

HATTIESBURG, MISS. - OVER 500 SIGN UP FOR FREEDOM SCHOOLS - July 4,  
SNCC office in Hattiesburg reports that by Thursday, July 2, 575  
prospective students registered for the five Freedom Schools in the  
area. Their ages range from 8 - 82.

The first to register was a man 82 who has taught himself to read  
and write and now wants to pass the voter registration test.

The Freedom Schools will be staffed by 33 volunteer teachers. Local  
teachers will help out.

SELMA, ALA. - LITERACY PROJECT WORKERS ARRESTED - July 4,

Four workers on the Selma Literacy Project were arrested here today.  
They were all arrested near the Thirsty Boy restaurant. Names, charges,  
etc:

Karen House- Trespassing and carrying a concealed weapon-\$1000  
bond; She is 21, Washington D.C., graduate of Howard U.  
Jim Wiley - Trespassing and resisting arrest - \$1000; 21,  
born Selma, lives Gary, Indiana, Harvard U.  
Carol Lawson - Trespassing - \$500; 19, Bronx, Howard U.  
Silas Norman - Trespassing - \$500; 23, Augusta Ga., grad stud-  
ent at Wisconsin.

All are Negroes.

ATLANTA, GA. - WORKERS PUMMELED AT WHITE RALLY - July 4,

Four SNCC workers, Matthew Jones, Charles Neblett, Wilson Brown,  
all Negro and Karen Haberman, white went to a rally sponsored by the  
American Patriots at Atlanta's Lakewood Park. Featured speakers were  
local small time racists and Wallace and Barmett. The four entered the  
stadium and took seats. They were met with a barrage of heavy steel  
folding chairs, thrown and swung. Haberman was escorted away from  
the scene by a friendly white man. The three were severely beaten, and  
treated at the hospital. Four whites were arrested and charged with  
disorderly conduct.

LAUREL, MISS. - ACCOMADATIONS TESTED IN MISS. - July 4,

About 7:30 a group of well dressed Negro teenagers decided to test  
public accomadations by attempting to get service at the Burger-Chef  
a drive in, in a borderline area. They were met outside by a group  
of whites who asked, "Where are you going?" The youths answered,  
"Inside to get a hamburger." The whites asked "Do you want to fight",  
the youths left. They came back a second time at about 8:00PM. Twelve  
whites met them at the entrance and a similar exchange occurred. They  
were again barred from entering.

The drive-in has one side marked color the other unmarked. The  
youths headed for the unmarked side. They were on foot. There was  
apparently no managment involved.

After being blocked again the Negroes left. A group of about 20  
other Negroes had formed in the area and threatened to start throwing  
bottles in the others were not let in. The original group of seven  
returned at about 8:30 and were surrounded by about 25 - 30 whites  
when they tried to enter again. The whites said, "Go home Yankee."  
A general melee ensued in which Willie Roy Gilliam was cut across the  
chest with a razor blade, while his brother Terry was cut on the face.  
By that time there were about 40-50 whites and 20 Negroes. The police  
appeared, closed off the section to traffic and kept the two groups  
apart.

The Gillum brothers were taken to Southeastern Benevolent Hospital.

SELMA, ALA.- VIOLENCE REIGNS IN ALA. TOWN - July 5, -10:30 am

Negro students travelling in the downtown area were beaten. People  
in the commercial section of the city were also beaten. One man com-  
ing out of a Negro restaurant was beaten by 6-12 policemen.

At 11:00 PM a rally of whites was held at the downtown A&P. During  
the evening a cross was burnt on Highway 41 about one mile from the  
heart of town.

SELMA, ALA. - SNCC WORKER ARRESTED - July 5,

Benny Tucker, SNCC field sec. was arrested in downtown Selma. He  
was driving a SNCC car. He and John Love had been going downtown to  
pick up leaflets for a mass meetin. and voter registration. The pol-  
ice took the car when they arrested Tucker. The car had a Calif.  
license on the front, and a Ga. on the back. The registration was  
in the glove compartment.

ALBANY, GA. - SNCC WORKERS, NINE OTHERS ARRESTED - July 5,

Donald Harris (S.W. Ga. Project Director), Randy Battle, Roy Shields  
and Dale Smith and nine others were arrested for loitering after they  
tried entering all white Tift Park Pool (formerly a public pool) in

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Albany. Two white SNCC workers had gone to the pool first, entered, and reported back by telephone that there were white men armed with ball peen hammers, sticks and clubs and that the life guards had baseball bats. An integrated group of 25 went (including those arrested) and tried to get in. The ticket seller, after alot of discussion, admitted that the pool was private for white people and that Negroes were not admitted. The group left, half went home, and the thirteen were arrested for loitering and held on \$102 bail.

SELMA, ALA - REPORTERS BEATEN - July 5,

David Prince and Jerry Demuth, reporters on assignment from Black Star News Agency were injured by presumed members of Sherriff Jim Clark's posse. The reporters were attacked following a mass meeting at the AME Zion Church.

As they left the church were law enforcement personel had been present part of the time, they saw about 60 helmeted policeman. Some had brown shirts, some plainclothes, all were in helmets. Prince took some pictures and then tear gas exploded.

Prince called Demuth to get between the buildings, but when he turned Demuth was missing. A spotlight was shone in Prince's eyes and then a shot rang out and a bullet lodged in the building next to him. Prince's camera was thrown against the building and later smashed. He fell to the ground and rolled up into a ball and was hit on the neck and back and legs. The two reporters left Selma to the hospital in Montgomery.

Demuth was pretty badly injured with a gash across his neck which was bleeding badly. He also had a gash across his forehead and a bad cut on the top of his head. His glasses had been smashed. Prince had injuries of the back.

When the reporters arrived in Selma the same afternoon they notified the FBI of their presence. Theywere told that he wasn't sure what kind of protection they could recieve from the Sheriff. They introduced themselves at the sheriff's office shortly after noon. They were on a Black Star assignment. Demuth also had an Esquire card, Prince a Macmillian Publishing Co. Both had City of Atlanta Police Press cards.

Three local Negroes were also hospitalized as a result of baetings.

- John Lewis, Chairman of SNCC and Francis Mitchell, SNCC publicity director for the Miss. Summer Project arrived safely in Selma.

AMERICUS, GA. - BOMB SCARE IN MOVIE- July 5,

Several Negroes were in the Martin theater when it was emptied because of a bomb threat at about 9:00 PM. A mob of about 200-300 whites had gatered outside the theater. About a 100 Negroes gatehered in the same area. SNCC worker Robert Mants called the Americus police and FBI agent Cheek in Albany. Mants, Willie Ricks and Sammy Mahone saw people running and heard shots. The police had fired shots into the air. There was a fire truck on the scene with a hose in postion to be used. A riot seemed impending.

At this time the SNCC workers got the Negroes to come to an impromtu mass meeting. During the mass meeting the white mob was still throwing stones at passing cars driven by Negroes.

LAUREL, MISS. - TWO SUMMER VOLUNTEERS PICKED UP BY POLICE - July 5,

Two white summer volunteers, Thomas Watts, 35, Berkely, Calif. and Marcia Ann Moore, 21, Fort Dodge, Iowa were picked up and questioned by police. SNCC worker Gwen Robinson, 19, Negro, Memphis, Tenn., went to the jail to bring Moore's identification and was held for a short time. Charles Spinks, 14, Negro, Laurel, was detained for an hour in connection with the two volunteers. Watts was released. Moore was charged with vagrancy and will be arraigned tomorrow..

AMERICUS, GA. - WHITES SHOOTING INTO NEGRO SECTION - July 6, .

White mobs formed at the Martin Theater, site of a near riot last night. Negroes who group to oppose the whites are being dispersed by the police.

Carloads of whites have been going through Seaboard Side (the Negro section) shooting at Negro residences. No one was reported injured.

SELMA, ALA. - MASS MEETING HELD - July 6,

Ralph Abernathy spoke to a crow- of 350 people at a mass meeting at Shiloh Babtist Church. At least 150 policemen were on the scene.

A 10:00 PM curfew was announce after the rally. Police and posse went on to the peoples porches and clubbed them into the house. They also beat the doors with their sticks to make the people lock them.

Chairs were thrown through the door and windows of the house next to the church were the mass meeting was held. Under the curfew the p people must turn of their lights at 10:00 PM also. After the rally tear gas was sprayed inside the church building.