

DEPARTMENT OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION  
REPORT ON FIELD ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 1

Taliaferro Co., Ga. --11 Negro students dragged from path of school bus by state troopers. 200 Negroes marched to courthouse at noon, 150 at night.

OCTOBER 2

Natchez, Miss. --Approximately 300 Negroes arrested for parading without a permit. Bond set at \$200 each. Charles Evers, A. L. Samson, Tim Quinlan, James Gibson among those arrested. Three persons beaten.

Taliaferro Co., Ga. --100 Negroes marched to courthouse. 8 arrested while trying to enter Bonner;s Private Club, including SCLC staff Charles Garrison. Charges and bond unknown.

OCTOBER 3

Natchez, Miss. --103 Negroes arrested for parading without a permit. Some sent to Parchman Farm. Bond set at \$200.

Taliaferro Co., Ga. --300 persons marched to courthouse, led by Hosea Williams and J. T. Johnson. Summit Investigating Committee, headed by Sen. Leroy Johnson, visited Crawfordville.

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Natchez, Miss. --Charles Evers, Carl Ferris and 90 others arrested in a night march for parading without a permit. Not counting the latest arrests, there are 282 people in Parchman, 36 in city jail. Samson is in Parchman, and there are reports that he has been beaten.

Sumter Co., Ga. --Negro students at Sumter County High School and Staley Junior High School were blocked in attempts to stage a one-day walk-out in sympathy with the Crawfordville school boycott and protesting lack of supplies and equipment in Americus schools. 200 managed to walk out before city police blocked the front and rear exits.

Taliaferro Co., Ga. --12 Negro students attempted to board the buses, were stopped by state troopers. Frank Bates and Alvin Bowman were arrested, charges and bond unknown. Calvin Craig was arrested when he attacked Frank Bates (troopers at first thought Craig was an FBI man and thanked him for his assistance), but was seen at courthouse during noon march. 200 marched to courthouse in evening, were detoured around 56 Klansmen by state troopers.

OCTOBER 5

Sumter Co., Ga. --60 students were arrested for picketing Staley Jr. High School. SCLC staff Claudia King and Tyrone Harris were also arrested. Parents are also being picked up.

Taliaferro Co., Ga. --25 students attempted to board the buses, were stopped by troopers. A "read-in" was staged on lawn of white (closed) school to point out difference in quality of white and Negro schools. A night march was staged on the courthouse.

OCTOBER 6

Taliaferro Co., Ga. --35 students attempted to board buses, were stopped by troopers. Frank Manago was arrested, charges and bond unknown. Two girls kicked by troopers. 100 Negro students attempted to enter Negro high school, were blocked by troopers. J. T. Johnson was arrested on a peace warrant signed by the Hubbard brothers, allegedly for threatening them.. A warrant is also out for Willie Bolden.

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Natchez, Miss. --Samson reported mistreatment of prisoners at Parchman - overcrowding, freezing temperatures, police spying on Negro women. Carl Ferris was badly beaten by police as he entered Parchman, spent five days in prison hospital, is currently under doctor's care. A moratorium has been called on demonstrations until after a meeting with city officials to discuss Negro demands.

Taliaferro Co., Ga. --50 Negro students spent night at Friendship Baptist Church, attempted to board buses in the morning, were blocked by troopers. Bill Treanor was pulled from a car and attacked by three white men, no serious injuries. Willie Bolden was picked up on Hubbard brothers' peace warrant in the morning, he and J. T. Johnson indicted in the afternoon. Three marches were staged. Calvin Turner had conference with the Governor.

OCTOBER 8

Taliaferro Co., Ga. --Five carloads of Negro students attempted to board buses this morning, blocked by state troopers (about 72 of them). J. T. Johnson and Willie Bolden released on \$500 bond. March staged on court house at noon.