

CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

from Cliff Vaughs

May 12, 64

taken by mary

No other reports available today.

first

Thirteen arrested last night May 11, in the ~~second~~ demonstration we think. First to be arrested was Gloria Richardson who was dragged off roughly. General Gelton of the Guard had called for all the leaders to come forward, when she went forward, arrested. Two of the 13 injured: Stokeley Carmichael with gas asphyxiation; Cliff Vaughs with a bayonet wound in the leg. After Vaughs was put under arrest and loaded into the Guard truck, a bayonet was stabbed in his leg. Received two stitches as result. At approximately 3:00 this afternoon Vaughs was reporting from St. Claire's Hospital. Said charges were probably disorderly conduct, bond not yet determined. Troops were deployed at all corners in the Negro community; 120 troops deployed at the bridge, plus state police. John and the other SNCC workers in there led the demonstration - the Muslims who had been present at the rally split as soon as things started happening. Tear gas was thrown freely, and some instrument like a torch thrower was used to stir up dust on the demonstrators. Stokeley was arrested while sitting in a car off to the side. According to Vaughs the neighborhood was ready to move, question was how nonviolent anything could be. He gave his pictures to a news bureau chief; they're supposed to be sent here. John led the second demonstration, Vaughs said there was no question that SNCC was leading, implication being there had been a back-down elsewhere.

from Stokeley Carmichael

about 8:30 PM

He and Cliff sneaked out of the hospital this afternoon. Brigadier General Gelston of the Guard says there's a warrant out for him. There's a question as to what his charge will be since he was unconscious when arrested. Gelston admitted he couldn't be charged with disorderly since he was unconscious, probably be breach of the peace. Trial tomorrow at 2:00. There was a rally tonight. John spoke, supposed to have given a fine speech. Reggie then led (i.e Reggie Robinson) a march around the 2nd Ward (Negro district) and brought everyone back to front of the church. This dissipated a lot of energy and when it started to rain, as it still is, things were even more toned down. Guards confronted them again in the ~~mass~~ march with a new kind of gas - the type that nauseates you and makes you sick for several days. Rather than have the numerous children and youth on the march get trampled under as they would have, the march just went through the 2nd Ward. Reggie made a speech saying they had had a success, because they had been told they couldn't protest and they did. Last night after Gloria was arrested, Stokeley had all the kids from NAG and experienced kids go up to the front so that when the gas started coming they would be the last to leave, and there wouldn't be the stampede panic effect of less experienced people. Those arrested were:

Cleve Sellers, SNCC volunteer, DC, Howard, 19

Bernard ("Butch") Conn, SNCC executive committee member, 24, DC

John Baptiste, Cambridge, SNCC, 25, CNAC

Stanley Wyse, 21, SNCC, CNAC

Eric P. Jones, co-chairman NAG, Howard, 21

Fred Mangrum, NAG, DC, 22

Joe Fitts, Baltimore, Howard, NAG

Jimmy Jones, NAG, 19

Bobby Johnson, Cambridge, 22

get-aways Stokeley and Cliff: may be arrested any time

400 troops in C., saw more arriving today. Some protest probable after *Fama* trial tomorrow.

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