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Pine Bluff: Iris

Ben Grinage was arrested last night at 4:30am for improper drivers license and running a stop sign. He was on his way from the Freedom House to his home. He has been bonded out and the following is his report on jail conditions:

It's very cold in the jail. The kads are being fed only 2 bologna sandwiches a day. They have little water- only a trickle from a broken pipe. They have no drinking cups and have been using empty cigarette packages. They are allowed no visitors and no food brought from outside. As a result they are tearing the jail apart. They have pulled out the plubing and have broken windows. They're constantly noisy at all hours. There are 3-4 sleeping in a bed. All other prisoners have been moved out of the jail. The morale is good, and everyone wants to remain in jail.

Iris is sending a telegram to RFK demanding federal intervention in Pine Bluff.

Hattiesburg: Sandy Leigh

They are planning mass demonstrations for tomorrow (1 month since freedom day, Jan. 22). There will be 4 mass meetings at kkk churches tonight. Last night they had 8 Freedom Teas. All have been well attended. There are more adults on the picket lines. Today an 62 year old woman will be picketing.

The ministers now have a man on salary full timekkkk until November- Rev. James Cameron--He had a church in Hattiesburg, Faith Tabernacle. He has been to Washington recently to talk with Burke Marshall and John Dear. While he was away police went by his house at night sounding sirens. When he returned he called the police chief, because his wife had been worried. The chief said he knew nothing about it. They have reported the incident to the FBI/ Also, a car with the tag F2563 (Forest County) has been driving by the office every day). Whenever they tak to the police about it the police are no help.

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