

Feb. 1, 1964

There will be demonstrations today in Fort Valley, Georgia and Tuskegee, Ala. commemorating the sit-ins of Feb. 1---

Washington: D.C. for Federal court  
Len Holt is preparing a suit/in connection with the arrests and demonstrations at Leb's. The suit will be filed by three SNCC staffers (most likely)-- The suit will be brought against the city of Atlanta (J.J. Little, Clerk of Board of Aldermen and Charles L. Mathews, Municipal Collector)- the suit will ~~enjoin~~ enjoin Atlanta from licensing Leb's on the grounds that they ~~are~~ are presently licensed 'to serve ~~the~~ the white public only'- not that their license states that, rather that their behavior implies it. The city of Atlanta gives several benefits to a restaurant or establishment that they license, and if this establishment does not serve 'the public' but only a portion of the public it should be licensed as a private establishment. (such benefits are requirement of health inspection of employees, blood tests given by city, periodic inspection of establishment, etc.). Hopefully the ~~suit~~ suit will be prepared by Sunday and will be filed in Atlanta on Monday-- press should be contacted re filing.

Jackson--charlie coth 6pm

Have talked with Mrs. Allen-- she was home when llen shot-- at about 8:30-- she heard three shots

call after curtis's-- Mrs. Allen spoke with Moses and FBI and funeral has been postponed to later date- Moses will let Mrs. Allen know when - Funeral will be at Star Hill Church (we think a Negro Baptist)

Charlie thinks that Allen was also arrested in ~~Nov.~~ Nov. on bad check charge- Mrs. Allen says that when he was shot she didn't go outside and the truck ran from 8:30 until late when someone finally discovered body and turned off engine.

George Greene: McComb re Allen death 5:45pm  
Curtis Hayes--

Shot three times, once in head, once in mid section and arms. ~~Family~~ Family believes that he was first shot when he was opening the gate to his house (that time in the back of the head). Then he threw himself under his truck and the other two shots were fired after he was under the truck. The local authorities haven't made any investigation at all. They have his body at a white funeral home (Broadway Funeral Home, Gloster, Miss.). They insist that they can't hold the body any longer than tomorrow. ~~The~~ The family wants to have an investigation, but the question is whether they have time since burial is to be at 2pm. Curtis questions if the burial is legal since an investigation hasn't taken place. When a shooting or an accident occurs a body has to lie at least 24 hours before funeral authorities can take over --the 24 hours have not yet passed and already the body in the Funeral Home and under their jurisdiction.

Allen was about 42, has two boys and two girls- ages - boy 22, boy 18, girl 23, girl 3--He was beaten by the Sheriff of Liberty almost 2 yrs ago (about six months after Lee's death). also arrested ~~two~~ two months ago because he had started carrying a gun in his truck because he was always intimidated by whites-

arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

Allen has been working with WR campaign and has been active in COFO-- this should be enough for us to request an investigation of death from Federal authorities. e.g. bullets have not yet been taken from his body--

Brother wants to know if they'll postpone the funeral--