

MERIDIAN

from Howard Moore

Four cases disposed of - Howard Moore defending.

Sam Borwn, obscenity charge. Charge correct. Got 30 days plus \$100 fine. He will serve time, fine will be paid.

Mickey Schwerner released on obstructing the crosswalk charge. Bond posted. charges will be disposed of oncontinuance.

LeRoy McCall, vagrancy charges will be dropped. trial sehcheduled May 20.

Lenore Thurman, pleaded guilty, paid \$50 fine.

HATTIESBURG - correction: Johannesburg, S. Africa-born Rathbone to appear 5/8.JACKSON

From Clarion-Ledggr: A joint session of the state legislature may accept Parchman Penitentiary reform bill following a joint conference committee revision which deletes an amendment which would have banned use of the lash. If bill is accepted, it will be ready for gov's signature shortly.

Rev. R.L.T.Smith's store door broken down tonight. This follows earlier breaking of store windows.

NATCHEZ - Bomb threat received at meeting of Miss. State's Advisory Committee to U.S. CRC being held in Natchez post office. Hearing forced to vacate room and move. Reported that KKK-looking men took notes on those who testified.CANTON - Bomb threats received at the office all day (e.g. 3 b/w 9-9:30) and known WCC people driving by. Eric Weinburger there to start sandle factory. Threats of burnings. Mateo Suarez in jail for illegal parking.GREENVILLE - three Negroes admitted to Republican precinct meeting, treated cordially.LEXINGTON - Mrs. Hazel Brannon Smith got Pulitzer Prize for "steadfast adherence to editorial duties" for her Lexington Advertiser. Also has weeklies in Durant, Flora and Jackson.HOLLY SPRINGS - Alvin Packard (Negro) and Larry Rubin (white) in jail. No detailJACKSON - from Robert Weil. Two new bills intro in state legis today.

House bill 870 prohibits entry into state for purposes of willfully violating laws of the state. Makes it a felony to advocate change by force, violence, or willful violation of state laws, punishable by not more than \$1,000 or two years or both.

Senate bill 2027 defines "criminal syndicalism," prohibits assemblage for c.s., provides penalty. Section I defines c.s. as any doctrine or precept which advocates or teaches the commission of crime, sabotage (defined as willful damage of physical property) unlawful acts of force or methods of terrorism ~~xxxx~~ as a means of "effecting change in agricultural or industrial ownership or control, or in effecting any political or social change" and includes the teaching, speaking, organizing of criminal syndicalism. Another section provides from one to ten years prison or \$200 to \$1000 fine or both for anyone present at a meeting advocating c.s. Another section makes it a felony to act as agent, janitor, superintendent for premises of an assembly advocating such c.s.

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WATS report continued

taken by M King

GREENWOOD - from Sam Block, Bill Higgs, Hunter Morey et al

Confused case of Mrs. Lauara McGee whose home and 58 acres have been involved since 1955 in foreclosure. Two Greenwood lawyers, Hammond and Odams apparently did not make proper payments for her after she had been sent to a mental hospital twice during course of foreclosure litigation. In 1962 case taken by Higgs & Rosenthal in Jackson. Problems erupting again. She had deeded 6 acres to Higgs and Rosenthal a lawyer's fee when they stopped foreclosure in '62. Last night a bomb was thrown on her front porch. This morning men from sheriff's dept. had warrant for her arrest for trespassing. Case very confused. Hunter Morey gathering data. Derrick Bell OK'd Inc Fund to take case when she has to appear in justice of the peace court tomorrow, May 7. Warrant also issued for her invalid son, scheduled for operation in University Hospital tomorrow. The case is not unrelated to civil rights however. Her son Clarence Robinson McGee had several attempts at arrest made on him when he returned from army and tried to vote. Her brother, Charles Coates was in Belzoni when Rev. Lee was killed, has been a marked man since. The Delta Folk Festival last June was held at her farm. Prior to her retention of Higgs & Rosenthal, Odams had been retained. She had apparently been making payments to him with the understanding that he was paying off her loan to the federal land grant bank, but when she was released from the hospital, found out he had not. Odams had been hired straighten out a similar mess with attorney Hammond.

JACKSON - from Rick Seifert

A batch of unfused bombs was found in a vacant lot behind Brinkley high school (Negro,) tonight. No details.

GRENADA, MISS. - from Jesse Morris

An open air political rally will be held at federal park Grenada Lake west of town of Grenada in Grenada County, Saturday, May 8. Mrs. Hamer and Mrs. Gray will speak at about 1:00 PM.

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