

BOGALUSA, LA. via Al Bronstein, LCDR/Bab POLICE INDICTED FOR NON-PROTECTION  
Three weeks ago civil rights lawyers obtained an injunction against city police, ordering them to protect demonstrators, to refrain from unlawful arrests, from covering their badges, etc. On July 16 and 17, a week after the injunction had been obtained, there were more beatings and hosings of demonstrators, while cops watched. So cr lawyers brought contempt proceedings against the police in a case joined by the Justice Dept. (The JB, in addition, filed their own suit against the police.) On July 30, the Police Chief and the Police Commissioner of Bogalusa were found guilty of civil contempt by New Orleans Fed Judge Christenberry. They were given one week in which to take disciplinary action against delinquent policemen, to hand in reports about police activities, etc., after which they would be fined \$100 a day.

This is the first time cr lawyers have been able to get a contempt citation against police for failing to protect demonstrators.

WEST TENNESSEE VOTERS PROJECT Danny Beagle/Bab PROTECTION NEEDED  
Yesterday in Brownsville, about 150 kids and adults returned to test cafes. While they were in town, an organized white mob approached the testers. One white volunteer was beaten up. Eventually it turned into a confrontation between 150 testers and 200 of the mon (armed with wrenches and chains). A few bottles were thrown. Two local Negroes were arrested, one after he picked up a stick after having been hit with a bottle, one for "talking back to a policeman." The cr workers finally left town, jsut in time to escape being beaten.

They plan to return for Brownsville next Saturday to protest the lack of police protection. They really need nationwide attention and National Guard and possibly federal protection. The Parents Comm. from NYC will speak to Katzenbach on Tues about the need for protection in Brownsville.

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AMERICUS, GA. via Albany, Roy Shields/Jeanne Breaker DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE  
Demonstrations continued at the Quik-Chek and Colonial Supermarkets, which are both being boycotted. Early today, 9 demonstrators were arrested for trespassing. At 1:20 pm, 24 more were arrested. There are over 100 State Troopers standing around.

Yesterday demonstrators entered the Quik Chek store and pushed baskets around for 45 minutes, until the customers and manager were so confused that they closed the store for the rest of the day. The 25 demonstrators then headed for the Colonial Store. The door was locked. They sat on the steps. A mob of 200 whites, some armed with guns, attacked the group. No one was seriously injured.

McCOMB, MISS. Ossie Lee Barr/Jeanne Breaker  
12 people picketed the Holiday Inn in McComb from 12-3pm. There were no incidents.

JACKSON FDP Mike Higson/Bab FUROR OVER VIET-NAM PAMPHLET CONTINUES  
The Students for a Democratic Society in Ann Arbor, Mich., which apparently thought the FDP had officially come out against war in VN, sent word that they were with the FDP 100%. Congressman Charles Diggs of Michigan, a supporter of the Challenge, also apparently got the mistaken impression that the FDP had officially come out against the War, called them "irresponsible."

WTVP Danny Beagle/Fay Bellamy  
A school boycott was begun today in Fayette Co. It was about 80% effective--only 300 students attended the Fayette Co. Training School, out of a registration of 1200.

GREENSBORO, ALA. via Selma, Willie Emma Scott/Bab

It is reported that two families who live in Centerville Circle, a federal housing project here, have been told they will have to move because they have broken their contract by letting people stay in their apartments. They have been active with the Movement and have let cr workers stay in their homes.

COLUMBIA, MISS. Curtis Styles/Bab

State Troopers and City police have barricaded the street that runs past the recently bombed freedom house in order to protect it. They also patrol past the house every 35 minutes. (They were patrolling in the same manner Saturday, when the house was bombed, and someone managed to get in between two patrol periods and bomb the place.) Curtis says the local officials don't want another Selma or Bogalusa in their town.

A week ago the workers talked with Mayor E.D. McDonnell. He said he didn't want Columbia to be 100 years behind the times, and he would try to make adjustments. He also mentioned the possibility of forming a biracial committee.

A few days later, the staff and several local people went to the library to get cards. The librarian said "There's a colored library." Curt said, "In the US there are no colored libraries." So she gave the local folk their cards. But she said the out-of-towners would have to have a recommendation. The Mayor then wrote recommendations for the FDP volunteers, and they got their cards, too.

POWELLVILLE, NC via Enfield, Ginny Tieger/Bab

They just filed 15 complaints about employment discrimination at the Sunbeam Plant in Ahoskie, which is currently hiring 600 employees. (This is just about the first big industry in the area.) They have sent complaints to the Atty Gen, the Presidents Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities (that is because they are a federal contractor), and the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission. They also sent complaints about the Employment Securities Commission, which is a federally financed state employment agency.

Last Friday morning, three crosses were burned in Northampton Co, one at the home of the leader of the voter registration drive. Two hours later, the sheriff said he had caught the whole gang that did it, but nothing about the arrests has appeared in the papers yet. A Klan rally is scheduled to be held on Wednesday three miles from a high school that will be integrated this fall. Local leaders have contacted FBI and JD, asking for federal and legal action and protection.

BENTON CO, MISS. Aviva Futorian/Bab

The Benton Co. Citizens Club members built themselves an office, and are having a housewarming Saturday. Temporary address is BOOC, Rt. 2, Box 99, Holly Springs, Miss.

Two weeks ago Federal District Judge Claude Clayton handed down a ruling on a suit filed by local Benton Co parents and kids, that the split session (closing Negro schools during cotton picking season) be abolished, and that 4 grades be integrated this fall. A freedom of choice plan will be put into effect.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: The Mississippi Freedom Labor Union has decided to attempt fund raising in the state. Therefore, there should not be any people up North doing fund raising for the Union. If you know of anyone allegedly raising funds, etc., for the MFLU, please check with Atlanta immediately on his authenticity.