

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Vicksburg Citizens Appeal newspaper, a local newspaper which was developed last summer, is looking for a native Mississippian with writing skills to help write for the paper (naturally). There is a salary.

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CAMBRIDGE, MD. Ellen Fishman/Bab

On Tuesday they had a meeting with the United Steelworkers and Electrical Workers Union. They discussed community problems. Their major concern was getting kids off the street, and they decided to try to build or remodel a building to make a community center. They will also organize an integrated bowling league for high school students. They will have another meeting Monday, this time with all six unions that are in Cambridge.

Between 15-25 teenagers have been meeting regularly, in a discussion group about civil rights problems. They will go out canvassing to get more kids to join.

EUFULA, ALA. Len Beverly/Bab

Joseph Daniel Williams, the Negro veteran with the plate in his head who was severely beaten by police two weeks ago (see WATS # 151) is still in the hospital, but his condition is improving.

COLUMBIA, MISS. Curtis Styles/Bab and Cleve Sellers and Amanda Perdew ZOWEE!!

Saturday was the first time ever that people picketed in COLUMBIA. They were picketing at the Sunflower Grocery and had three demands: hiring of two Negro clerks, refunds of the fines that two Negro girls falsely convicted of shoplifting had to pay, and apology to the two girls. They picketed again Thurs, and the Mayor threatened to have them arrested for blocking the doorway. Usually the Mayor has been very friendly to SNCC. He is quite anxious to keep the local scene cool, and doesn't like either the Klan or demonstrators. This probably explains why he threatened to have them arrested.

Today again they picketed the Sunflower Supermarket. Two white boys employed by the store pushed a shopping basket into the demonstrators, and a jeering crowd pushed another local demonstrator around, while Police Chief Johnson stood around and watched. Johnson then told them to leave. When they didn't respond, he left them alone.

At 11:35pm. while Curt was giving the above report to Cleve, a shot was suddenly fired into the Freedom House. Cleve could hear the noise of the gun over the phone. No one was injured. The shot was fired from a blue VW, license # 46A223, that two whites were driving.

At the same time that Cleve was talking to Columbia and heard the shooting, Brandt was talking to John Doar on the other line, giving him a report about the body of a dead Negro deaf-mute found near Ruleville this morning, which according to the county coroner died of natural causes, but according to a local man who saw the body, looked as though it had been beaten. The victim's name was Jonas Jackson. (When Doar got this report, he asked, "Is that the person who was supposed to be a hit-and-run victim, but who some people think was the victim of foul play?" Brandt said, "No, that was somebody else--his name was Freddie Lee Thomas.") Anyway, as Doar was being given this report, we also told him about the shooting in Columbia. He said, "Tell those people in Columbia to notify the local and state authorities immediately."

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EUFULA, ALA. via Selma, Willie Emma Scott/Sherron Jackson 1:00 pm

Scott B. Smith and the 200 or so others who were arrested here within the past two weeks were released last night on appeal bond. They were jailed in the Union Springs Prison Camp, where they had to sleep on concrete floors until enough pressure was put on Mayor Hamgrace that he gave them blankets, Thursday. About 100 people are at the courthouse now with badges saying "I went to jail for your Freedom--register for mine."

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