

June 25 4:00 am

Ruleville, Miss.: taken by Forman from Dave Gronemeir

Williams Chapel was fire bombed at 2 am-the fourth in the past ten days in Miss. The chapel is across from the Hamer house and was the scene of a voter registration meeting six hours earlier. The burning followed 7 incidents of bottle throwing at homes and at summer volunteers. The fire department came at 2:10 and left at 2:25/

Previous burnings in the past 10 days : June 16-Philadelphia, June 21 -Branden in Rankin County, and June 23-Moss Point.

Two Look reporters chased to Greenwood-got license of pursuing car-63 2163

Jackson; Bob Beyers taken by Ron Carver

Possibility of interview with Kirshenbaum in N.Y. discussed by Beyers with NBC. Give NBC priority though we may wish to turn this into view into a general press conference.

Re: Taped statements

Conflicting statements on arrests of Ridenour and Kirshenbaum-sheriff at Moss Point said that he knew nothing of the arrest of the two. Ridenour said that the county constable conferred with Moss Point police before bringing them to the county jail where there was a conference between county, state and Moss Point police. Ridenour had been told twice that he was under arrest for investigation. The lawyers later came and told them that they were not under arrest and had no charges against them.

Lawyers minimized future threats in Moss point.

Lawyers impressed with FBI action. FBI under orders to make fast report on incidents in Moss Point by Wed. afternoon. FBI not interested in mental harassment of Ridenour only in police brutality. Beyers said strong turnout of area press along with NBC and AP. Beyers impressed with idea of rushing reports to press for investigation.

AP said story held up all day due to with emphasis upon the conflicting statements on arrest.

ABC doing film report in Jackson.