

BAKER COUNTY, GEORGIA via Albany, Bobby Lee Mathis/Bab POLICE BRUTALITY

Yesterday, a local man was arrested by Sheriff L. Warren Johnson. He was pulled out of the picket line while he was demonstrating at the courthouse. The sheriff mistakenly arrested him, thinking he was another man who had been out on bond and later had his bond recalled. However, the wrong man is still in jail.

Today, Bud King of Newton was hit with a bottle thrown by an unidentified white man, as he was standing watching the demonstrators at the courthouse.

Also, George Crawford of Newton was stopped on Highway 91 by Deputy Sheriff Herbert Johnson (Herbert's father is also a deputy, and his grandfather is the sheriff), and beaten by a club so that he had to be taken to the Camilla Hospital.

JACKSON, MISS. Maryann/Bab

At a demonstration at a Jitney Jungle supermarket here, a local Negro boy was stabbed by a white man. The attacker was arrested.

Sunday, August 8, 1965

AMERICUS, GA. via Albany, Al Christiansen/Bab

1 pm: John Lewis and 21 others (many of them SCOPE volunteers) were arrested today, charged with trespassing and interfering with divine worship, as they attempted to worship at the all white First Methodist and First Baptist Churches. A delegation of the recently elected Negro Representatives to the Georgia House, including Julian Bond, are in town at the request of the Americus Movement.

2:40pm: Right now a KKK rally is going on--possibly in the center of town. Several 100 people are there in sheets, a large crowd of bystanders also. The Movement plans to march to the Courthouse at 6 tonight.

John Doar of the Justice Department was notified about the Klan rally and the planned march. He said "Thanks for calling."

From Cleve Sellers, who obtained the following information from the US Civil Rights Commission: The names of 8 counties to which federal registrars will be sent within the next three days: All in Mississippi--Jones, Madison, Leflore, Yazoo, then Coahoma, Bolivar, Holmes, Eike. (Apparently registrars will be sent into four counties at a time.) More counties will be announced Wednesday, Aug. 11. The registrars will be of Southern origin--from Houston and Atlanta.

WEST POINT, MISS. Charges of manslaughter against Mike Reuss, son of Cong. Henry Reuss, have been dropped.

Monday, August 9, 1965

via Selma, Shirley Walker/Jeanne Breaker

FORT DEPOSIT, LOWNDES COUNTY Yesterday there was a mass meeting attended by 400-500 people. This was the first meeting held here. While it was going on, three car loads of whites drove around the church continually. After the meeting, the FBI blocked off the road leading to the church so that whites couldn't get to the people. Five carloads of whites followed the caravan of cars that left the church for a distance of five miles.

CLAYTON, ALA., BARBOUR CO. This is the hometown of Gov. Wallace. Scott Smith has been working for a few days now, along with SCOPE, which is SNCC-oriented. On Aug. 5, shots were fired into the home of Rev. McCant. McCant's home had been used for coordinating demonstrations held last Monday thru Thursday around the right to vote. The FBI was notified, and two white guys were arrested. (35 people were registered the first day of demonstrations.) The two Negro schools here are in condemned buildings. A new all white school costing \$300,000 was just built. There are two federally financed housing projects--one for Negroes, one for whites. The plumbing in the Negro neighborhood is highly inadequate.

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AMERICUS, GA. via Albany, Joyce Brown/Jeanne Breaker

John Lewis has decided to stay in jail for a while. This morning over 100 people went down to the courthouse; when they got there, they found the registrar's closed.

NORTHAMPTON CO, N. C. Buddy Tieger/Jeanne

In the town of Rich Square, complaints were filed with the JD and the OEO against the Milcraft Manufacturing Co. on Aug. 2. The company employs 200 people, and is so highly segregated that, for example, they have a wall down the middle of the plant to separate whites and Negroes. Last wee, one Negro woman was hired to work on the white side. Since then, she has been constantly harrassed. The Negroes at the plant feel that the white foreman on the Negro side is either responsible for the harrassments, or knows who is responsible. The Negro employees are afraid that this week a lot of them will be laid off because of their civil rights activities. Most of them attend mass meetings, and three workers' names were on the complaint against the factory.

There is an atmosphere of violence in the town. A few nights ago, a Negro man was beaten. The Klan had a meeting last Wednesday, attended by 400 whites.

WEST TENNESSEE VOTERS PROJECT Danny Beagle and Tim Hall/Barbara Brandt

Brownsville March: Saturday it poured, but 400 people marched anyway. State troopers were there. The only incident was when a white guy pulled a rifle on an FBI agent with a walkie-talkie. People from Fayette and Tipton Counties were there also, and it was the first time so many people had demonstrated in Brownsville.

Fayette Co. School Boycott: Trial of the 6 adults arrested while picketing the Springhill Elementary School last Friday was held today. County judge Paul Sommers removed the cases to Federal Grand Jury (November) on the grounds that the defendants had the right to protest an illegal local law (split session) in the name of a higher law (civil rights bill). Also last Friday, about 70 people went to Nashville to demonstrate in front of and meet with the State Commissioner of Education about the boycott. They found out that federal funds had been cut off for schools in the county, that the state would do nothing for segregated schools, and that the JD had just entered as co-plaintiff along with 37 parents in a suit against segregated schools.

Misc: The Tennessee Freedom Labor Union, which now has about 150 members, will hold a regional workshop Sunday. Most of the Union members are tractor drivers and skilled workers in the cotton gins.

An article about the WTVP appeared in yesterday's (Sunday's) New York Times. It was by Homer Bigart, and said that the Project was dividing the local Negroes. This was true two months ago (split between the old leadership--Original Fayette Co. Welfare League--and newly emerging leadership), but now the old leaders are going along with the new leadership.

GREENWOOD, MISS. Willie Peacock/Bab. FOLK FESTIVAL

Featured at the Folk Festival that took place near here over the weekend were: a slavery time cook out; a Professor from Leopoldville, Congo, who talked about Africa before slavery and Africa today; Afro-American jazz band; exhibit of African and Afro-American art and sculpture; blues and spiritual singing, harmonica playing and buck dancing; and a slavery time Sunday service. A lot of the songs people sang were so old that most of the people had never heard them. They are eager to have another Festival soon.

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