

12:30 am. Toluca: Brumber says that Lorenzi will be tried by JP Gl. Bridgers in Thornton at the Cotton Gin where the JP is bookkeeper.

Hatches: 12:30; Chice made a John Owens call, the operator hung up before I could get any information as to where he was. He is not at the OCFD office.

Jackson 1:20 Police enter office with Bench Warrant for Him and for assault. Searched the office and made some comment about him going out the back john window. Took Fluky outside for questioning on the bench that while he was not wearing the proper clothes but did fit the general description of HIM. Fluky was taken up the street for identification by the woman HIM beat. HIM supposedly works with OCFD and was seen going into the office after the kick. Fluky was returned unharmed to the office. The six policemen were just policemen with a JOHN DOE.

Hatches 12:45 Chice is at office.

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Lexington jail 8:00

Toluca Court house

~~3888~~ Toluca a Lexington jail 10:00 Willie Shaw called from ~~10/16/1977~~ said he and James Jones had been held there since yesterday afternoon. Had called at 8:15 this morning and had call refused. Charges are : James -interfering with an officer. Shaw- speeding. Talked with Kelly who will be trying them at 10:00 which is in a few minutes and asked for a continuance. No dice. Called Glenden. She has gotten continuance until Monday at 10:00. Kelly also agreed not to try these in Lexington jail until Monday. Sheriff will set bond.

B-own just came from Lexington. Bridgers acquitted him. Don't know when trial was. Henry has not returned. May have gone to Lexington to pick up car.

Valley View 10:25 am. At a mass meeting at New True Light last night in eastern Madison County had a visit from Billy Noble ( chief punk paid by merchants) and ~~10/16/1977~~ Evans to Deputy Sheriffs were there. Talk to Andrew Green the project director. Told him not to come back the same way he came as a car was waiting for him and to protect him from any danger. This cooled him and a car arrived from Valley View and Canton. Mass Meeting was over and cars started off to VV Freedom House. One car had flat on way back. While stopped a police car and truck passed them. Contained two Carthage police and Sheriff other had Noble and Co. Car with flat radioed PH and said they would have visitors. 5 minutes later Carthage and truck drove up. 2 minutes project cars drove up. Conversation between cops and George Raymond. Then Police left. Quitt. Between 9:30 and 11:30. They were looking for Theodis Heditt for speeding through Carthage and for reckless driving.

Shaw 10:45 Children that led the boycott have not been readmitted to school. What steps would legal advise the to take? On Petition, need advice on the next step as they have received no reply to the letter they sent concerning a hearing. Last time they sent it back (the letter was certified) but they have received no notification of acceptance and no reply.

Canton 11:07 JOHN SMITH, Madison County Police picked Theodis Heditt up. May have been city police. Charge is speeding and reckless driving.

Cleveland: 11:15 Cynthia Washington: MSU students have been circulating petition at their school asking for more classroom supplies, better equipment, improved cafeteria service, that they not go to the fields to raise money for housing, (a lot of argument about what the money is really spent for). Principal (Dorothy D.N. Smith) called in "all MSU students" (1 girl went) Wednesday. Mr. Smith and two student council members talked to her (MS Kinara Johnson) about housing and what the money was spent for, talking as if they felt they had to justify. Smith proposed a mass meeting at the school Thurs. or Fri., panel discussion between

Student Council members and MSU students; student body should vote at that meeting whether to have the homecoming. But whether or not to have a homecoming was not the issue, according to Cynthia.

Tuesday evening, at the mass meeting (COFO), some members/(3 ch) arrived; in the mass meeting the petition was discussed, good response from the parents, especially the part about going to the fields, because last year there was a \$100 turkey dinner to which only certain people were invited: parents felt that if all the students would work and raise money, everyone should participate in its spending. ~~Wednesday~~ The student council members there explained the school position, and said that supplies, books, equipment should not be the responsibility of the schools but of the county!

Wednesday evening there was a rumor of kids being thrown out of school for signing petition, and of people flunking if they participated in panel. A small (8-9) group of MSU students met at COFO house to plan strategy for panel. "Outsiders" being blamed for whole thing. (all Cynthia had done was type up petition they had already drawn up). There had been talk at the student council meeting of suing for the publishing of the weekly newsletter. (Next 1st edition, COFO, not kids, had written it). Kids stood up for COFO as if they had written the newsletter.

Panel discussion in terms of support for principal in demanding supplies, etc. from superintendent. About going to fields: wanted homecoming, didn't mind raising money but didn't want to go to fields, because that kind of job should be money for necessities like shoes, etc, not homecoming.

Panel discussion this morning, Student council members on stage but MSU people not. Eleanor said she had the petition with her, a teacher asked her to stand up, rebalanced what was being said and the non-participation of MSU. Called to stage; with other MSU. Had discussion. Students applauding, also faculty. "ut president of MSU, who she has been tense and functionally inactive, get up and gave an incoherent confusing speech which ruined things because it allowed Mr. Smith to talk about issues not involved in petition.

Telula 1:45 Brown is down at the court house trying to find out about Shaw and Jones. There is a rumor the unconfirmed that the petitions have been confiscated but that is not proven.

Shaw 1:50 Mike Smith. Won't let him back in school they were boycotting unless he pays for a water cooler that he knows nothing about. There is limit on the number of days that you can miss from school and pass. (20) Would like somebody to investigate, like the FBI.

Telula 2:45 Couldn't find out anything except that car has been impounded.

Vicksburg 3:55 Noon today Henry Coleman and another Negro go to Pete's Grill and are refused service on the white side. Asked why and were told to go to the other side. They leave. Then they go to the Riverside Cafe and are served on the White side. 12:30 Henry Hunter and Lewis Geddman are served in the Vicksburg Hotel Coffee Shop. 1:45 Bryan Dunlap and Willie Johnson go into White side of Pete's Grill. Before they say anything a White waitress says to Willie "come on over to the other side, boy". When Willie asks when the manager is expected in she says she doesn't know. They both then go over to the colored side where Willie asks the Colored Waitress where the manager is and when he'll be in. She sends Willie into the kitchen to talk to the cook. Willie goes in and before he can say anything the White waitress says "boy you aren't allowed in there." They then left. On duty at this time were one white waitress and one colored cook and two colored waitresses. 2:00 Bryan and Willie go to the Riverside Cafe and they talk to the manager who on many occasions had previously refused to give his name. He spoke freely, "My only preference is to serve Negroes on one side and Negro on the other, but we serve them regardless of where they sit down." He thinks "alot of them enjoy the colored side better."

Vicksburg Cent he said he had been in the South 55 years and in business 40 years His staff is 11 colored and 3 white. His attitude toward segregation "depends upon local customs." He wants to minimize any trouble/\*\*\*\* resulting from publicising his own views ~~\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\*~~ and integration in general. He has troubles from drunks, both white and Negro, He has been at the riverside for 40 years.

TCHULA: 4:45; The bail for Willie Shaw is \$250 \$150., bail for James Jones is \$100., as reported by the sheriff's secretary, who got the information from patrolman Meedy. Information as to whether or not their car has been impounded ~~SP788?~~ was not available. Mary Ann just called to say that a trail has been set for 10:00 a.m. on Monday.

Genton 5:00 Maryann Shupenke: Theotis is in Cuthage jail. 6081 ~~judd~~ <sup>phone</sup> number of people trying to find out bend.

Meridian 5:45 Sandy ~~atts~~ <sup>atts</sup>--FS can get top floor of Baptist seminary after Nov. 1, working now on getting churches in mean time.

One of the students at Harris H<sub>2</sub>ghschool was told by the principal (Mr. Reed) that because of his actions he would not be recommended to college. Willie Clark yesterday had talked with the librarian about the conditions in the school--quality of teachers, repression of Freedom buttons, etc. Willie's mother works in the cafeteria of the school, and has told Willie that he will have to stop coming to COFO or else move out of the house, because she's afraid of losing her job. He's a junior. What about getting him on subsistence if he is kicked out of the house? (Liz suggested seeing about sending him north to school on one of the efforts constantly coming in now.)

~~Summersville~~

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Moss Point 6:45 Mary Ellicksen: /judge decided that the 62 people wouldn't get a fair trial in Pascagoula, so the case will stay in federal court. Carole Heikk Hall, defense counsel, says that the trial will be this year. (arrests at ~~mass~~ meeting for disturbing peace Aug. 4, 1964). Today was hearing, not trial.

Tchula (Lexington): charges dropped on Lorenzi, 9AM today.

Vicksburg 7PM Elaine Singer: 4PM today three COFO workers went to talk to mayor : John Ferguson, Bryan Ruple, and Elaine Singer. About Veteran Cab Co. He said that he had had complaints about the cabs carrying integrated groups, so he had spoken to chief of police, who announced ban over radio. Said that 2 of the owners of the cab co. talked to chief; when mayor was asked if there were a statute requiring segregated cabs, he said he didn't think so for the city, but perhaps the state may have such a law. When asked for a statement for the Citizens Appeal, on boycott of cafe, he said not now but maybe later. Asked about bond issue for Lane Hill School, and Negro teen Center, --when would they be completed, etc. Construction to start in spring. Would both be on same property. Asked if there is municipal ordinance on wire tapping. Said he didn't believe there is, but there is, he believes (!) a federal law. Asked the COFO workers questions about where they are from, what they want to accomplish here. They emphasized political education n.

About 5 minutes after the interview, about 5PM, went to Pete's Grill, 2nd visit, and talked to Pete Markes, owner. Asked him policy on serving Negroes on white side, but before he would answer he made them write down their names. Said he didn't belong to "state commero"; had right to seat. "If I ran for mayor, I'd win 10 to 1. That shows you how much I think of the niggers and the niggers think of me."

Merden 7:15 Bob Brown -- case lost in court today. 19 kids who tried to integrate Tom's Restaurant. Had been arrested for disorderly conduct Sept. 5. The case today was in federal court.. Henry Arnsen was trying to get an injunction to prevent state authorities from continuing--it hadn't been removed. (Covered by CR bill) . Arnsen intends to either remove or appeal. State now may proceed with case.

Send them some children's books. In White America.

Indiana 9:35 Fred Wynn. All the people in Indiana are out of jail. Would rather not give any more info on phone now, but will talk to WATS operator on tomorrow report.

Merks 10:40 Allen Goodman.. At 9:15, local Negro Klondike Albert was walking down the highway. A 53 Chevy was parked in the middle of the road and stopped him, asking "Nigger, where's you going". He didn't answer and the 3 white men get out of the car. They were armed with a knife, an black jack and a stick. They cut him and beat him. Left him lying in the middle of the road and drove off. He has had medical attention and is now at the COFO office. Also.....There is a white man in a 61 blue Impala driving around and threatening the local Negroes. There is also another local white who has a gun and has pulled it on James Phipps, another local Negro. All this happened during a mass meeting in Merks. Now the local police have been called, but they "aren't in" Mass meeting was a FDP meeting. The Klondike is 19, and had been canvassing for the FDP. He was on his way to the mass meeting.

11:50.. Allen Goodman has taken Klondike to the Dr. The local police are there now. They are being very nice. The local whites are still threatening the local Negroes who were at the mass meeting with guns.

12:10.. Samuel Jackson.. Chief Deputy just left. Samuel was the only COFO worker in the office. Allen Goodman had left to take Klondike to the hospital. The Dep. Shar. grabbed Samuel and told him to turn off all the lights. He did, and then Fowler (Dep. She) insulted Samuel, calling him Nigger etc. There were some local people in the office, and Fowler took all their names. He was particularly interested in J.D. Powers and John and James Phipps. Tom Adams name was also taken. Fowler mishandled Samuel. Said that he'd be back tomorrow to arrest them all for disturbing the peace.

12:30; Willie Thomas was returning home from a Mass meeting going toward the COFO office when a Black and white Chevrolet shot at him. He was not hit. Lloyd Brown was down town at 2nd street. A local white, John Jameson whose father is a millman, walked up to him and said, "give me a cigarette," Brown said he did not have one, Jameson said, "say no sir to me nigger," Brown refused, and Jameson ~~SAITSE78AT787878~~ stuck a winchester in his chest. Brown walked away. Apparently too many people were around for anything to happen.

1:00; Police chief Deputy Fidler was at the clinic at 1230, he tried to get Albert to say that the COFO people had beaten him up. At the time of my conversation with Allen Goodman, at 1:00, the 53 Chev. that belonged to Albert's assailants, was parked outside the COFO office.

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Balsam 1:25.. Joe Lee, a local Negro boy was at the Whispers Inn Cafe. A negro cop, Herbert Brider (sp?) hit Joe in the head. The COFO workers went down to see what was happenin'. Maxam Ellis Jackson was one of the workers, and he was arrested at this time. He is now at the City Hall in Balsam. This info was called into the Balsam office via radio. They are going to call back when the other workers get back to the office.

Jackson Called Greenwood to see if Stackley knew about Marks. DA.

Clarksdale: 35 A 64 red and white Chev. loaded with whites came to the office and told RT Smith at 11:15 not to go outside or they would be arrested

Balsam 1:15 Charges on Ellis Jackson are disturbing the peace and refusing to obey an officer.

MARKS: 2:00; Alan Goodson; Alan took Albert to the clinic, the police forced the COFO workers to leave, they did. After they left the nurse refused to treat Albert. Alan had given him first aid in the COFO office. He thinks that his shoulder is fractured and the nurse will not give him an X-ray. The extent of the treatment was that the nurse changed the bandage that Allen had put on.

Balsam 2:00 Bill Ware.. Joe Lee had been working with the COFO people. There was a fight in the cafe which is why the cops were there, but Joe wasn't involved. A Negro cop came up to Joe and asked him for his knife. Joe gave it to him, and the cop pocketed it. Joe asked for it back, and the cop refused. Joe said that he'd go home and get another one. At this point the cop hit him twice on the head. The COFO people went down to the cafe, and then some white cops showed up. They told the people around the cafe to get moving..all except the COFO workers. Ellis Jackson (Negro COFO worker) started to walk away and the white cop told him to get back here. He didn't move and the cop took him out to the car and arrested him on the charges stated before. The COFO workers are taking Joe to the hospital now..he has 2 2-3" cuts on his head.

Merics 2:15. from Atlanta.. People were trying to break into the office. The doors were being beared, and the people moved to the back of the office.

2:30..Local people are outside guarding the house. The car is no longer outside and the people trying to break in are no longer there. The FBI has again been contacted. (Agent Cullen...YEAH!!)

UNRECORDED 2:50 Smith. Haven't been able to leave the house as police are outside. We should continue calls.

Jackson 3:15 Agent Cullen informed that the phone out of order. FBI will not take action. Free Co. verified that the phone is out of order. Med. Cen. says there is no contact in Marks and that R. McCaskill is closest and best contact. He is in Clarksdale. Louis Grant is going in from Bogsville. Has been informed of place to take Albert for treatment. Jail: 4:00 No answer. Called to check about possible arrests. Sheriff doesn't answer. Called jail and no one has been brought in, don't know where to reach the sheriff. He is out of town. Judge's wife says to call in morning.

Merics 4:20 Says things are quiet. Phone goes out occasionally.

Atlanta Called Bear who said that it would be several hours anyway before things could be gotten to Merics. Will tell him that situation is no longer critical.

Merics 5:15 Batesville people are taking Albert to doctor's.

Balsam 8:10 Joe Lee now has 16 stitches in his head, due to beating last night. Need \$30 to reimburse project., as they couldn't leave hospital without paying.

Merics 8:15 Alberts was not treated in Clarksdale. Hospital said no. Who was to pay for it. Didn't recognize COFO as responsible financially. Local Dr. was on emergency call.

McComb 9:31 People have been summoned to appear at the hearing on the bombings at the house. Letter in paper that Ursula supposedly sent. Checked with the paper and found the letter and the answer had come from same typewriter.

Corthage 9:15 an City police say bond is \$500.00 on Hewitt. Trial is Tuesday the 6th.