ATLANTA, GA. - PRESSURES RUN ON SNCC STAFF NEWSLETTER -
A staff newsletter, for staff use only will be published by the
Atlanta office. The newsletter, with its modern design and format
will carry WATS line information. The newsletter will come out as
needed, most probably every other day. The first edition will attempt
to compile the news of the last week. Future newsletters will be more
current.

SASSEY, GA. - CHURCHES REDEDICATED - June 28,
Mt. Olive Baptist Church, burned to the ground in 1961, was re-
dedicated. On hand was SNCC’s Julian Bond, Jackie Robinson, ML King,
Wyatt Walker and the whole SCLC crew.

JACKSON, MISS. - NEW VOLUNTEER BEATEN - June 28,
Steven L. Smith, 19, Marion, Iowa, was kicked down on the street
and hit on the head by local residents as he prepared to join the sum-
mer project. He was knocked to the ground after leaving the Oxford,
Ohio - Jackson, Miss. train.

HATTIESBURG, MISS. - CARS SHOT INTO - June 29,
Two cars belonging to volunteers John Catlin and Barry Clemson were
shot into last night. The attackers were in a red car and shot at the
radiators. They also shot at a teen-age witness. No one injured.

HATTIESBURG, MISS. - PETE STONER ARRESTED - June 29,
Pete Stoner picked up in Hattiesburg at 3:00 PM by Constable Hum-
phrey. Taken to Forrest County Jail. Charged with reckless driving
and failing to signal.

COLUMBUS, MISS. - CARLOADS OF WHITES AT FREEDOM HOUSE - June 29,
Six carloads of whites at the Freedom House. Police called, and
they arrived and dispersed the whites.

HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS. - WORKER ROUGHED - June 30,
Larry Rubin and six others were accosted by whites. The white start-
ed at the group with a coke bottle, grabbed Rubin, and cursed at the
group. The group left successfully.

SELM, ALA. - SHERIFF AND MEN INTIMIDATE MEETING - June 30,
Sheriff Jim Clark came to the Selma Freedom House and just asked
questions to the workers. Later a posse of 25 men came to the mass
meeting. Two plainclothesmen were inside taking pictures.

CHICAGO, ILL. - RIGHTS LEADERS ARRESTED - June 30,
A rally to pressure the Federal Gov. in the Phila, Miss. case
was held here. The crowd numbered 100. Arrested: Larry Landry, Stanley
Branch, Marion Barry.

NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON, DC - FORMAN ATTENDS RIGHTS LAW SIGNING -
July 2,
Forman left Jackson in the morning to attend Council of United Civil
Rights Leadership in N.Y.C. The Council reciveved an invitation to
attend the signing of the bill. They all flew to D.C. Present at the s
signing were: Randolph, King, Young, Wilkins, Dorthy Height (NCC),
Burke Marshall, Katzenbach, Bobby Kennedy, Lee White, Louis Martin
and Forman. After the ceremony the group met with the President-
topic-general discussion of the bill.

ALBANY, GA. - NINE ESTABLISHMENT INTEGRATED - July 2,
Restaurants in Albany, Americus, and Thomasville, all in S.W.
Georgia served integrated groups within an hour of the bills signing.

GULFPORT, MISS. - WORKERS INTIMIDATED - July 3-
were
George Johnson, 17, COFO and Gibbe Von Kinderman/stopped while can-
vassing. A man grabbed the boys by the shirt and cursed them. He chased
them for a short distance. John Dear called in D.C. -said he would
(over)
investigate. New Orleans FBI was called (Agent Walker). Jackson Office
asked for arrests under the new rights law.

MERIDIAN, MISS. - CAR RAMMED - July 3,

Walton Hackman, 26, Lansdale, Pa. (Eastern Mennonite College) was
driving with Ronnie de Sousa, 24, from Switzerland, (grad student at
Princeton), Larry Martin, 11, local, and Ben Chaney, 11, brother of
James Chaney. They pulled up at an intersection and stopped for a red
light. When it turned green they started to go, a car facing them
across the road started up despite the red light. It rammed them and
cause Hackman to ram a third car. Ben Chaney's arm was broken as a
result, others scarted. At first witness said it was the other cars
fault. After the witnesses found out the were VR workers they changed
their story to the opposite. Hickman was arrested for running a red
light and reckless driving. He has been bonded out.

SELMA, ALA. - WORKER ARRESTED - July 3,

Eric Farnum, 19, white student from Raleigh, N.C., SNCC worker,
was arrested for disturbing the peace. Farnum had been talking to Mary
Varela (Selma Literacy Project Director). He left her and was picked
up while walking down the street. When Julian Bond called the sheriffs
office he was told that the bail was $500 and that a white women had
allegedly sworn out a warrant against him for making a pass at her.

AMERICANUS, GA. - SNCC WORKER JOHN PERDEW BEATEN AFTER INTEGRATING
RESTAURANT - July 3

An integrated group ate at the Hasty House (Americanus). When they
left the restaurant a mob of about 25-30 who had been slowly gathering
as they were eating started to attack the car the SNCC workers were
climbing into. Everyone got into the car but Perdew. The driver pan
licked after a white broke a window and started reaching in to hit
them. The car drove of Leaving Perdew to face the mob.

As the car can out of the door he was met by a white who puged him
and knocked him to the ground and comensed to kick him in the head.
Others joined.

He started walking away and stopped when the police called. Perdew
asked for protection and a ride to safety. The cop said,"Well, we can't
give you a ride in the police car." Both police cars then drove away.

He started walking into to town when a black compact car drove up
and two whites got out and started beating him. He was knocked to the
ground and kicked and hit. After that car left, the white 63 Plymouth
or Chrysler (license Ga. 32-1450) which played an important part in
getting the thugs together in the first place and circled while he
was being beaten, pulled up and started beating him all over again.

The people in the black Comet accosted him again across from the
bus station. The police finally arrived and allowed Perdew to get into
the car and drove him to the police station. Cops would not allow him
to press charges until the morning. Some of his assailants stopped at
the station to see the damage they had done. Perdew was finally picked
up by Willey Hicks. He notified FBI.

GREENWOOD, MISS. - CONGRESSMAN VISIT - July 3,

United States Congressman William Pitts Ryan (D.-N.Y.C.), Augustus
f. Hawkins (D.-Cal. -LA), Phillip Burton (D.-Cal.- San Fran.) and
Don Edwards (D-Cal.-San Jose) visited Mississippi. They visited the
registrar in Greenwood to see the voter registration process first hand
They saw Miss Mary Lane attempt to register for the tenth time. She
returned to the Registrar to find out the results of the ninth test.
She failed the ninth test and took it again. Congressman asked to see
the ninth test to see what was wrong. They all agreed that procedure
was discriminatory.

Laten they visited the SNCC national office. They also went to a
mass meeting. Cong. Edwards son is on the project named Len Edwards.

SELMA, ALA. - ERIC FARNUM STILL HELD - July 4,

John Love (Selma project director) contacted Attorney Chestnut to
try to get Eric Farnum out of jail. When the two went to the jail the
jailor attempted to hit Love, but missed. Chestnut was unable to get
Farnum out. Later in the evening Attty Bruce Boynton drew up a writ of
habeas corpus but the two judges he called would not speak to him.

When Farnum was arrested he was not allowed to see anybody, but
later he saw a lawyer. He is a cell with Negroes.

NEW YORK CIT, N.Y., - NINE ARRESTED - July 4,

Ten people were arrested outside the subway station. The group incl
cluded Julia Prettymann (SNCC Administrative Director of N.Y.Office).
They were distributing leaflets calling for a boycott of the Greenwood
Miss. band playing at the Miss. pavilion of the worlds fair.
Two white SNCC workers had gone to the pool first, entered, and reported back by telephone that there were white men armed with ball peen hammers, sticks and clubs and that the life guards had baseball bats. An integrated group of 25 went (including those arrested) and tried to get in. The ticket seller, after a lot of discussion, admitted that the pool was private for white people and that Negroes were not admitted. The group left, half went home, and the thirteen were arrested for loitering and held on $102 bail.

SELMA, ALA - REPORTERS BEATEN - July 5,

David Prince and Jerry Demuth, reporters on assignment from Black Star News Agency were injured by presumed members of Sherriff Jim Clark's posse. The reporters were attacked following a mass meeting at the AME Zion Church.

As they left the church were law enforcement personal had been present part of the time, they saw about 50 helmeted policeman. Some had brown shirts, some plain clothes, all wore in helmets. Prince took some pictures and then tear gas exploded.

Prince called Demuth to get between the buildings, but when he turned Demuth was missing. A spotlight was shone in Prince's eyes and then a shot rang out and a bullet lodged in the building next to him. Prince's camera was thrown against the building and later smashed. He fell to the ground and rolled up into a ball and was hit on the neck and back and legs. The two reporters left Selma to the hospital in Montgomery.

Demuth was pretty badly injured with a gash across his neck which was bleeding badly. He also had a gash across his forehead and a bad cut on the top of his head. His glasses had been smashed. Prince had injuries of the back.

When the reporters arrived in Selma the same afternoon they notified the FBI of their presence. They were told that he wasn't sure what kind of protection they could receive from the Sheriff. They introduced themselves at the sheriff's office shortly after noon. They were on a Black Star assignment. Demuth also had an Esquire card, Prince a Macmillian Publishing Co. Both had City of Atlanta Police Press cards.

Three local Negroes were also hospitalized as a result of beatings.

- John Lewis, Chairman of SNCC and Francis Mitchell, SNCC publicity director for the Miss. Summer Project arrived safely in Selma.

AMERICUS, GA. - BOMB SCARE IN MOVIE- July 5,

Several Negroes were in the Martin theater when it was emptied because of a bomb threat at about 9:00 PM. A mob of about 200-300 whites had gathered outside the theater. About a 100 Negroes gathered in the same area. SNCC worker Robert Mants called the Americus police and FBI agent Cheek in Albany. Mants, Willie Ricks and Sammy Mahone saw people running and heard shots. The police had fired shots into the air. There was a fire truck on the scene with a hose in position to be used. A riot seemed impending.

At this time the SNCC workers got the Negroes to come to an impromptu mass meeting. During the mass meeting the white mob was still throwing stones at passing cars driven by Negroes.

LAUREL, MISS. - TWO SUMMER VOLUNTEERS PICKED UP BY POLICE - July 5,

Two white summer volunteers, Thomas Watts, 35, Berkeley, Calif. and Marcia Ann Moore, 21, Fort Dodge, Iowa were picked up and questioned by police. SNCC worker Gwen Robinson, 19, Negro, Memphis, Tenn., went to the jail to bring Moore's identification and was held for a short time. Charles Spinks, 14, Negro, Laurel, was detained for an hour in connection with the two volunteers. Watts was released. Moore was charged with vagrancy and will be arraigned tomorrow.

AMERICUS, GA. - WHITES SHOOTING INTO NEGRO SECTION - July 5,

White mobs formed at the Martin Theater, site of a near riot last night. Negroes who group to oppose the whites are being dispersed by the police.

Carloads of whites have been going through Seaboard Side (the Negro section) shooting at Negro residences. No one was reported injured.

SELMA, ALA. - MASS MEETING HELD - July 6,

Ralph Abernathy spoke to a crowd of 350 people at a mass meeting at Shiloh Baptist Church. At least 150 policemen were on the scene. A 10:00 PM curfew was announce after the rally. Police and posse went on to the peoples porches and clubbed them into the house. They also beat the doors with their sticks to make the people lock them.

Chairs were thrown through the door and windows of the house next to the church were the mass meeting was held. Under the curfew the people must turn of their lights at 10:00 PM also. After the rally tear gas was sprayed inside the church building.
HATTIESBURG, MISS. - OVER 500 SIGN UP FOR FREEDOM SCHOOLS - July 4,
SNCC office in Hattiesburg reports that by Thursday, July 2, 575
prospective students registered for the five Freedom Schools in the
area. Their ages range from 6 - 82.
The first to register was a man 82 who has taught himself to read
and write and now wants to pass the voter registration test.
The Freedom Schools will be staffed by 33 volunteer teachers. Local
teachers will help out.

SELMA, ALA. - LITERACY PROJECT WORKERS ARRESTED - July 4,
Four workers on the Selma Literacy Project were arrested here today.
They were all arrested near the Thirsty Boy restaurant. Names, charges,
etc:
Karen House - Trespassing and carrying a concealed weapon-$1000
bond; She is 21, Washington D.C. graduate of Howard U.
Jim Wiley - Trespassing and resisting arrest - $1000; 21;
born Selma, lives Gary, Indiana, Harvard U.
Carol Lawson - Trespassing - $500; 19, Bronx, Howard U.
Silas Norman - Trespassing - $500; 23, Augusta Ga., grad stud­
ent at Wisconsin.
All are Negroes.

ATLANTA, GA. - WORKERS PUMMELED AT WHITE RALLY - July 4,
Four SNCC workers, Matthew Jones, Charles Neblett, Wilson Brown,
anl Negro and Karen Haberman, white went to a rally sponsored by the
American Patriots at Atlanta's Lakewood Park. Featured speakers were
local small time racists and Wallace and Barnett. The four entered the
stadium and took seats. They were met with a barrage of heavy steel
folding chairs, thrown and swung. Haberman was escorted away from
the scene by a friendly white man. The three were severely beaten, and
treated at the hospital. Four whites were arrested and charged with
disorderly conduct.

LAUREL, MISS. - ACCOMODATIONS TESTED IN MISS. - July 4,
About 7:30 a group of well dressed Negro teenagers decided to test
public accommodations by attempting to get service at the Burger-Chef
a drive-in, in a borderline area. They were met outside by a group of
whites who asked, "Where are you going?" The youths answered,
"Inside to get a hamburger." The whites asked "Do you want to fight",
youths left. They came back a second time at about 8:00PM. Twelve
whites met them at the entrance and a similar exchange occurred. They
were again barred from entering.
The drive-in has one side marked color the other unmarked. The
youths headed for the unmarked side. They were on foot. There was
apparently no management involved.
Negroes left. A group of about 20
other Negroes had formed in the area and threatened to start throwing
bottles in the others were not let in. The original group of seven
returned at about 8:30 and were surrounded by about 25 - 30 whites
when they tried to enter again. The whites said, "Go home Yankee." A
general melee ensued in which Willie Roy Gilliam was cut across the
chest with a razor blade, while his brother Terry was cut on the face.
By that time there were about 40-50 whites and 20 Negroes. The police
appeared, closed off the section to traffic and kept the two groups
apart.
The Gillum brothers were taken toSoutheastern Benevolent Hospital.

SELMA, ALA. - VIOLENCE REIGNS IN ALA. TOWN - July 5, -10:30 am
Negro students travelling in the downtown area were beaten. People
in the commercial section of the city were also beaten. One man com­
ing out of a Negro restaurant was beaten by 6-12 policemen.
At 11:00 PM a rally of whites was held at the downtown A&P. During
the evening a cross was burnt on Highway 41 about one mile from the
heart of town.

SELMA, ALA. - SNCC WORKER ARRESTED - July 5,
Benny Tucker, SNCC field sec. was arrested in downtown Selma. He
was driving a SNCC car. He and John Love had been going downtown to
pick up leaflets for a mass meeting, and voter registration. The police
took the car when they arrested Tucker. The car had a Calif.
license on the front, and a Ga. on the back. The registration was
in the glove compartment.

ALBANY, GA. - SNCC WORKERS, NINE OTHERS ARRESTED - July 5,
Donald Harris (S.W. Ga. Project Director), Randy Battle, Roy Sheilds
and Dale Smith and nine others were arrested for loitering after they
tried entering all white Tift Park Pool(formerly a public pool in
(Over)