

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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Running incident summary from February 4th to March 2nd, 1965

February 2

Rolling Fork, Miss.--Two Mississippi Student Union members were threatened with expulsion from Henry Withers High School for getting 150 students to wear Freedom Pins.

Holly Springs, Miss.--A white court stenographer working with FDP lawyers was asked to leave Maurice's Restaurant when it was discovered that her white companion was a COFO worker.

Selma, Ala.--SNCC project director John Love and SNCC worker Terry Shaw arrested on charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors. Close to 100 other persons were also arrested.

Marion, Ala.--SNCC worker George Bess and 15 other persons arrested while trying to integrate the Corner Cafe.

February 3

Biloxi, Miss.--Four COFO workers arrested when they tried to re-integrate Vic's Newsstand Lunch Counter. They were arrested after insisting that their coffee be served in regular cups rather than in paper cups.

Rolling Fork, Miss.--More than 200 students at the Henry Withers High School were sent home because they were wearing Freedom Pins. In protest over 200 students walked out.

Marion, Ala.--800 students and adults were arrested on charges of unlawful assembly.

February 4

Moultrie, Ga.--SNCC worker Jim Perry and about 60 high school students were arrested while protesting inadequate school facilities.

Marion, Ala.--Over 200 persons, marching to protest yesterday's arrests, were arrested. Those arrested included SNCC staffer Stanley Wise who was beaten in the sheriff's office.

February 5

Selma, Ala.--78 adults marched to the courthouse carrying a petition which asked that their names be placed on a voter registration waiting list in compliance with a court order. They were all arrested. Less than an hour later 450 youths marched to protest the arrests. All of them were also arrested.

Indianola, Miss.--Thirty persons, including SNCC staffer Fred Win, were arrested for picketing the segregated white library.

Vicksburg, Miss.--Seven Negro students were ordered out of the white library by the librarian assisted by police. After a lecture at the police station, they were released.

Shaw, Miss.--COFO station wagon fire bombed.

February 8

Natchez, Miss.--Two white Freedom Democratic Party attorneys and a local Negro were refused service at the Eola Hotel.

Selma, Ala.--60 adults marched on the courthouse. They were jabbed with cattle prods and beaten with clubs and then arrested. An hour later all SNCC staff workers in Selma were arrested on charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors.

February 9

Selma, Ala.--75 students arrested while marching to protest yesterday's arrests. SNCC staffer Ivanhoe Donaldson also arrested.

Laurel, Miss.--Shot fired into SNCC office around 9:30 PM. No one was injured.

February 10

Tallahatchie County, Miss.--Deposition gathering for the Congressional Challenge had to be cut short because no notaries could be found who would sign subpoenas for adverse witnesses.

Jackson, Miss.--A white man smashed the windshield of a COFO car after two riders, one white and one Negro, had eaten together at the Toddle House.

February 13

Moultrie, Ga.--SNCC worker Willie Ricks was arrested in the county courthouse while trying to remove a white only sign from the drinking fountain.

February 15--Indianola, Miss.--SNCC worker Fred Winn arrested for distributing leaflets on public property without a permit. He was taken to jail and held on \$100 bond.

February 16--

Meridian, Miss.--Fifteen persons arrested while picketing a segregated meeting at a segregated hotel which featured an FBI agent as the speaker. A group of local Negroes, who tried to enter the "public" meeting were threatened and refused admittance.

Selma, Ala.--Sheriff Clark and deputies beat members of a group which had gathered at the courthouse. Two SNCC workers were later beaten by a huge, burly white man and threatened by a gun-wielding second man.

Moultrie, Ga.--Over 200 students plus several SNCC staff persons were arrested in front of the county courthouse as they protested bad school conditions.

Laurel, Miss.--The SNCC office was firebombed. One room was completely destroyed, the others were badly damaged. Office records, a 2,000 book library and a mimeograph machine were destroyed. Typewriters were missing.

February 18

Selma, Ala.--Five persons arrested and charged with contempt when they appeared at the courthouse, asking that the registrar's office be open five days a week, rather than only two days a month.

Marion, Ala.--State troopers beat Negroes and mobs beat newsmen outside a church after a mass meeting. One Negro was shot fatally allegedly by a trooper.

Moultrie, Ga.--25 students arrested in front of city hall while protesting the arrests of more than 200 students February 16.

February 19

Indianola, Miss.--Students and SNCC workers were arrested while picketing the white-only library.

February 20

Indianola, Miss.--More persons were arrested as picketing at the white-only library continued. Over 50 persons were arrested in the two days and several of them were beaten by police.

Ruleville, Miss.--A cross was burned in front of the SNCC community center.

February 20

Helena, Ark.--A SNCC worker was stopped by police, threatened with a police dog, and then arrested for having improper brake lights. After she was released, the cop who had arrested her, followed and stopped her again, warned her to leave town, let her go but continued to follow her a while longer.

Marion, Ala.--Police arrested and beat a local Negro man because "he was one of those niggers in that mess."

February 21

Moss Point, Miss.--Six people (two white and four Negro) were arrested as they attempted to seek service in Burnam's Drug Store.

Ruleville, Miss.--An integrated group of nine people attended the local movie theater and sat in the white section. Half a dozen white persons threw objects at them while they sat watching the film.

February 22

Holly Springs, Miss.--St. Joseph's Church, site of regularly held voter registration classes, was burned completely to the ground.

February 23

Batesville, Miss.--22 high school students were thrown out bodily of the Brown's Cafe when they had attempted to integrate. They then went to the Elizabeth Cafe which closed rather than serve them. Next they went and picketed the courthouse and were arrested on charges of disturbing the peace and obstructing the sidewalk.

February 26

Selma, Ala.--Jimmy Lee Jackson who was shot in Marion, allegedly by a state trooper, died from two bullet wounds in the stomach.

Indianola, Miss.--Policemen entered the freedom schools and individual homes without warrants, arresting nine persons. The nine were charged with either contributing to the delinquency of minors or with disturbing the peace.

Marks, Miss.--A SNCC worker was arrested and charged with driving without a license and switching inspection stickers.

Canton, Miss.--In three separate incidents involving separate groups, Negroes were turned away from three restaurants.

February 27

Batesville, Miss.--60 students picketed the courthouse to protest the arrests of 12 persons the previous day. In the afternoon four whites attacked two Negro men and a white SNCC worker. When the four whites ganged up on the one SNCC worker, a Negro farmer went to defend him, hit one of the attackers, was arrested by the deputy sheriff for disorderly conduct.

February 28

Batesville, Miss.--A shot was fired through the front door of Negro farmer and FDP member Robert Miles, who was the man who went to the defense of the SNCC worker yesterday. The shot missed SNCC worker Penny Patch by two feet.

March 1

McComb, Miss.--County officials served the entire SNCC staff plus local leaders with an injunction prohibiting them from demonstrating or encouraging others to demonstrate. In the afternoon 35 students and eleven staff people were arrested at the Pike County Courthouse. A lawyer who went to the jail was first thrown out. When he returned, he was attacked from behind by the jailer.