

December 26

Selma: Willie C.

Willie C. was in Aniston on Christmas night and was walking home when local city officers picked him up (knew his name) and held him in police car two or three hours and tried to force him to say where Benny Tucker, Worth Long, and Wilson Brown were and when they were coming in to Selma.

Also, last Friday, Jim Forman had told ~~he~~ Willie C. that the Selma people should pass out leaflets (Don' B uy Segregation) in church. This fact appeared in the Sud day papé r--they could only have gotten the info. from our phone conversations.

quote: "Saturday afternoon, Sheriff Clark said a Negro who ~~had~~ talked to James Forman, executive secretary of SNCC by telephone in Atlanta after the raids, told him Forman said the literature was printed at his instructions, but was meant for distribution only at Negro mass meetings."

Nobody is down town- there are sales, etc., but it 's still like a ghost town. (boycott is very effective - though the raids may be really responsible).

Jackson: taken by Mendy

\$2500 bond has been set for the three people arrested in Jackson early this morning. The three are Jesse Morris, Willie Blue, and Claude Weaver. Police claim a/cab-driver and a female witness (Negro)

Negro
are prepared to testify against the three. But at the moment it is uncertain whether the charges under which they are held will be maintained (charges are assault and battery, armed robbery, refusing to pay cab driver, and resisting arrest). Carsie Hall (attorney) thinks that the armed robbery charge will be dropped. Bond will not be posted until it is made certain what the final charge will be. Police claim they are still investigating.

Gadsden: ~~kkk~~

Ladies Home Journal article by Lillian Helman is appearing now--article based on interviews with several people from Alabama (including SNCC people). Sheriff ~~he~~ in Gadsden now demanding a retraction of ~~kkk~~ parts of article. Ladies Home Journal not complying.