

BUTLER COUNTY SCOPE PROJECT

Director: R.B. Cottonreader

Members: Janet Wolfe
Pam Mausner
Richard Krushnic

Local: James Clemmons
Charles Cheatham
Sadie Phifer

Voter registration:

To courthouse: 603

Processed for registration 422

Passed - we are uncertain; it appears that only high school graduates. We are picking up all failure notices when we recanvass so those people can go back.

We have heard that Butler will be a second round county for a federal registrar. We are trying to get huge amounts of people to the courthouse August 16; this is not too difficult because all people that failed want to return.

Political education:

We have had classes on Monday and Thursday:

Greenville

Georgiana

Mt. Idy community

Occasional classes at St. Francis Church

Community organization:

Civics club is not cooperative; it has practically dissolved.

We Want Freedom Club is new organization cooperating with movement. Additional support has come since demonstration.

Treasurer = Roy Gandy.

Demonstration:

Demonstration was conducted as followed orders from Hosea Williams on Tuesday, Aug. 3. March began after permit was denied at 11 a.m. Demonstrators sat in street until 6:15 p.m. at which time R.B. Cottonreader decided to move forward. A police barricade had been erected. Police tear gassed crowd. Wednesday was a repeat; demonstrators stopped 30 feet behind barricade; city attorney Elisha Poole ordered dispersion at 6:15. Several people were burned; police made a deliberate attempt to injure people with it. (Demonstrators lay down in the street both days on orders of Cottonreader.) Thursday, mayor Johnson asked for terms; we requested parade permit for 30 minute demonstration at courthouse in protest of our treatment; it was granted. 285 participated.

Employment:

Ike Madison has processed complaints against Employment Service and factories under Title VII. This is a good area for complaints.

Hospital:

Petition for removal of segregation filed against Stabler's Memorial Hospital, segregated in facilities, wages, etc.

Schools:

Project Headstart segregated; telegram sent to Washington complaining.

Public Accommodations:

Start of boycott against selected stores who have refused service to participants in project or who were definitely represented in tear-gas-throwing session. A&P Supermarket is big target.