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Natchez, George Greene

Prethie is supposed to speak in Natchez tonight. George is having some trouble with the hall he was planning on using however.

Yesterday George was in Franklin County. There is one rural section in Franklin where whites have been running Negroes out. Many have been fired from their jobs. It is a poor area relying on timber and some oil. One white woman had a Negro working for her and her house was shot at. There is an area in Franklin where they have drawn a line on the road past which no Negro is supposed to go.

The whole river area of southern Miss. is largely a tourist area-- George says that at least 10 tourists left Natchez last week after the Klan beating. He wants to know whether we could possibly do anything to try to discourage the tourism there-- cutting it would ~~stark~~ starve the economy of the area.

Yesterday George and MacArthur Cotton were driving with a man from Natchez. They were stopped by a highway patrolman who made some comment about George being with the Natchez man. No ticket was given, but George expects the man will begin having trouble with police soon.

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Pine Bluff: Iris

An injunction has been issued enjoining SNCC (once as the Student Nonviolence Committee and once as the Student Nonviolent Coord. Comm.), MASC, Willie Barker, James Jones, Albert Girley, Thomas Allen, Mildred Neal, Lewis Yancey (owns a radio shop), Henry Turner, Eugene Jaspers (a photographer), Curtis Kirk, Bill Hansen, Ben Grinage, and Dick Gregory from picketing at Ray's Barbeque, which will open tonight. Ray Watson, Bill (manager) and Joseph Nugent (waitress) are plaintiffs. The hearing is on March 11- it will then be determined whether the injunction will be made permanent.

Two Negro deputies (otherwise known as Toms) have been assigned to giving out the injunctions. They've been able to reach Ben and Bill but not the others. They also tried to get us because the SNCC car was on the wrong side of the street, but someone in Pine Bluff has a radio that picked up the message that they were coming and the car was moved (the cops were obviously upset).

Iris suggested that the injunction might be broken. They would like Gregory to come back down to Pine Bluff.

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