Ten minutes later white volunteer Dave Gerber arrested for speeding enroute from courthouse to McComb. Bond: \$22.50.

Meridian: Local Negro voter registration worker Sam Brown arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest tonight. Released on \$50 bond.

Philadelphia: Increased harassment and intimidation efforts continue at Evers Motel headquarters of Neshoba Co. mobile Freedom School here. Between 8:55 and 9:15 p.m. two carloads and one truck of white men with rifles visible parked outside headquarters on outskirts of Philadelphia. Deputy Price observed smiling as one carload of whites told him, "We're gonna get the job done tonight." While carloads of whites parked or occupants milled about in front of office and other cars cruised in area, threatening phone calls received at approximate intervals of 5 minutes stating "Your time is up." Calls continued til 4 a.m. New office opened Aug. 14 with 11 workers, four of them staff.

Jackson: At press conference, Project Dir. Robert Moses said "Voter registration drives will be increased across state. Campaigns will be intensified in Panola and Tallahatchie Co.'s, where recent court orders have opened new possibilities for work, and in other counties where legal relief appears imminent. Also under consideration are such new efforts as mobile libraries in rural areas, strengthening of citizens band radio security system, development of permanent community center facilities, and an adult literacy program specially designed by SNCC for the Black Belt."

AUG. 20: Canton: At 1:30 a.m. pick-up truck drove into driveway of Freedom House. Local Negro citizen saw "third light" inside truck, in addition to two headlights. When truck's occupants noticed all the observers they quickly drove off, and were reportedly observed trying to put out fire in bed of truck. When witnesses got to street, they found gallon jug, broken, with oily rags sticking out at top.

Philadelphia: Neshoba Co. law enforcement has used questionable building lease to try to evict COFO workers from their newly opened office. At about 11 a.m. Deputy Cecil Price, Sheriff Rainey, and District Attorney Walter Jones presented an eviction notice, indicating that six COFO workers then in office would be arrested if they had not left premises by 1 p.m. The law officers claimed the building lease was invalid, and that old tenants still held lease. Police, both city and county, appeared frequently at office from about 1 to 3 or 4 p.m. with warrants for arrest of six on trespass charges. Former occupant of building came to office late this afternoon and agreed to terminate his hold on building and to have all his property moved out within five days. COFO workers indicated their determination to stay in Philadelphia despite legal or other types of pressure. Local Negro woman told one of workers this morning: "If you leave us now, they'll kill us. They'll pile our bodies one on top of the other." Additional staff was moved into Philadelphia by late afternoon, and more will be sent as soon as needed, "to keep our pledge to the local people," a Jackson office spokesman said. Today's legal harassment followed several tense hours last night as Philadelphia office surrounded by carloads of armed whites. Following eviction notice, local Negro citizens came to office and provided "a fabulous dinner for us all."

Shaw: Herman Perry, Negro cotton farmer, elected president of the Bolivar Improvement Assn. at mass meeting here Wed. night. More than 100 attended. Assn. plans to organize Negro farmers and others for community planning and improvement. With widespread Negro unemployment and poverty in area, group hopes to become eligible for federal aid. To avoid complete economic dependence, group needs some kind of industry to employ Negroes. Assn. grew out of Freedom School class in politics. Mass meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening in Shaw, to make plans for school boycott and integration of public schools here.

AUG. 20: Clarksdale: Medical Committee for Human Rights physicians Richard Moore and Les Hoffman arrested for loitering while in their car outside Freedom House here. Released on \$16 bond each; trial Aug. 21.

AUG. 21: Belzoni: Police cars follow voter registration workers here continuously, surrounding them at every house at which they stop. Four to five cars of local white citizens also follow. This morning, police chief Nichols reportedly told workers to get out of town, that he was planning to bomb house. Yesterday Nichols entered house for second time without warrant. He said house is public place, and that warrant is unnecessary. House located about one block outside city limits. This evening three voter registration workers surrounded for several hours by 12 truckloads of armed whites as they sat in Wimpy's Cafe here. Crowd gathered as workers stopped at filling station just inside city limits. They entered cafe to report situation to Greenwood SNCC office. Sheriff closed cafe by saying to owner, "Close that place down, nigger." Local Negro citizen reportedly hit on side of head with

Gulfport: Local Negro Aaron Jones today was arrested while handing out leaflets here announcing performance by Caravan of Music folksinger. Jones now in Juvenile Court custody on

Itta Bena: Perry's Chapel burned to ground late this evening. Wood frame building deemed to be out of jurisdiction of Itta Bena fire department. delinquency charge

AUG. 22: McComb: Local voter registration worker Percy McGhee arrested for "loitering" inside courthouse near here today. Being held on \$60 bail. McComb police officer pulled gun on SNCC staff member Seephus Hugh who went to post bond for McGhee. Four more workers went to jail and successfully bonded out McGhee.

Jackson: As two Freedom School teachers, one white and one Negro, walked along street here today car with two white passengers doubled back, drove by slowly, and took their picture.

Laurel: A going-away picnic given by local Negroes for three white voter registration workers was broken up today by an estimated 15 white men who beat one volunteer, reportedly with sticks and chains, and shot at two others. As group sat around private lake on Negro-owned farm near here, six white men approached and asked if group knew "Dixie." When one student began to play the song a white man grabbed his guitar and threw it in lake. About 9 other white men came out of bushes surrounding lake site. White volunteer Willard Hayden saw at least two weapons among men: a club and a chain. Weapon brought down on his head; he and local voter registration worker Robert Morgan plunged into lake to head back to farmhouse. Shots, probably from pistol, aimed at them. White volunteer David Gelfand was severely beaten by white assailants. He sustained sprained--possibly broken--wrists, and bruises and lacerations of the back. His assailant has been tentatively identified as R.V. Lee, the man who is to stand trial Friday for beating white volunteer Anthony Lynn in front of Laurel Courthouse last Monday.

AUG. 23: Tupelo: Voter registration headquarters here were object of arson early this morning. Damage was moderate. Workers arrived at office today to find attic gutted, all windows in rear part of building broken, and door burned. Neighbors reported fire department had put fire out at about 3 a.m. City investigators said there was evidence of arson. Tupelo has been the scene of FDP organizing involving 20 to 30 local workers, as well as three staff workers. Office was opened six weeks ago.

McComb: Local white citizen held for 3 hours last night by five heavily armed, hooded white men. He is described by McComb SNCC spokesmen as "poor; his friends are all Negroes and he lives in Negro neighborhood."

AUG. 24: Columbus: Rev. Cluke Arden and white volunteer Bruce Amundson were turned away yesterday from Lutheran Church here after being questioned at length by minister and church elders. Amundson was asked to apologize for having brought a Negro to the church last Sunday.

Greenville: Law student Len Edwards and three LCDC lawyers were refused a room after having made prior reservation at Holiday Inn here, when manager saw a Negro in their car.

Holly Springs: Local Negro sharecropper Mr. J.T. Dean, turned off his land for no apparent reason. This is latest in series of economic actions taken against Dean since he applied to register to vote during Marshall Co. Freedom Day Aug. 15. Aug. 16 Dean's credit cut off. He was told by land owner he was no longer needed to work the land. His water supply was also cut off. Today Howard Jones, local Negro citizen who made application to register during Holly Springs Freedom Day July 27, told at courthouse that his test has not yet been graded. So far, none of more than 200 local Negro citizens who took voter registration test this summer has been notified as to whether or not he passed

AUG. 24: Gulfport: Local Negro voter registration worker John Handy arrested here for disturbing peace and held on \$300 bond. Arrest came few hours after Handy talked with Negroes outside Henderson's store in Greenwood, which has been boycotted for more than six weeks. Owner, Greenwood police officer, dragged young, pregnant Negro woman across pavement Freedom Day. When Handy stopped outside store, Henderson told him warrant would be issued for his arrest. (Charges dropped Aug. 25.)

Gulfport: Four local Negro voter registration workers, Luther Adams, Clifton Johnson, Jonnie Campbell, and Charles Wheeler, today were refused service at Albrught and Wood Drug store counter. They were served water, then asked to leave. Adams went back to store and asked if it were segregated; waitress replied, "You were served water, weren't you?"

Moss Pt.: Negro citizens here have decided to boycott nearby laundromat after young Negro girl arrested for attempting to wash clothes in "white section." Petition will be presented to laundry's owner tomorrow morning by boycotting citizens demanding that discrimination there be ended.

AUG. 25: Amory: Three young Negro voter registration workers, Adair Howell, Andrew Moore and Essie Carr, arrested today as they canvassed for potential registrants. Trio saw police coming and went to Negro home. Police entered home and arrested workers, charging them with disturbing peace and "forcing" Negro woman to sign form. Local officials denied knowledge of whereabouts of workers after their arrest. Howell and Moore located by FBI last this evening in Amory City jail. They are being held under \$100 bond each. Miss Carr released to custody of her parents.

Drew: Law student Len Edwards arrested for reckless driving after being followed by local police chief. He made U-turn at speed of 5 miles per hour.

Moss Pt.: Owner of local laundromat here refused to desegregate facilities when presented with petition by local Negro citizens. He reportedly stated that he realized Negroes constituted 80% of his business, but that whites would refuse to wash there if partition removed. He reportedly told Negroes that "Communists are behind this whole thing," and that "Negroes and whites had a good relationship in Moss Pt. until few months ago when COFO workers came in." (On Aug. 26, six Negroes arrested for urging fellow citizens not to patronize the laundromat.)

Mound Bayou: Seven young Negro members of Mississippi Student Union arrested today for allegedly chasing white salesman out of town. Man shot at students. Although the seven, Henry Martin, Wendel Ishman, Herbert Battle, Oliver Know, James McKay, Walter Ricket, and Gary Dillen are being held in jail, no charges have been placed against them yet.

Columbus: Group of 30 Negro high school students followed by six police cars, one containing sheriff and police dog, as they walked to voter registration meeting last night. Police remained outside meeting for over ½ hour and later returned to cafe where group had first gathered. Police entered cafe and told students who had just returned from meeting that they were to go home.

AUG. 26: Canton: George Johnson, registration worker, was shot at three times on his way to Freedom House early this morning. He was approximately three blocks from the house when car pulled up from behind and fired three shots from approximately 500 feet away. Johnson identified car as police car since it was equipped with searchlight and red warning light on top. Johnson, who both heard the shots and saw the flash of the bullets, ducked into nearby bushes and sought shelter in a local house. Approximately 10 minutes later he started back to Freedom House down another street and stated that he saw "the same police car which came past me at 50 or 60 miles per hour, shining its spotlight on me." Johnson entered another local home for refuge. Late last week, Johnson, in response to Canton CORE office policies, registered with the police as a civil rights worker and gave the Freedom House as his home address.



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