

February 9, 1964

Chapel Hill: J.V. Henry

Last evening ~~7~~ 60 more people were arrested in Chapel Hill, bringing the day's total to 98 (they have sent out a press release with a different and inaccurate figure because the police department gave the Chapel Hill Freedom Committee inaccurate reports). At 7:30 pm 60 people went downtown and sat down on the intersection of Franklin and Columbia Streets. ~~kk~~. The demonstrators were ~~kk~~ charged with ~~kkkkkkkkkk~~ obstructing traffic and resisting arrests. Avon Rollins was among those arrested. Bond was set at ~~kkkk~~ \$175 per person and all have been bonded out. (they have been using bonding companies - CORE is backing them up)/

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In the afternoon two of the several groups demonstrated on the UNC campus. One group tried to get onto the basketball court (there was an afternoon game) with signs protesting segregation at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, which is owned and operated by the University. They were unsuccessful however. The other group sat down in the parking lot outside the game with similar signs. Neither of the groups were arrested.

2 Since December 13, 1963 there have been 534 civil rights arrests in Chapel Hill.

Henry says that they believe the Chapel Hill Freedom Committee has a 'security leak' ~~kkk~~ because at 8:30am yesterday the police knew all of the days plans, and therefore took the demonstrations quite calmly. The only time the police seemed disturbed was when the demonstrators sat down in the intersection in the evening. That action had resulted from a change in plans and evidently the police had heard about the change.

This afternoon there is a mass meeting with Bob Gore (CORE) as main speaker. There will be a march this afternoon after the meeting.

Hattiesburg: Sandy Leigh

Guyot is still in jail -- they have filed the property bond to get him out ~~kkk~~ but it is being held up by Hattiesburg officials (first by the sheriff who is also the tax assessor, and now by Lynd who county registrar as well as registrar of voters and therefore ~~kk~~ can hold it up by checking property deeds, etc.)/ The people in Hattiesburg have decided to get cash to get Guyot out.~~kkk~~ They have a commitment from Rev. John Coventry Smith (Westchester County, N.Y.) of the National Presbyterian Council of Religion and Race.