

WATS report: June 25, 1964

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1:15am to Dinky

Detroit: Martha Kocel

They have sent a mailing to a list of about 300 calling for a demonstration on Friday at Cobo Hall where President Johnson is to speak. The demonstration will begin at 4pm and continue until the President leaves. The Friends of SNCC group will be joined by a number of other organizations, including Women's Strike for Peace. Local CORE has done nothing, not even sent a telegram.

Jackson: Casey Hayden

South West Georgia called over there to find out what was happening. They were very upset that they have not been kept informed. Casey suggests that we feed all projects information.

New York: Julie Prettyman

The demonstration in NY was very successful. At noon there were 700 people. Between 9 and 11:30pm there were 400 people (a different group). At one point CORE had a candlelight march up from Delancy Street to the federal building. There were lots of press people: NBC, CBS, AEC, Post, Times, Amsterdam News.

They had an interview with Morgenthau, U.S. Attorney in New York. He expressed willingness to meet with them at any time. Said he would call D.C. to tell of our demands and of the demonstration. He pointed out, however, that he could do nothing directly as it was not within his jurisdiction.

Moss Point: Bob Byers

9:15am yesterday

Negro

When the lawyers were in Pascagoula, they were told that one of the boys arrested for whistling at white women had been released, the other still in jail. ~~Attorney~~ Bob Lanz talked with sheriff about the Negro boys. Sheriff told him that one was out on bond other still in jail. When they returned to Moss Point and tried to confirm this they found that both were still in jail. While the lawyers were still in Moss Point two FBI agents arrived from New Orleans. They said they'd come concerning the news reports with a request to teletype their information to DC about all incidents. They interviewed Riddanour and Charles Glenn. ~~xxxxxx~~ The COFO attorneys returned to Pascagoula to get more information about the two Negro boys in jail. Pearlman & Nevas went to see the district attorney about 3:15p and told him that the sheriff's report had not been confirmed. In the presence of the COFO attorneys the DA was told that a Negro doctor, Dr. Morris was then posting bond for one of the teenagers. The DA told the COFO attorney's that Morris could afford to post the bond for both. They checked Morris and he said that he didn't want to post bond without the parents requesting it. Lawyers called them and they requested it. Morris then posted bond for both. The boys are Ron Gladney and James Petan, both 16 of Moss Point. Nevas asked Morris if they could need legal assistance. Morris said ~~the~~ juvenile court judge Watts was a nice guy "a fair judge" and therefore he did not anticipate problems. Nevas gave Morris the COFO and LCDC and told him to call at any time if help was needed. (LCDC is Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee)

Ron Riddanour is now in Jackson and will return to Moss Point. After a number of phone calls with his family, Howard Krschenbaum has ~~been~~ decided to leave the project and return home ~~with~~ with his father who is ~~going~~ going to Mississippi to meet him.

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Jackson: Bob Byers 9:45am

report from Ruleville from Dale Gronemeier and Charles MacLaurin :7:50am

People went over to the church that was burned to investigate. Only slight damage was done. A molotov cocktail had been thrown at the steps and had charred a few of the steps. Eight plastic bags filled with gasoline were found, 7 at the east side of the church, 1 at the northwest corner. Most of the gas had leaked out of the bags.

7:55am the Jackson office received a call from Jackson FBI man John Lee. He had been speaking with MacLaurin concerning the fire-bombing and called to confirm his relationship to COFO. He was given the above information concerning the church and said he would pass all information immediately to Memphis headquarters.

Urbana, Illinois: Rudy Frank

There will be picketing at the FBI office in Urbana today by Friends group there.

Boston Friends of SNCC: 11:30am

The picket line around the federal building has been going for 30 hours. There are between 100 and 200 people. Huge crowds have been watching and about 7000 leaflets with a statement by Howard Zinn and requests for telegrams to Washington were passed out. This afternoon Noel Day and Rev. James Breedon plan to go in to see the Justice Department man in Boston.

Chicago: Bobbi Yancy 11:30am

They have not had any word from Marion Barry yet-- people are down at his hearing now. There will be a workshop at 1pm for people who will be sitting in at the U.S. Attorney's office. Walk Picketing and sit-ins are planned for 4pm.

Chicago: Bobbi Yancey 2:45pm

Charges on Marion were contempt of court because court order was issued for people to leave and they didn't. A marshall had come in and said "the judges have ordered us to leave. If you don't we're going to move you." The judges instructed us to ask you to leave and if you don't we're going to move you." Marion was the only one held in contempt of court. He is also charged with assaulting a federal marshall. Bond has been set at \$1000; trial date is July 1, 1964. Marion was able to sign himself out on personal recognizance and is now out of jail. Attorneys are ~~Bob~~ Englin and Markel. One of them asked for postponement until July 8, but it was turned down.

They are discussing whether to have more sit-ins but are planning on have another picket line this afternoon.

Meridian : Fluckie 2:45pm

Cars are lining up now by the office in preparation to go to Philadelphia and attempt to ~~join~~ join the search party. Other than that, not much happening.

Meridian: John Lewis

200 sailors from the base in Meridian have joined the search party until they can be ~~replaced~~ replaced by Marines. There are also 3 helicopters in the search.

Rita Schwerner has gone into Jackson in an attempt to see Gov. Johnson.