

Stop The Beatings!

DOWNTOWN HATTIESBURG IS DANGEROUS! THE STREETS, COTTAGES, RESTAURANTS AND PUBLIC PLACES ARE NOT SAFE FOR ALL THE CITIZENS!

THE STORIES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE TESTIFY TO THIS FACT.

THESE BEATINGS MUST STOP! DOWNTOWN SHOULD NOT BE A PLACE WHERE ANY WHITE HOODLUM CAN BEAT UP A NEGRO OR A CIVIL RIGHTS WORKER AND GET AWAY WITH IT.

ACTION IS BEING TAKEN. THREE CHARGES OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST R. M. W. HAMILTON FOR HIS PART IN THE BEATINGS AT THE WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCIL MEETINGS LAST THURSDAY, FOR KICKING JOE SCHWARTZ AFTER A SIT-IN ON SATURDAY, AND MONDAY'S INCIDENT. SIMILAR CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST DONALD WHEAT WHO WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT AT THE CITIZEN'S COUNCIL AND THE BEATINGS ON MONDAY AT CITY HALL. WILLIAM LEE, ALSO INVOLVED IN MONDAY'S BEATING, IS BEING CHARGED.

THE TRIAL OF THESE MEN WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY AT 4:00 PM AT THE CITY POLICE COURT. ALL CITIZENS OF HATTIESBURG, INTEREST IN MAKING THIS A SAFE TOWN TO LIVE IN, SHOULD ATTEND. A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR UNITY IS NEEDED. WE ARE ALL INVOLVED: THOSE WHO WERE BEATEN THOSE WHO WERE WITNESSES, AND ALL OF US WHO KNOW THAT IT COULD VERY WELL HAVE BEEN THEM WHO WAS BEATEN.

MOREOVER, BY ATTENDING THAT TRIAL IN LARGE NUMBERS, WE WILL FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEMS IN HATTIESBURG. THIS WILL INSURE THE SAFETY OF THOSE TESTIFYING AND INCREASE THE CHANCE OF GETTING A JUST DECISION.