

INCIDENTS, DEMONSTRATIONS, ETC.

JUNE 26

Butler Co., Ala.---KKK paraded through Baptist Hill.

Mobile Co., Ala.---Cross-burning on lawn of Mrs. Dorothy Williams local leader.

Richmond Co., Ga.---SCOPE workers forced to move when a neighbor threatened to call white police and have them evicted from the Negro section of town.

JUNE 27

Sumter Co., Ga.---Integrated SCOPE group harrassed and threatened in park by whites. Jim Orange attacked, one car damaged.

Wilcox Co., Ala.---Sheriff Jenkins told cafe owner in Negro section of Camden not to serve white workers.

JUNE 28

Ben Hill Co., Ga.---James Winterbotham and another SCOPE worker threatened by white man with a gun.

Liberty Co., Ga.---Cleve Strickland arrested on false traffic charge. 30 people demonstrated at jail and state patrol in protest. Carolyn Roberts hit by a bottle. Jimmy Lee Jones hit in eyes, may lose his sight.

Wilcox Co., Ala.---18 persons arrested at the SCOPE office in the Antioch Baptist Church in Camden for illegal possession and distribution of boycott materials. Don Green, a local SCOPE worker, roughed up during arrests. White SCOPE worker Mike Farley beaten in jail by white prisoner who was both bribed and threatened by jailer.

JUNE 29

Wilcox Co., Ala.---Eight local Negro youths attacked by five white men at the Antioch Baptist Church in Camden. Six escaped, despite two shotgun blasts which penetrated the wall of the church, two were beat

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Wilcox Co., Ala.---The Mayor informed SCOPE workers that anyone at the church after dark would be arrested for public nuisance or taken into protective custody.

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Wilcox Co., Ala.---Sheriff Jenkins permanently shut down the Antioch Baptist Church in Camden. threatened with arrest for burglary

anyone caught at the church after dark, caused the eviction of SCOPE volunteers from the home in which they were staying.

#### JULY 2

Marengo Co., Ala.---18 local citizens and SCOPE workers arrested for boycotting when they picketed the Food Fair Market in Demopolis. Children put in sweat boxes, other prisoners teargassed when they objected.

#### JULY 4

Wilcox Co., Ala.---Local youth Don Green arrested for carrying bootleg liquor in his glove compartment.

#### JULY 5

Marengo Co., Ala.---Local leader Henry Haskins, Jr. harrassed by Demopolis police and state troopers.

#### JULY 6

Barbour Co., Ala.---White driver of a pick-up truck attempted to run down a SCOPE volunteer at Clayton courthouse. 90 Negroes attempted to register.

Benhill Co., Ga.---SCOPE car seized by sheriff.

Crenshaw Co., Ala.---Local Negro Horace Johnson shot by a white man in a family feud, refused service at local hospital, taken 50 mil to Montgomery.

Marengo Co., Ala.---SCOPE worker choked by deputy sheriff after taking pictures. Second worker detained for an hour by police on suspicion of autotheft. A third worker cursed by a policeman. Two young Negro women and a small Negro boy burned with acid when a young white man drove by in a car with three other whites and sprayed acid on them with a syringe.

#### JULY 8

Wilcox Co., Ala.---Three automobiles of SCOPE workers shot at by white men after police stopped SCOPE workers and then talked to white men.

#### JULY 9

Wilcox Co., Ala.---SCOPE canvassers forced off highway by white man in a pick-up truck who brandished a rifle.

#### JULY 15

Chatham Co., Ga.---SCOPE workers threatened in park by white man and told to leave town. Shirley Savaris threatened by white man with a gun. SCOPE team told they could not stop people on the street without a permit.

#### JULY 16

Taliaferro Co., Ga.---SCOPE workers threatened by part-time deputy sheriff Buster Doger, County Attorney Hal Richards, and others with beatings and killings if they did not leave town the next day.

#### JULY 19

Geneva Co., Ala.---SCOPE director threatened with arrest if he questioned the results of registration tests again (he asked why a college junior had failed the test).

Martin Co., N.C.---Bob Kay arrested for breaking and entering in Williamston.

#### JULY 20

Allendale Co., S.C.---SCOPE workers and local leaders protested registration practices in a letter to the Governor, the State Attorney General, and the Allendale County State Representative.

Sumter Co., Ga.---Local SCOPE Coordinator Lena Turner detained by sheriff and cursed and threatened by election official Zebelus Littlejohn when she stood in white voting line during special election for justice of the peace in Americus. Protest by local Negroes and SCOPE workers followed, four women arrested, including Miss Turner, Negro candidate Mary Kate Bell, Miss Gloria Ann Wise, and Mrs. Mamie Pleasant Campbell. They refused to post \$1,000 bond. Rev. Campbell ejected bodily when he attempted to visit his wife in jail. Negro voter Collis McEhee punched in the face by Littlejohn when he objected to a white man telling Negroes how to vote at the polls.

#### JULY 21

Sussex Co., Va.---A restaurant shut down and put up a sign reading "Closed on Account of Niggers."

Taliaferro Co., Ga.---Negro police chief Jesse Meadows in Crawfordville voluntarily resigned his post.

## JULY 22

Sumter Co., Ga.---Mayor Sheffield of Americus appointed four white leaders to negotiate with the Negro community. The offer by white merchants to post bond for the four women in jail was refused on the grounds that they were illegally arrested.

## JULY 23

Sumter Co., Ga.---A committee of eight Negro leaders met with city officials and businessmen and presented five demands. 300 people attended a mass meeting at which Mayor Sheffield and Ben Clarke spoke and marched to the Sumter Co. Courthouse. 17-year old E.G. Rogers was shot and wounded on his way home from a mass meeting at Friendship Baptist Church by one of three white men in a green pick-up truck.

Taliaferro Co., Ga.---SCOPE volunteer Richard Copeland was beaten by two whites in front of the Taliaferro County Courthouse in Crawfordville.

## JULY 24

Sumter Co., Ga.---The four jailed women issued a "Letter From the Sumter Co. Jail" explaining their refusal of the white businessmen's offer to bail them out. 495 Negroes marched to the Sumter Co. Courthouse at 6 PM, all Negro businesses on the route closed for one hour. SCOPE worker Clint Loggins was refused a medical examination by either white or Negro doctors at the totally-segregated Sumter County Hospital.

## JULY 25

Hale Co., Ala.---Mayor Christian refused protection for rights workers who proposed to march to the site of two burned churches via the downtown area on 7/26 in protest of the denial to Negroes of the right to vote, lack of protection for rights workers, and the burning of two Negro churches the previous weekend.

Laurens Co., Ga.---14 SCOPE workers and NAACP youths attempted to integrate the First Baptist Church in Dublin. Members of the group were teargassed by a fireman, and Maxim Rice was beaten by a white man who snatched a policeman's black jack.

Sumter Co., Ga.---800 persons marched from Allen's Chapel to the Sumter Co. Courthouse without incident. A telegram urging acceptance of the five demands was sent to city officials and businessmen by Rev. Campbell, Rev. Freeman, and Miss Mabel Barnum.

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Hale Co., Ala.---750 Negroes, led by local leader Rev. A.T. Days and SCLC field staff Golden Frinks and Richard Smith, began a five mile march from Rev. Days' St. Mathews AME Church to the site of one

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of the burned churches. They were stopped at the end of the first block by a police barricade, staged a 3-hour sit-in, and again marched toward the barricade. Police gave them three minutes to disperse, started hurling tear gas after one minute. A white man got out of a station wagon at the other end of the block and threw gas bombs (possibly mustard gas). The group reassembled later and held an all-night vigil.

Houston Co., Ga.---SCOPE workers in a car were harrassed and insulted by police.

Marengo Co., Ala.---Marengo Co. officials filed an injunction which prevents people from meeting at the Morning Star Baptist Church except on Sundays, limits their number to 30, requires that the City of Demopolis be furnished with the names and addresses of all persons attending the meetings and the amount of money collected, prohibits people walking in the streets in groups of more than two, prohibits handclapping or singing in the streets, and provides for the arrest of persons downtown with less than \$3.00 in their pockets.

Newberry Co., S.C.---SCOPE volunteer Mark Dinaberg was beaten by three white youths in Whitmire.

Sumter Co., Ga.---Marches to the courthouse were held at noon and 6:00 P.M.

Sussex Co., Va.---Demonstration at the courthouse protesting voter registration hours.

## JULY 27

Clark Co., Ala.---A on-armed Negro mill worker named Ridgeway Jackson was beaten by a white mill worker at the M.W. Smith Lumber Co in Jackson. Other mill workers went on strike in protest of the beatings and will remain on strike until the white man is fired.

Hale Co., Ala.---350 Negroes marched from St. Mathews Church in Greensboro to the police barricade, were stopped, conducted a vigil followed by a mass meeting followed by an all-night vigil.

Sumter Co., Ga.---Hosea Williams addressed a mass meeting at the Friendship Baptist Church and led 500 Negroes to the Sumter Co. Courthouse, where he and John Lewis spoke to the marchers. Shooting took place in the downtown area, but no one was injured.

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Barbour Co., Ala.---SCOPE volunteer Michael Laupheimer attacked by a white man in Clayton. The man broke a window in the car, tore Mike's shirt, chased Mike around the car. Police nearby did nothing.



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Hale Co., Ala.---600 Negroes marched from St. Mathews Church to the police barricade. City & County Police and State Troopers, all with teargas, billy clubs, etc., gave the marchers 10 minutes to disperse, then arrested Rev. Days, Albert Turner, and approximately 300 other persons.

Liberty Co., Ga.---Local leader Cleveland Stripling was arrested on a traffic violation. SCOPE workers and local people demonstrated outside the jail and on the porch of the State Patrol. One girl was hit with a bottle. ~~But~~ Jimmy Lee Jones was hit in the face with a bottle when he rushed to the assistance of his brother and two other boys who were surrounded by an angry mob. He may lose his sight.

Sumter Co., Ga.---The U.S. District Court ordered the release of the four jailed women and the desegregation of the voting lines. A county-wide boycott was initiated at a mass meeting.

Sussex Co., Va.---2 SCOPE workers threatened by a white man with a shotgun.

Taliaferro Co., Ga.---Calvin Turner, local SCOPE coordinator, was arrested and charged with forgery in connection with applications supposedly made by Negro children who wished to transfer to white schools.

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Barbour Co., Ala.---Three SCOPE volunteers arrested in Clayton for "operating in Alabama too long without a permit."

Clarke Co., Ga.---The Athens Council for Human Relations and SCO volunteers turned out 267 Negro transfer applicants to the Clarke Co. Board of Education.

Hale Co., Ala.---175 persons arrested in three groups in Greensboro when they attempted to march downtown. Children 14-years old and under were left unprotected in the intersection where they went to sing when State Troopers withdrew ~~but~~ without notice.

Sumter Co., Ga.---Local white boy Andy Whatley was shot and killed in the early A.M., allegedly by Negro youths Eddie Will Lamar and Charlie Lee Hopkins, who were being held in the Sumter County Jail without bail. A 24-hour moratorium on demonstrations was requested by the mayor and granted by Negro leaders. City officials asked for an injunction against Negro leaders to force an end to demonstrations.

JULY 30

Hale Co., Ala.---Mr. Black and Ben "Sunshine" Owens arrested in Greensboro for contributing to the delinquency of minors. Police

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Liberty Co., Ga. --- Al Williams threatened by three white men with a gun.

Perry Co., Ala. --- Gene Rogers abducted and beaten, then dumped in the county outside Marion by three white men.

JULY 31

Houston Co., Ga. --- SCOPE volunteer attacked by a white man while canvassing.

Sumter Co., Ga. --- Tim Quinlan beaten twice, Boyd Faust and four local Negroes once, by white men in Americus while picketing a downtown market.

Sussex Co., Va. --- Demonstration staged protesting voter registration hour

Madison Co., Fla. --- 3 civil rights workers chased by 3 white men in a pick-up truck after boycotting of segregated movie theater.

AUGUST 1

Charleston Co., S. C. --- 2 SCOPE workers and 1 local Negro refused entrance by guards to all white Citadel Square Baptist Church.

Sumter Co., Ga. --- Two small children injured when white people threw beer bottles at them. March staged on courthouse, followed by mass meeting.

AUGUST 2

Allendale Co., S. C. --- Leon Hall and 38 other SCOPE workers and local Negroes arrested in Allendale when they refused to leave the courthouse after the registrar's office closed and left 200 persons unprocessed. Only 55 were processed the entire day. 12 people chose to remain in jail.

Barbour Co., Ala. --- 60 people stood-in at registrar's office when doors closed without processing them.

Butler Co., Ala. --- 300 Negroes went to the Butler County Courthouse to be processed.

*Clarke Co., Ala. --- 200 to courthouse, 53 registered*

Clarke Co., Ga. --- Chris Clark followed and abused by KKK member Howard Sims, who was indicted for the murder of Col. Penn. Rev. Hudson pointed a pistol at Sims when threatened by him. Sims pressed charges against Hudson, Hudson against Sims.

Crenshaw Co., Ala. --- SCOPE workers Dunbar Reed and Bruce Hartford were dragged out to the sheriff's office in Luverne and beaten by a group of white men, then re-arrested.