

RECENT ACTS OF VIOLENCE

Saturday, July 31, Brownsville, Tenn. - A white mob, some armed with wrenches and chains, threatened an integrated group that was testing restaurants. One white volunteer was beaten up. Police arrested only two of the Negroes.

Saturday, July 31, Americus, Ga. - A mob of whites attacked a group of demonstrators outside the Colonial Store, a super market.

Sunday, August 1, Fort Deposit, Ala. - Night riding Klansman beat a Negro man.

Wednesday, August 4, Plains, Georgia - Five Negro boys, one Negro girl, and two white girls, working on voter registration, were beaten up by a mob of whites.

Tuesday, August 3, Gould, Arkansas - A white man slugged a volunteer, Tim Janke of Portland, Oregon. The next day, Janke was again attacked by another white man.

Tuesday, August 3, Forrest City, Arkansas - A white man attacked Simon Kahn, volunteer from Chevy Chase, Md., as Kahn was leaving the Wagon Wheel restaurant after an integration attempt there.

Thursday, August 5, Clayton, Ala. - Shots were fired into the home of a Negro minister Rev. McCant. His home had previously been used to coordinate demonstrations around the right to vote. Clayton is Governor Wallace's home town.

Saturday, August 7, Newton Ga. - A Negro observing a line of demonstrators at the courthouse was struck by a bottle thrown by a white man. A deputy sheriff stopped a Negro on the highway and clubbed him. The Negro was taken to a local hospital.

Saturday, August 7, Jackson, Miss. - A white man stabbed a Negro boy participating in a demonstration at the Jitney Jungle.

Saturday, August 14, Fort Deposit, Ala. - A mob attacked a car containing two reporters for the Southern Courier and Sanford Unger of Life magazine. The car's windshield was smashed by a bottle and Unger received cuts in his head which were treated at a local hospital.

Saturday, August 14, West Point, Miss. - Shots were fired into the SNCC Freedom House and into a neighboring house belonging to a family active in civil rights.

Wednesday, August 18, Eufala, Ala. - Two city police, later joined by two more brutally beat Joseph Williams, a Negro active in the civil rights movement. He was taken to the hospital with broken bones, internal injuries and a possible concussion. Mr. Williams is a World War II veteran and had a metal plate in his head from injuries sustained in the war.

Friday, August 20, Hayneville, Ala. - Tom Coleman, a deputy sheriff and engineer for the State Highway Patrol, opened fire with a shot gun on an integrated group of four as they approached the Cash Store. John Daniel, an Episcopal seminarian from Cambridge, Mass., was killed instantly. Father Richard Morrisroe, a Catholic priest from Chicago, was shot critically and was taken to a nearby hospital where he underwent 11 hours of surgery.

That same night on a highway north of Greenwood, Miss., Fred Lee Thomas, a cotton chopper living on a plantation in Sidon, about 7 miles in the opposite direction from Greenwood, was found dead. According to Negro witnesses, he was shot and thrown out of a car and then dragged up the road by that car. Police rule that he was the victim of a hit and run accident. An autopsy was performed that night before his parents saw the body. And officials ordered the burial a day earlier than scheduled, unknown to parents.

Friday, August 20, Selma, Ala.--Sheriff Clark deputized 400 white men. There were rumors in the white community that Negroes were going to burn down the town.

Saturday, August 21, Mufaula, Ala.-- 7 people were arrested this morning when they went with a group of 200 who had gone to the courthouse to try to get the days when people could register extended. Police told the people who were standing outside the courthouse singing to leave or they would be arrested. The people were forced back to their church by police who were using billy clubs.

Albany, Ga.--While local people and SNCC and SCOPE workers were picketing the local Belk's Store in Albany a white man began beating a SCOPE worker who had left the line and had returned. He also beat a 12 year old Negro girl. The man was arrested.

Natchez, Miss.--Five people were arrested yesterday as they picketed the Jitney Jungle supermarket. They have been picketing the store for several weeks without being arrested. The store belongs to the mayor of the city.
Jackson, Miss.

Monday, August 23--Rev. Donald Thompson, minister of the Unitarian Church was ambushed and shot in the back as he returned from giving a lift home to one of the members of his church who is Negro. The Unitarian Church in Jackson has been integrated for several years.

Thursday, August 26, Greensboro, Ala.--89 year old Negro farmer, Perry Smaw was brutally beaten with a skillet at his home and his tongue was cut out. Two civil rights workers, David Lee McAlpine and Roosevelt Long were held for questioning. According to the authorities, Smaw had spoken out against the civil rights movement; however, none of the local people had ever heard Smaw say anything against the movement.

Friday, August 27, Columbia, Miss.--During a demonstration at a local supermarket, two white boys employed by the store pushed a shopping basket into the demonstrators, and a jeering crowd pushed another local demonstrator around, while the chief of police stood and watched. Tonight at 11:30 shots were fired from a blue Volkswagen into the Freedom House.

Natchez, Miss.--A bomb exploded under the hood of George Metcalf's car. Metcalf was treated for a broken arm and broken leg and other injuries. He has housed civil rights workers and is the head of the NAACP in Natchez.

Ruleville, Miss.--This morning the body of a deaf mute was found. The coronor ruled that he had died of natural causes, but according to a local man who saw the body it looked as though he had been beaten.

August 15--About 11 PM the FDP office in Carrolton (Carroll County) burned to the ground. This is the 3rd FDP building to be firebombed or burned this summer.