

Evening Field Reports

Oct. 17, 1963

~~Greenwood-no answer~~

Greenville-no answer

Hattisburg-no answer

Clarksdale-spoke with Aaron Henry. They were having a freedom party with young people. Henry in touch with Moses every day by phone. James Jones there.

Selma, Ala,-no answer
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Pine Bluff, Arkansas-spoke with Bill Hansen. He was drunk. No news except funeral today for U.S. Brown, Jr. (was on the executive committee)-killed in automobile accident.

Gadsden-spoke with Pat McElderry. No news except that the voter registration office is now open for the first two weeks of every month. Also people are not notified by the registrar. Complaints have been made to the justice department and they've sent men in who more or less, do nothing.

~~Greenwood-no answer~~

Greenwood-spoke with King Davis Smith. They had a mass meeting tonight. A good crowd turned out-about 300 people showed up. The mock election candidates spoke such as Mr. Jordan (they are running local candidates). Newsmen were present but they do not know which newspapers were represented. They are planning another mass meeting tomorrow night and expect as many people as they had tonight. (They will send in slate of candidates as soon as it is completed)

Jackson-not back yet

Jackson-spoke with Mike. Mass meeting was very successful. The church was (300) packed. King & Shuttlesworth (mainly the latter) spoke . It was held in M. Evvers church & it was the first time a mass meeting has been held there. One guy was shot in the leg tonight outside of a restaurant. He is a friend the group working there. He is all right. Mike may work up some kind of press piece on it or tape, but not clear yet. Also they need money-almost on the starving bracket.