

October 19, 1963

From McArthur Cotton, McComb, Mississippi (Jimmy Helton)

Cotton arrived in McComb yesterday. He has found a place to stay. Then landlady wanted \$8 in advance and since McArthur only had \$7 he gave her that, but she wants other dollar. He hasn't eaten ~~meat~~ for a day and would like money wired.

situation in McComb is tense. Several things have happened there in the past few weeks--a 65 yr. old white man raped a young Negro girl and the authorities have refused to do anything about it. An elderly Negro man was beaten by a local citizen and nothing has been done about it either.

Jackson: 11:30 to Mike Sayer (Nancy)

Mike wants to know what progress has been made in getting big names to come down to Miss. during the campaign-- particularly for a benefit. They would like to have a big get out to vote rally on the 2nd or 4th of Nov. and would like the 'names' for that. Wondered if Odette could make it for the Greenville courthouse meeting on Oct. 24. CBS and NBC might cover that meeting.

CBS is going to the Helms County fish fry tomorrow.

Greenwood: 12:00 to Sam Black (Nancy)

McArthur Cotton has a trial on Monday in Greenwood- 10:00am

Sam would like to know whether Greenwood will be getting a car!

Please send money for Milton Hancock (\$175)- it is a fine-- Sam isn't sure of the exact nature of the case, but he will send a complete report.

(Greenwood Comm: 9/13/63): Milton Hancock fined \$175 by Judge Oran Kibbrough. \$50 for reckless driving, \$25 for improper equipment on automobile and \$10 for resisting arrest. Car had no muffler, no right headlight and 'did not look in good operating order'. 'The officers pulled the car over, asked Hancock to stop, and he immediately, drove off at a high rate of speed, saying 'I'm going to the SNCC headquarters,' said Taylor.' etc.-----

MEMPHIS: 1:30 to Monte (Nancy)

2 people were arrested when picketing Martin's theatre thing. One was Sunny Malone who is now working for SNCC, the other, Inez Lovett, a local girl. When Monte called the jail he was told they were on SNCC bond, but no charges had been made because the chief wasn't in yet.

There was a meeting on Thursday night- James Peck spoke.