On July 10, Dave Owen, an Larry Spears of the COFO Summer Project, were walking back from canvassing with Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, of the Minister's Project, and Marjorie Hyatt and Janet Crosby, from COFO.

When they got to the railroad tracks and River Road, two white men drove up in a white GI pickup truck. They jumped out with an iron rod about ½-inch thick and an iron pump handle, about an inch thick.

"They drove up behind us and jumped out and said, 'We're going to teach you a lesson!'", Larry Spears said.

They beat the three men, and let the two girls alone. The men were all white and the girls are Negro. They said that they 'ought to beat you, too,' but they did not touch the girls. They called the men 'white niggers, nigger-lovers and Communists'.

"After the beating we tried to walk to the church, and they tried to run us down with the truck," Spears said. "One jumped out of the truck and tried to hit the Rabbi again. I shielded him with my arm. We returned to the church and got medical aid."

Spears got a contusion of the arm when he shielded the Rabbi. The Rabbi was badly hurt and had to stay in the hospital for 24 hours.

The five civil rights workers were on their way to Morningstar Baptist Church to have lunch with the Freedom School teachers when they were attacked. Rabbi Lelyveld is from Cleveland, Larry Spears is from Palo Alto, California, Dave Owen is from Pasadena, California, and Majo Hyatt and Janet Crosby are from Hattiesburg.

On Saturday, July 25, the Freedom Democratic Party will be holding precinct meetings at churches in each of the precincts in Forrest County.

We are now getting ready for the challenge to the white Mississippi Democratic Party in two ways. We have the Freedom Registration, and the precinct meetings.

By having the Freedom Registration, we want to get every Negro citizen of Mississippi who is over 21 registered with the Freedom Democratic Party. Then when we go to the Democratic Party Convention in Atlantic City in August, we can prove that the white Democratic Party has kept almost half the citizens in the state from voting.

We are holding the precinct meetings for three reasons. First, so that we can prove that we have a real party, just as legal as the white party; second, because even when we can vote, we are not allowed to participate in the white party; and third, so if we do ever get equal votes, we won't have to go into the white party and lose all our own political power.

We are asking everybody to vote in the precinct meetings on Saturday, and to register with us. This is a chance to really elect someone to represent in the Democratic Party. If our delegation gets seated instead of the white party—and we have half the votes we need from the other delegations—then we will be helping to elect the presidential candidate, and YOU will be represented for the first time in 100 years.

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STUDENT NEWSPAPER

The Freedom School at Truêtight is putting out its own newspaper. One girl, Anita Louise H., wrote this:

"Happiness is...going to public places
Happiness is...going to places without being looked at."
On July 23, Mr. Hartfield was found guilty, because his witness' story did not agree with his.

Judge Montague said it was painful for him to make the decision and find him guilty, but the only way Hartfield could have gotten away with attacking Peter was if Peter had insulted him there and he had attacked him immediately.

Also, Mr. Montague said, he would have reacted the same way to the situation, and said that Peter, Bill and Susan were "flamboyant association with those of their choice instead of going with gradualism and education," that the whites had been planning. The courtroom was segregated.

Judge Montague sentenced Mr. Hartfield to $40, and suspended $20, for good behavior (?). He dismissed Peter Werner's case.

MRS. GRAY ON TV

On Saturday, July 25, Mrs. Victoria Jackson Gray, the Freedom Democratic Party candidate for Senator, appeared on TV. The program was out of Jackson, and Mrs. Gray spoke for the Freedom Democratic Party, explaining how it started, what it was, and what it was going to do.

The program was not carried on Hattiesburg TV. Mrs. Gray is from here.

BOMBINGS

There were two reports last week of "bombs" of bleach bottles filled with kerosene being thrown near peoples houses. Damage was not done to either house, but the noise was frightening.

COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN

Hattiesburg's community center is now open. There is one community center in Palmer's Crossing, and another one will be opened in town, as soon as we find a place to have it.

The Palmer's Community Center has a nursery school program for the little children up to 8 years old. There is a sports program for older children and teenagers, run by Mr. Luther Seabrooks, who is a New York physical education teacher.

There is also a nurse, and teen dances.