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Weekly WATTS report from Grenada Miss.

Sat. Aug. 27-Regular night march to the town square with about 200 people.

Sun. Aug. 28-Two SCLC workers, Robert Sims and Winter Knotts, were arrested on warrents charging disturbing the peace.

These arrestes along with 8 others earlier in the week arose out of a march on Monday Aug 22 in which the police claim that the march started to sing to soon.

There was also the regular night march to the square with about 200 people.

Mon. Aug. 29-In the morning over 200 parents and students marched from Bellflower church to the Negro High School (Carrie Dotson High) to obtain the transfer forms required by the Freedom of Choice school desegregation plan. The police at first stopped the march, claiming that the school was private property, after ½ hour of waiting the parents were allowed to enter the school to obtain the forms. On the march back to the church whites threw a cherry bonb at the march.

The nightly march to the square had about 320 people.

Teus. Aug 30-Parents continued to pick up transfer forms at the schools. By the end of the week over 200 transfers forms an estimated 400 or more transfer froms for the white school had been turned in. The nightly march had about 250 people.

Wed. Aug 31- This was the first day for student to register for classes which were scheduled to start Friday the 2nd. Over 300 Negro students showed up at white school to register for class, all were allowed to fill out the forms. Approximatly 50 students registered at the Negro high school. On the night march that night a white man was stopped by state trooper from throwing steel balls at the marchers after one hit a trooper car. About 220 people were on the march

Thur. Sagt 1-A large number of Negro students registered at the white school, but we don't know exactly how many. At about 6PM in the evening it was announced over the radio that all classs scheduled for the next day were cancelled and that school would not open on Friday as planned but would open Sept. 12. The reason given lack of time to process the forms and the fact

that they were not all turned in and the deadline wasn't untill Sept. 9 for the forms to be turned. The night march had about 160