

Wats Report August 3, 1964 Mary King taken by James Bond. 7:10
Batesville Miss. Clade Weaver of Atlanta Ga. and SNCC staff m
member, and Ben Graham of Beverly Hills Calif. a summer Volunteer
were arrested last night at about 2:00 Miss. Time. In Batesville.
They were arrested on the steps of the steps of the Panola County
courthouse steps were they had gone to make a count of the no.
of people that were in line waiting to register. The Charge was
interference with an officer. Bond is \$100 for Weaver and \$300
for Graham. Bond for Graham was raised from \$250 to \$300 but no
explanation was given.

Jackson Miss. Pete Seeger, ~~arrived~~ arrived in Jackson Miss.
late this afternoon and after about an 3 hour stay there proceeded
to McComb. He will be there tonight for a concert and tomorrow for
a workshop at the Freedom school there. Wednesday he is expected
in Hattiesburg at 1:00. He will conduct a workshop at the Freedom
school at palmers crossing and then at 3:00 go to the Mount Zion
Church for a workshop at the freedom school there. He has a 7:30
concert in Meridian Wednesday. ~~He will~~ he will give work shops
in Jackson and possibly a concert that night. Thursday he will
leave the state. Judy Collins, the east gate singers, and Barbara
Dane are also there and are going to different places.

6 freedom schools opened in Jackson today and they are the first
in that city. 25 new freedom school teachers arrived in the state
today. The no. of volunteers is now at about 650, not including
staff, clergy, lawyers, entertainers and ect.

The Miss. Free ~~theater~~ Southern Theater will give its first perforemc
tonight in Hattiesburg. They will perform In White America.

Greenwood Miss. taken from Judy Richardson.

Bob Masters, 20 year old white summer volunteer, was arrested today
on a charge of assault in Greenwood. The arrest took place at about
6:45 Miss. time. Masters was playing horseshoes at the time on
the corner of Ave. End and Broad street. Officer Logan made the
arrest. He has a record of harrsements on voter registration workers.
The bond is \$100. The arrest took palce out of an incident
Saturday when an elderly cripple white made step on Masters foot
and the asked Bob if he wanted to hit him. Bob said yes but did
not. The man was in the police car when Masters was arrested.

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Americus: Willie Ricks

At about noon today Willie Ricks was beaten by ~~Mr~~ Cleveland Hancock. He went
to his store, Hancock's Grocery and asked to buy some milk. Hancock asked if
he wanted qanything else. Ricks said no, and Hancock said he 'didn't want that
kind of damn shit in his store' (i.e. not saying no, sir). He grabbed Ricks
and hit him in the jaw, almost knocking him out. He then kicked him. Ricks'
glasses were broken when he was hit. He will go up to the Hospital to check on
injuries.

Hancock threw Berdew out of his store about two months ago. The store is
on Ogelthorpe and Jefferson in a Negro neighborhood. They are thinking of
planning a boycott of the store.

Columbus: from Richardson in Greenwood

Yesterday morning Don White and Bob Lavelle, summer volunteer from Pittsburgh, Pa.,
were arrested. They were driving with three others to Aberdeen. ~~When~~ They were
stopped on a traffic check and were taken to the jail in Columbus. Don was charged
with permitting an unauthorized ~~and~~ person to drive the car. Lavelle was charged
with improper license and tag (temporary ~~Miss~~ Tenn.) and no inspection sticker.
They were bonded out last night for \$53 each.