

EIGHT MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DAYS HELD

INDIANOLA, MISSISSIPPI - More than 350 Negroes picketed the Sunflower County Courthouse January 4 as part of a "Freedom Day" scheduled here and in seven other Mississippi towns.

Workers from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) said Monday's action was the largest mass attempt to register ever made by Sunflower County Negroes.

Other "Freedom Days" - attempts to register supported by a picket line urging non-discriminatory registration - were held in Hattiesburg, Belzoni, Columbus, Brandon, Natchez, Lexington and in Issaquena County.

Indianola Police Chief Bryce Alexander had threatened to arrest picketers but there were no arrests on Monday.

In other Freedom Days around the state: 12 people made registration tries in Hattiesburg; 6 Negroes took the registration test in Belzoni; 16 Negroes in Brandon were told there would be no registration for two weeks; 12 people picketed the Adams County Courthouse in Natchez while 50 Negroes took the test; 18 took the test in Lexington and 12 in Issaquena County.

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SNCC WORKER BEATEN

SUMMER, MISSISSIPPI - A Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) worker was beaten by a deputy sheriff here January 4 after he refused to say "sir" when addressing the policeman.

SNCC Worker Fred Mangrum, 22, a former student at Howard University, reported Deputy Sheriff Downs jailed him on a traffic charge and when Mangrum refused to say "sir" to him, beat him in a jail cell with a wooden billy club.

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