

SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

MAY 1

JACKSON: Three Negro prisoners fall from a boat and drown while working on recreation facilities at a private beach north of town. Observers report the three were handcuffed and in leg irons.

INDIANOLA: A night-riders' firebomb attack destroys the home of a Freedom Democratic Party worker and partially destroys a home and a store owned by FDP members and the COFO Freedom House. Two COFO workers are beaten by city police at the blaze sites.

MOOREHEAD: A SNCC worker is arrested for "disturbing the peace" when he asks a local policeman to stop cussing a Negro man.

MAY 2

MERIDIAN: Whites hurl bricks and rocks through windows of the COFO office.

MAY 4

BRANDON: A white COFO worker is sentenced to three days in city jail for "illegal parking."

SAND HILL: A fire-bomb hurled by passing whites damages the front of a home owned by a local civil rights activist. The home was shot into two weeks earlier.

MOOREHEAD: A mob of about 50 whites roams the vicinity of the COFO Freedom House, firing rifles, pistols and shotguns. Police, FBI and highway patrol refuse to investigate. A young Negro is pelted with pop bottles thrown by the mob.

MAY 5

HOLLANDALE: Owner of a white cafe refuses to admit a mixed group of five COFO workers. One worker is attacked and beaten by a local white.

MAY 6

WEST POINT: A local Negro family reports their 17 year old son was run out of town by city police because of his COFO activities.

SHAW: A city ordinance goes into effect banning demonstrations and other forms of public protest without written approval from the mayor.

MAY 8

SHAW: 38 arrested while picketing in support of Andrew Hawkins, Freedom Democratic Party candidate for Mayor.

MOOREHEAD: A Negro is beaten by a group of whites after his car lacks bumpers with a white man's car.

MAY 9

BELZONI: City police, with guns firing, chase a Negro COFO worker into the neighboring county. He is later arrested for reckless driving.

JACKSON: Two white civil rights attorneys and a Negro SNCC worker are chased through the streets by a group of whites throwing rocks and bottles. They are ticketed for speeding and their car is overturned by the whites in front of the police station. No arrests are made.