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Oxford, Mississippi

Last night Leslie McAmore III and John Morris and three other student from Rust College came down for the Howard K. Smith meeting at the U. of Miss. Word got out that they were coming, so hard core segregationist were there. Also, kkk police were on hand. As the five entered Fulton Chapel where the speech was being given, one of the white students jumped kkk a Rust College student and began to hit him. Two cops grabbed him, took his ID and arrested him. The five went into the Chapel, two going to one side, three the other. When they entered there was some hissing and a few people walked out. They stayed through the speech and when Smith mentioned the race issue four whites ostentatiously walked out. The Rust students didn't leave the Chapel until everyone else had cleared out. There was a group of segregationists outside, and there was more hissing and some rebel yells, but there was no violence as the police escorted them to their car. Generally the evening went quite smoothly and various comments were heard from students kkkkk that they were glad the Rust students had come. The latter made it back to Rust with no trouble, were not followed, etc.

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four were bailed out this afternoon, including Jim Jones. They came out because they need leadership badly (on the outside). Jim says that jail conditions are very bad- the kids no longer want to stay in jail. They were given their first meal for the day at 2 pm-- the kids are getting sick on the bologna sandwiches they're being fed.

Two adults from the community went to talk with the Sheriff and he agreed to improve jail conditions, give them police protection and remain neutral in the demonstrations (now it remains to be seen if he will keep his word).