

1955 light blue Pontiac was discovered on fire outside the house of Dave Howard, a Tchula local resident. Mr. Howard houses two summer volunteers, Robin Greer and Don Hmaer. It took twenty minutes to put out the fire. 2/3's of the car was burned out. The inside was completely gutted out except for the front end. Hollis Watkins, SNCC staff, found a gallon jug inside the car that he said had not been there before. Robin Greer found a newspaper next to the car, July 19th, New York Times. We believe that the car is registered in Stokleys name but think that the registration papers were burned. Liscence #- H4236. Stokley had taken a car to that project but the clutch had burned out and therefore he had left the car in front of Mr. Howards house. (Hinds County, Miss. registration)

Atlanta is to call the press. Greenwood notified the FBI.

NOTE: The car was burned in Mileston, Mississippi, rather than Tchula. The workers are working out of the Tchula office.

Mileston: background

A community center is being built in Mileston by local people and summer workers under the direction of Abe Asheroff, a construction carpenter from Los Angeles. Asheroff is 50 years old and became interested in the project of building the community center when he heard Miles Horton speak in Los Angeles. ~~KKKKKKKKKK~~ Mileston is in Holmes County, and a mass meeting for the citizens of Holmes was recently held to approve plans ~~KK~~ and elect a slate of officers for the community center. One of the major local leaders in the area who is working on the ~~KKKKKK~~ center is Hartman Turnbow of Lexington.

On July 22 a dozen farmers and some Freedom School people worked with Asheroff to clear the ground and lay out the outlines for the community center. The foundation was to be dug on July 23.

Natchez: Dorrie Ladner: 11:55am

At about 10:30am Miss. time they received a ~~KKKK~~ bomb threat. A man called and asked if Mr. Metcalf (the owner of the house) was in. He was told that Metcalf was not in. The man then asked who owned the place and said that ~~jjjj~~ the house would be blown up in ten minutes.

Atlanta called Greenwood at noon and asked them to call the New Orleans FBI. Dorrie will call the local FBI.

NOTE: when Atlanta spoke with Natchez, the threatened ten minutes had already passed.

Pine Bluff: Jim Jones

Jim Jones and four other workers were arrested in Pine Bluff last night. They were canvassing and selling poll tax in the West End ~~KKKKKKKK~~ and were in their car near a club where local Negroes go when a deputy sheriff ~~KK~~ drove up and ~~KKKKKKKKKK~~ shined his spotlight on them, asked Jones for his license and told him he was under arrest. He would not state the charges, but asked them what they were doing. They said they were selling poll taxes, so he arrested all five. He took them to the station and gave them lectures. The three younger one he ~~KK~~ lectured about getting into trouble, and not knowing who they were with or what they were doing. When the three asked why they had been stopped and what they were charged with Sheriff Jarnette told them that he stopped who he wanted to stop and charged what he wanted to charge. He then let the three high school students go. He held Jones on a charge of reckless driving, bond \$35, and Claude King, 30, ~~KKKKKK~~ a teacher from Tucker (about 6 miles from Pine Bluff) he charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Tucker had a pistol with him which was broken and which he was going to have oiled. He had originally joined the other four to get a ride to a gun shop to have the pistol oiled. He had changed his mind however, and stayed with them to sell poll taxes. (THE GUN DOES NOT SHOOT). King's bond was set at \$70. Both were bonded out this morning and will be tried tomorrow at 2pm.

Jim Jones had been in Pine Bluff for a staff meeting to discuss the Helena and Pine Bluff projects. He will probably be working out of the Pine Bluff projects for the summer to work on political campaigns, since the Helena project will just be concentrating on voter registration and has no specific campaigns. Helena will be handled by Joe Wright, Cincinnati and Philander Smith. Wright came into Pine Bluff during the demonstrations at Ray's truck stop earlier in the year and has been working with SNCC since then. Registration closes in Arkansas on October 1.