

New York: Julie Prettyman

They have had a continuous vigil since Wednesday morning (24 hours a day). On Monday night there will be a meeting at Community Church on behalf of COFO to solidify efforts and see what all interested groups can do concerning ~~the~~ Mississippi. People who worked on the March last summer as well as others are expected. They will discuss the possibility of putting a full page add in the Times to discuss the Mississippi situation from our point of view and to ask for telegram campaigns to Johnson Kennedy and the FBI. They're also to organize visits to congressmen.

A 1/2 page ~~add~~ fund raising add will be in the Times on Monday.

A number of groups and individuals have been calling the New York office about sending carloads of people to Mississippi. The NAACP is asking for 1000 people. Bob's feeling (and our position) will be that people coming into Mississippi will not help the program as it ~~has~~ has been developed and will not help the Negroes in Mississippi. The way in which the northerners can be of help will be to remain in the north and be a political pressure force. There is some discussion of COFO people (Bob, Dave Dennis and Aaron Henry) going on TV to request that people do not pour into the state, and take the opportunity to explain the conception of the summer project.

Jackson: Ron Riddanour about 3:30pm

UPI called the Jackson office and said they had a statement from Allen Dulles with the following recommendations to the President:

1. ~~more~~ more FBI agents in Mississippi.
2. more contact between President and Governor Johnson to facilitate local and state and appropriate federal action to endeavor to control and to prosecute terrorist activities, particularly of clandestine groups in the state, specifying the KKK and the AFNR.
3. state and local officials will bear the main burden.

Clinton, Miss. (about 10 miles west of Jackson)

At about 1:30am this morning the Holy Christ Church just outside Clinton city limits was set fire. The south door latch was broken and entered and kerosene was distributed from the south of the church all the way to the north door, where a piece of paper was found burnt. The fire began at that point. Half of the floor was charred and the ceiling was charred from the heat. The fire department called and put the fire out. The damage was relatively minor.

On Thursday afternoon Vacation Bible Classes were held, a white minister, Rev. ~~Yonkers~~ Yonkers, a white minister not connected with the movement, conducting them. Clinton police drove around the church several times while classes were being held, but left without incident. Rev. James Washington, pastor of the church and a member of NAACP, assumes that some people thought the church was being used as a civil rights workshop, but this is not true. Only one Negro in Clinton is registered to vote.

Durant, (Holmes County)

Stokely Carmichael and Charlie Cobb were arrested in Durant last night. They were driving down highway 12 east and stopped in Durant to fix their car. A white woman nearby was frightened and ran away, but they took care of the car and drove on. A mile further they were stopped by police and asked for driver's license and registration. Police wanted to investigate the registration and jailed Stokely and Charlie. After a second search of the car they found civil rights papers (COFO leaflets?). Two policemen came into the cell with a man in plain clothes with a gun at his hip, a state ~~trooper~~ trooper and unidentified white man stood outside the door. They told Charlie that he had to leave town. Charlie replied that he had no place to go, but they told him that he still had to leave. He waited in the car. Stokely was charged with illegal parking and having no state inspection sticker (he had a Miss. license and a NY sticker). He was fined \$60 which he paid at about 5:30am (he had been there for over 3 hours).

Selma: John Love

John spoke with the FBI agent from Selma who had been asked to go to Marion, Ala. yesterday to check on the report that the three from Philadelphia had been seen there Thursday. The agent reported that the descriptions given by the Marion people did not jibe with those of the three missing workers.

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