

WATS Report

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Wens. , ~~July~~ 3, 1964

6:40p.m.
Mississippi
time

^{July} GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI- George Johnson, 17, COFO , and Gibbs Von Kinderman, 21, white, Harvard senior, 1300 Cowper St., Palo Alto, Calif. were canvassing for the voter registration project when stopped by a man in a red pickup truck. Man asked what they were doing and Von Kinderman answered, "registering voters" The man said, " Boy, things are fine around here and you better get out of here. If I see you around again I'll beat your ass." Do you hear?" Von K. -"Yes, I do." The man jumped out, pulled Von K's shirt then called Johnson over and pulled him by the shirt. The two ran and were chased by the man for about 7 yards. Descriptio of man: 5'7", dirty, unshaven, greasy clothes, 37 yrs. old Truck: red International pickup truck, plates- C1659

John Doar was called in D.C. and said he'd investigate. New Orleans F.B.I. was called and said (Agent Walker) that it would be reported.

Jackson office COFO requested an arrest uned Title One of the new Civil Pights Bill.

Kinderman's phone 601 - 863-0131, police: 863-4211, Sheriff: un3-1331
Harrison County

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From Jim Received by Dinky

~~New York:~~

~~Washington:~~ Forman left Jackson this morning to attend a meeting of the Council of United Civil Rights Leadership in New York. As the meeting was about to begin at 3pm, the Council received an invitation to attend the signing of the bill. They flew to Washington D.C. at 4:45 pm to attend the ceremony. Present to witness the event were: Randolph, M.L. King, Whitney Young, Roy Wilking, Dorothy Height, Burke Marshall, Katzenbach, Bobby Kennedy, Lee White, Louis Martin and Forman.

After the ceremony the group met with the President and there was a general discussion of the bill.

They then went back to New York and the Council meeting will resume tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9pm. As Jim has a tv show on Sunday, he will probably remain in N.Y. for the weekend.

Enfield: J.V. Henry : Robert Shield of Scotland Neck resigned as chairman of the county board of lectors. He is ano official in the county Wallace for President committee. Wallace got 75,000 s gnatures, will be listed on the ballot.