

Thurs 10/17

Selma: 1:50 Nancy to girl in SNCC office

Yesterday (Wed.) about 79 Negroes went to register, about 89 whites. Until now they have said that only 60 people would be processed each day. Yesterday not even that 60 were let in. A total of 37 people went in to register yesterday. Of these, 15-20 were Negro. At one point Jim Clark took one of the registrars into his office. When he came out he took away the old numbers he had given out and gave new ones and a few of the Negroes who originally had numbers were left out the second time around. By and large, the whites were not given the first numbers because there were men from the federal government there. Hhh

Today, 1 Negro woman went up to register and was refused because she had tried on August 6 and the registrar said her 60 days hadn't passed. The SNCC offices calculate that the 60 days have passed and she should have been accepted.

Five Negroes have registered this morning and there have been no incidents as yet, but there are 57-8 whites in the line and they are unwilling to make predictions about what will happen. Today the JD men are not around the courthouse and the whites are again being sent to the front of the line.

Five Negro girls have been going to register every day this week and every time the numbers are being passed out they seem to 'run out' just as they get to the girls. They seem to be purposely overlooked. At the time of phone conversation they were in talking with McKintire of the JD