

SUMTER CO. ALA. via Selma, Sam Williams/Bab

Alvery Williams was just given another ticket 5 pm Alabama time, near York. His license was taken away. Don Hughes was told that he had an improper license, and couldn't drive any more.

from Don Hughes: They were planning to have a mass meeting tonight in York, and the Alabama Power Co. shut off the power in a building on the property of a local man where they were supposed to have the meeting.

The same Pontiac that chased them Saturday drove past the house where the workers are staying, but when it saw a group of local people guarding, it left. State troopers and county police have been making frequent rounds of the Negro community. Last night City Police shined a spotlight in the house next to where the workers stay.

LOWNEES CO. Last night about 400 people attended a Memorial Service for Rev. Daniels in Trickem.

HOLMES CO., MISS. Sam Howe/Bab * *VR REPORT* *

Since the bill, about 400 people have been registered. About 150 people were registered with the 6-qn form before the voting bill. Altogether there are now about 550-600 Negroes registered in Holmes Co. (a Backbelt Delta county). They have sent about 60 affidavits to Katzenbach asking for a federal registrar. The circuit clerk is not registering Negroes as fast as he can. He is only taking 1 or 2 people at a time, making people wait a long time, and turning away illiterates.

School integration report: 189 Negro kids will be going to school with 434 white kids (first four grades) this fall. They don't know how many Negro kids will still be going to segregated schools. 281 kids altogether tried to go to white schools, but 45 were turned away at registration for lack of birth certificates, and 47 for lack of legal guardianship papers. They also tried to get the Goodman colored school near Durant condemned, but not enough Negro kids applied to the white Goodman school to provide a basis for a court school (showing that Negroes don't want to attend the colored school).

There have been a number of harrassments in the Durant area. The Pilgrimage Rest Church, where FDP meetings are held, was almost burned twice. The second time, local people knew she had attempted the burning, but Sheriff Andrew Smith took no action. Also, there have been many harrassments of Negroes by whites in the Durant community. And last Sunday, Inc. Fund lawyer Mel Leventhal was threatened with a blackjack and a crowbar, and had his headlights smashed by local whites. Leventhal has been working on school desegregation.

Both vr and school programs are being run by the FDP.

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GREENSBORO, ALA. from UPI an

An 80-90 old Negro farmer named Perry Smaw was brutally beaten on his head with a skillet on his farm near Greensboro this past Sunday, and his tongue was cut out. He is still in critical condition in the Hale Co. Hospital. Two Negroes, David Lee McAlpine, 19, and Roosevelt Long, 21, are being held in questioning in the case. McAlpine was arrested during recent civil rights demonstrations here. According to Chief deputy sheriff David Holloway, Smaw had spoken openly against civil rights demonstrations. Holloway said Smaw's mency and rifle were missing, but he didn't believe robbery to be the motive behind the attack. Holloway said he was informed by several Negroes that they believed Smaw's opposition to or was behind the attack.

from Willie Emma Scott in Selma: According to SNCC workers in Hale Co., Smaw was 89 years old and had never been mass meetings. No one knows anything about him speaking out against demonstrations.

WASHINGTON DC FDP

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN RYAN

Yesterday, Wednesday, August 25, Congressman William Fitts Ryan, from NYC, issued a public statement announcing plans to bring the Challenge to the floor of the House by September 21. The statement quotes Rule 11, Sect. 24 of the Rules of the House, which says "The Committee on House Administrations shall make a final report to the House on all contested election cases not later than six months from the first day of the first regular session of the Congress to which the contestee is elected...." The six month period expired last July 4, and the matter has not yet come before the House. The statement goes on to say that the Clerk of the House and the Subcommittee on Elections have delayed and are delaying bringing the Challenge before the floor of the House. It points out Justice Department Suits in 30 of Miss's 82 counties, the testimony before the US Civil Rights Commission, and the 600 depositions which document the charge of systematic disenfranchisement of Negro Mississippians in the 1964 Congressional elections. And Ryan states he plans to bring a privileged resolution, discharging the House Administrations Committee from further consideration of the Challenge, and declaring the contested seats vacant, to the floor of the House on Sept. 21, 1965.

The statement was jointly signed by the following Congressmen:

Philip Burton-Cal	Edwards-Cal	Mink-Hawaii	Rosenthal-NY
Braunomas-Ind	Farbstein-NY	Nix-Penn	Scheuer-NY
Brown-Cal	Fraser-Minn	Powell-NY	Vanik-Ohio
Coholan-Cal	Gilbert-NY	Race-Wisc	Vivyan-Mich
Conyers-Mich	Halpern-NY	Reid-NY	Wolff-NY
Daddario-Conn	Hawkins-Cal	Resnick-NY	Joelson-NJ
Diggs-Mich	Krebs-NJ	Roosevelt-Cal	Dyal-Cal
Dow-NY	Minish-NJ		

The FDP expects that are other Congressmen who did not sign this statement, but who will vote for the unseating if and when it comes up.

ALBANY, GA. Rufus Hinton/Bab 6:30 pm

About 50 picketers were standing in front of Belk's Dept Store today, where demonstrations have been going on for two or three weeks now to protest hiring discrimination. Chief of Police Laurie Pritchett, who has been there every day, told the demonstrators to disperse, and then as they were marching to the courthouse singing freedom songs, he drove alongside them, his siren blaring, to drown them out. As they were marching, a local white woman hit Pat Jaines, 17, from Albany. When they reached the City Hall, they knelt in silent prayer. After the prayer, a white man pointed Pat out to the police, and two of them began to drag her away by the arms. She went limp. She was dragged and kicked up the steps of the City Hall, charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Bail is \$54.

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Bob Mullins, a SCOPE worker, was picked up yesterday by a local cop, and charged with failure to yield right of way. This was just after he had carried some people from the courthouse where they had gone to register. There was no other car around at the time. He was found guilty today, fined \$24.

NORTH CAROLINA Ginny Tieger/Bab

There will be a People's Conference Sept. 18, sponsored by the Bertie-Northampton-Halifax Co. Voters Movements. In March there was a meeting of about 1000 people from 14 counties, out of which the Halifax Co. Movement idea (voter registration and community organizing) was spread.

A boycott of the businesses in Bertie Co. was called by the NAACP last week. Now it is also co-sponsored by the Voters League. It is estimated by whites to be 65% effective (Negroes put the figure at 85%). Since that time, 5 people have been hired in various stores. Other demands include: opening of courthouse 5 days a week; institution of surplus foods program until food stamp program is instituted; proportionate representation of Negroes on juries; freedom of speech for Negro teachers; and hiring of Negroes in nonmenial jobs in county and private jobs. Boycott will be called off at a county-wide mass meeting; it will not be decided by just a few people.