

WATS REPORT: June 27, 1964

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For immediate release

Jackson: 6:30pm Frances Mitchell

Statement from Bob Moses concerning people coming to Mississippi from north:

Oxford, Ohio: *Released to Jackson Bureau of networks.*

An urgent appeal for transient volunteers not to attempt to join the Mississippi Summer Project was made here today by Robert Moses, Program Director of the Council of Federated Organizations.

Informed that northern offices of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee were being flooded by phone calls from persons determined to head south in the wake of violence in Mississippi, Moses declared that "a wave of untrained, and unoriented volunteers into the project areas would serve only to disrupt what is now a well controlled plan of operation throughout the state."

"In addition," he said, ~~KKKKKK~~ "no matter how well intentioned these new volunteers may be, it is impossible for us to house them, supervise their activities, or protect them from violence on the part of the white community."

"Although our trained volunteers are open to hazard," he added, "at least their orientation has provided them with the ABC's of those kinds of protection available through our own security system. Their movements are constantly supervised in an effort to minimize the risks, and our staff people are already hard pressed to provide those safeguards which are available to us. Absolutely no one else can be accepted," he said.

Moses statement came as Navy personnel, the FBI, and state and Neshoba County police continued their search for Michael Schwerner, James Cheney, and Andrew Goodman, missing since Sunday following their release from jail in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Mitch: Moses leaving Oxford, no time to reach Henry, asked us (Jackson through Atlanta to try.)

Forman in DC: leaving shortly, will have press conference NYC June 28; if Moses did not feel compelled to check with Henry we shouldn't try; Farmer not needed; Dave Dennis hospitalized in Shreveport.

Solic - having press conference around the music caravan going to Miss. on Monday, 11:00, Second City, 4th St.

Jackson: Bob Byers 12:15pm

Dodsville-

Isaiah Taylor, 34, ~~black~~ was slain yesterday by a highway patrolman. It is believed that he was a mental patient. There will be a hearing in Indianola today.

Columbus:

Trial for those arrested yesterday will be on Monday at 4pm. They are:

Warren Galloway, 21, Detroit, summer volunteer

Charles Goins, 16, Columbus

James Edward Jackson, 19, Columbus

James Mitchell, 16, Columbus

Albert Drumgo, ~~17~~ 17, Columbus

Earlie James Mays, 19, Columbus

Jackson: 2:55pm: Hunter Morey

Ed Hollander was beaten in the Hinds county jail this morning. Ed and eight others had been in jail in Canton since Canton Freedom Day about three weeks ago. ~~black~~ The cases were removed to federal court early last week and yesterday the federal marshall went to Canton to effect the transfer the people to federal custody, transferring them to the Hinds County jail. This morning, before Ed was bonded out, he was beaten by white prisoners. He had some fairly bad marks and bruises on his nose and around his right eye, but otherwise he seems to be all right. All nine are out on bond now. Ed is now seeing the FBI in Jackson. ~~black~~

The Jackson office wants to make a protest about the transfer of prisoners to Hinds county jail for federal custody, because Pete Stoner was also beaten when he was transferred there on April 21, 1964. Eli Hochstader ~~black~~, the white Tougaloo who attempted to attend the Ice Show at the colliseum, was also beaten there. Stoner was in federal custody when he was in that jail, Hochstader was not. A protest to the Justice Department has been requested. ~~black~~

San Francisco: Frank Smith

The California State Executive Committee has just passed the Michigan resolution concerning the seating of the Mississippi delegation. The only change is that in paragraph 5 where the Michigan resolution says "this convention instructs the ~~black~~ Michigan delegation at the forthcoming national convention... the California resolution states, "this convention requests the California delegation....".

~~black~~ Frank will be going on to Oregon and Colorado to see about resolutions there.

Washington, D.C.: 4:35pm John Doar

Reported the incident of Ed Hollander's beating to John Doar in Washington. I asked him if anything could be done to prevent this sort of thing when civil rights workers are in federal custody. He said that he did not know but that he would look into it.

He also mentioned that Moses had told him that one of the Oxford buses would be going through Winona and Greenwood and that he had alerted the FBI.

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taken by Ron Carver

Greenwood: Phil Momre 4am

At 2:40am Miss. time, the fourth and fifth ~~xxxx~~ threats were recieved by the Greenwood office, one after another. They were by two different men, one of whom had made the earlier calls. Phil thinks that the two men were together when the calls were made, because he heard laughter in the background.

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First call: "Hey I apologize for calling you all monkeys. Everybody knows monkeys got sraight hair."

Second call: "Are you still up?" Phil answered, "Yes, are you?" The man replied, "Wise guy huh, well you better stay up longer." Phil: "Why?" Man replied, "Aint// no telling why."

4:15 On called Memphis FBI and spoke with Joe Bates reported the Greenwood incidents.

5:40am called Greenwood spoke with Larry Hansen, a law student who said things had been quiet. Kept calling back; things stayed ~~at~~ quiet.

Belzoni: report from lawyers (Bill Robinson/ in Jackson) 5:40am

3:35am Jackson time the lawyers were baka in Jackson.

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Two Negroes from Belzoni were arrested at 9:25pm in front of Billups Gas station where they were alledgedly cursing and abusing some white boys. There names are Bobby Davis (listed as James Davis in charge book) and James Hall; neither are connected with the movement.

There had been a report that the boys were beaten so the lawyers went to Belzoni. Arrived there at 11:15pm. Chief of Police was awakened. Lawyers went to jail and found the boys were booked, but not charged. Police chief said that the charge was distubing the peace, but he would not enter the charge ~~an~~ the books at the lawyers request.

They were not allowed to see the boys when they requested. They reported, however that they saw a leather strap "five feet long and as thick as a man's hand" hanging behind the desk. Police chief offered to set bail at Schevegny's request at \$100 each, but then told them to come back in the morning, virtually throwing them out.

Recommendations from lawyers:

1. call Belzoni police early as they might try to call an early trial.

2. go to Belzoni with lawyers and writ of habeas corpus

3. try to get a proper arraignment. if this does not work take writ to justice of peace and serve it on him.