

FRIDAY AUGUST 20, 1965

ALBANY, GEORGIA Rufus Hinton/jeanne

This morning 17 demonstrators were arrested when they sat down in front of the door to the Belks Department store. The people were protesting the fact that there are no Negro employees at the store and the majority of the business at the store is Negro. Within ten minutes after the demonstrators sat in front of the store, they were all arrested by the city police. City detective who were on the scene handled the people very roughly. Sandt Sutton, medical committee worker, was pushed down by one of the detectives as she watched the demonstrators being arrested. Belks is located in the downtown area of Albany.

Betty Darty, SNCC volunteer from Washington, was included in those arrested. Her bond is set at \$54.00. The people were all charged with blocking a doorway and resisting arrest. Bond for the other people has not yet been set.

GREENWOOD, MISS. Rosemary, Sam Block and Silas McGhee Fred Lee Thomas, local Negro from Sidon was beaten to death last night. His body was found on highway 49 between Greenwood and Sidon. Thomas was a voter registration worker. State troopers said that the cause of death was a hit and run accident. They performed an autopsy on the body without the consent of Thomas' family.

YORK, ALABAMA Donald Hughes and Shirley Walker/jeanne Donald Hughes, SNCC worker, was arrested this morning in York. Hughes was walking down the highway from the freedom house to town carrying a shot gun in his hand. He was stopped by a state trooper. As soon as this happened, the mayor of York and the Chief of Police drove up. Hughes was taken to town by the mayor and the chief of police and arrested for the possession of fire arm and ammunition. There is no law in York against carrying a weapon that is not concealed. Hughes was released from jail a little while later on a personal appearance bond. Trial is next Monday August 30.

Yesterday Alvery Williams, SNCC worker, Donald Hughes, Jim Wood and some local people from York attempted to integrate three restaurants, the Dairy Cup, Cox Cafe and Moody Restaurant. At Cox Cafe the waitress went into the back and wouldn't come back. At Moody's restaurant, the sheriff became the waiter and the chief of police became the bus boy. They served the people very rudely and made them pay as soon as they received their food. During the time that the group was at the Moody's restaurant a mob of whites gathered at the Dairy Cup. It had been known that this was the next place they would try to test. The group decided not to try to integrate the Dairy Cup after they saw the large number of whites there with Mississippi license tags and confederate flags.

Last night there was a series of harrassments in the area where two of the SNCC workers lived. Rev. R.P. Upton received two threatening phone calls telling him to leave town. The last call

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said that the people were on their way to Rev. Upton's house to get him. Rev. Upton decided to leave town for a few days.

EUFALA, ALA Via Selma Shirley Walker/jeanne
Scott B. Smith, SNCC worker, and six other people were arrested this morning in Eufala. A group of about 200 people had gone to the court house to try and get extended days for voter registration and were on the outside of the court house singing. Police came up to the group and told them that they had five minutes to disperse before being arrested. When Scott B. and three of the other people arrested didn't move, they were arrested. The other two were arrested when they tried to get the other people from going back to the church from where they had started. The people were forced back to the church by the police who were using billy clubs. Scott's bond was set at \$300. The jailer refused to tell the charges for the other people.

HANYESVILLE, ALA LOWDNE COUNTY CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS KILLED
This afternoon some of the 27 people who had been arrested last Saturday in Fort Deposit (Lowdnes Co.) on charges of disturbing the peace and parading without a permit were released from jail in Hanyesville. They were told suddenly by the person in charge to get out of the jail and don't come back. The people then left. As there were no cars to carry the people home or back to Selma, most of the people decided to walk. Six people in the group decided to stop at a store about 500 yards from the jail. There was no threat of danger because people had gone to this store previously. As the small group of people approached the store, a man who was later identified as Tom Coleman, a deputy sheriff, looked at them and shouted, holding a shot gun in his hand, "Get off of my property, you goddamn bastards". He then shot before they had a chance to turn around. Ruby Sales, Negro from Columbus, Ga., was in the front of the group. She thinks that she was pushed to the ground by John Daniels, 2nd year seminarian from New Hampshire, who was killed immediately by the blast. Another person, Rev. Richards Morrisroe, Catholic Priest from Chicago, was critically injured. The other people escaped injury. Rev. Morrisroe was taken to the Baptist Hospital in Montgomery where he underwent surgery. Daniel's body was taken to the White Chapel Funeral Home in Montgomery and is being transferred to a funeral home in Keene, New Hampshire. There will be a mass meeting in Bowdnes County Sunday night in Gordonville. John Lewis will speak. Several SNCC people are going in to Lowdnes County in addition to the people already there.

Situation in Selma is also very tense. 400 local whites have been deputized by Sheriff Jim Clark. Many of these men are walking around town carrying guns.

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ALBANY, GEORGIA Rufus Hinton and Dot Plunk/Judy richardson and Jeanne Demonstrations continued today at the Belk's Department store in downtown Albany. There are picket lines in the front and the back of the store. No one was arrested.

A SCOPE worker, Tag Baum, left the picket line. As she was returning a whiteman followed her and began to hit and knock her about. He continued doing this even after she got back to the line. The man also started to hit on a little Negro girl about 12 years old. When the Negro girl started hitting him back, he left her alone. The white guy also tore up several of the picket signs. Police came and Tag Baum pressed charges the man; he was arrested. The white manager of the store told one of the Negroes that the whites were going to bond the man out. All the people arrested yesterday are out on \$50 bond. 100 people registered in Ocilla. Demonstrations continue in Baker County.

EUFALA, ALA.

Three of the people who were arrested yesterday have gone on a hunger strike. They are also refusing bond. The people said that they would stay on strike until federal registrars are brought into Eufala and Negroes are no longer beaten and killed because they are Negroes. The people on strike are Scott B. Smith, SNOC worker, Su Kinderine and Lolita Jones, SCOPE workers.

NATCHEZ Edie Black/Jeanne

Yesterday five people were arrested as they picketed the Jitney Jungle supermarket in Natchez. The people had been picketing the store for several weeks without being arrested. The store belongs to the mayor of the city.

This morning when George Green, SNOC worker, and Cosie Lombard, white volunteer, walked into the jail house to to get them out on bond, they were also arrested, then later released.

This afternoon, a volunteer, Louis Eastern, was arrested while passing out leaflets announcing a mass meeting for Monday night. There is no anti-leafleting law in Natchez.

SELMA Willie Emma Scott/Jeanne

Last night the sheriff, Jim Clark, had a meeting with some local whites of Selma. He deputized 400 men. The men are walking around the street some carrying guns. The reason the men were deputized was because there was rumor that last week Negroes had burned down the building of one of the guys who beat Rev. Reeb to death, and they were planning to burn the town down tonight.

The Negro guy who told this story to people in our office said that he got it from one of the city officials. The guy, Jimmy Webb, was arrested for disturbing the peace later on in the day. Some young kids had gone through a Government project singing. A clerk from a grocery store call the police. They came and arrested Webb and another fellow. The police told the kids that if they didn't stop singing, the next time they had to come back it wouldn't be to arrest anyone, but they were coming back with guns.

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YORK, ALABAMA Alvery Williams and Donald Hughes/Shirley Wright & others Going out highway 11 to meet Jim Woods, Alvery and Donald were chased by a 1960 Chevy station wagon; they decided not to pick up Jim and to return to the freedom house. The station wagon tried to run Alvery and Donald's car off the highway. A state trooper (Red King) chased them, stopped them and gave them a ticket for reckless driving. Traveling down Highway 11 back to the Freedom House, they saw 2 cars pull out of the Mayo Service Station, one of which was the Chevy station wagon. The two cars chased them until Alvery turned off the road and went to a house. Cars arrived at the house and 7 men got out of the stationwagon. At 4am Donald and Alvery called Atlanta to report that they would be leaving the freedom house to return to East Height in York. On the way to East Height they were stopped on the highway by the State Patrol and Sheriff Stevens who asked if they were alright. This is probably because of a call from Atlanta into the State Patrol office to ask for protection when the Chevy station wagon hadstopped in front of the house that Alvery and Donald were at. Sheriff Stevens while talking to them spotted a rifle in their car and then decided to search the car. Red King, the state trooper hit Alvery on the back of his neck and then gave Alvery another ticket for parking on a state highway. While this was occurring Don, Alvery and Robert Cook(who was with them at this time) saw Jim Woods in the backseat of the sheriff's car handcuffed. Woods, who was in a borrowed car, had apparently been picked up on the highway and arrested and charged with posséssing no drivers license, intoxication and violation "universal form act" (possession of a pistol). Woods is in the Sumter County jail; his trial is scheduled for Monday, 9am.

REVERAND DANIELS FUNERAL WILL BE TUESDAY, AUGUST 24 IN KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

POWELLSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA Buddy & Ginny Tieger/esther

After protests were made by the Northhampton County voters movement an investigation of the Headstart Program in Northhampton, Bertie, Halifax and Hertford counties was conducted. It was confirmed that the Northhampton County Headstart Program was totally segregated. Apparently they refuse to integrate because this week's funds for the four county area were cut off. This means that the development authorities sponsoring the program are left with a \$138,000 bill.

People from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and a man from the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity spent 5 days this week here investigating the new Sunbeam plant, the Mylecraft plant in Rich Square and the Employment Security Commission in Roanoke Rapids. They interviewed 18 complaintents against Sunbeam and 10 ladies working at Mylecraft. The Sunbeam employees protested against their hiring practices and the people from Mylecraft protested the segregation inside the plant. Complaints agst Sunbeam, Mylecraft and ESC had been filed with Washington since July 1. The investigators found that the ESC was largely reponsible for any inefficiency and discrimination in hiring at Sunbeam. This ESC is also presently under investigation by the Department of Labor under Title 6 of the Civil Rights Bill. The investigators feel that Mylecraft will be thoroughly integrated in a short time. If this is not done, an Small Businessmen Administration loan of \$178,000 will be withheld.

When the FBI were interviewing Negro workers at Mylecraft regarding the recent violence against a Negro, the high sheriff and a deputy were present during these interviews.