

Earlier they had a talk with the Mayor, the manager of the store, and a man from the Community Relations Service of the USCivil Rights Commission. The manager said he couldn't hire anyone at present, and so they decided to continue picketing.

Sheriff L. Warren Johnson and his deputies have been continually and constantly intimidating Negroes who attempt to register. As a result, a group of local folk plan to go to Washington the beginning of Sept. and picket Katzenbach, to ask for a federal registrar.

After the passage of the voting rights bill, Attorney General Katzenbach sent each county registrar a letter telling him to register illiterates. At the same time, State Attorney General Joe Patterson sent each registrar a letter telling him not to register illiterates.

MISSISSIPPI Summary of meetings being held over the weekend:

3d Dist FDP Meeting: Saturday at Mr. Steptoe's farm in Amite Co (also barbg)

Americus: Last night a protest march was begun--35 started to march downtown to picket a Klan rally at the Sumter Co. Fairgrounds. (At the rally there were about 1000 people.) Three blocks from the fairgrounds, police stopped them and arrested them for parading without a permit. They later picked up Sammy Mahone, who was riding around in a soundtruck, for disturbing the peace. Bond for each is \$106 cash, or \$212 property. Trial is tomorrow. SCHOOL REPORT:

Camilla: Yesterday, Mr. Willie Lemons, a Negro renter on a white man's farm, was asked by his landlord if he were going to transfer his three daughters to the white school. He said Yes. Then the owner came back with the deputy sheriff, who handcuffed him, beat him in the police car, drove him to the jail, beat him in jail with a blackjack for fifteen minutes, had a prisoner beat him, drove him out of town, beat him some more, left him there, and as Lemons was walking back, drove up beside him and slammed the car door in his back. Then they told him to get himself and his family out of town or they'd kill him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. The Justice Department is collecting reports of intimidation surrounding school integration. Please get affidavits of any such incidents, and mail them to John Doar, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, Washington DC. Send a copy to Atlanta SNCC, 360 Nelson SW, Atlanta Ga. 30313.

2. As of September 1, Barbara Brandt is leaving. To call in field reports, call for Jeannette Breaker or Jon Steinberg, (phone is, of course, Atlanta, Georgia, 688-0331).

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CANTON, MISS. R. Barbour/Bab

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People who are registered under federal registrars are automatically put on county rolls. However, the fed reg's give them slips which they are then expected to take to the city registrars, and the city registrars say the slips are meaningless, and refuse to put them on the city books. (According to the voting rights act, fed regs are supposed to turn over the names of everyone they have registered to the local officials, and the local officials are then supposed to put those people on the local books.)

None of the Negro employees working for certain firms have gone down to register. They are checking out possibilities of intimidation. Also, in the Flora Community, people are spreading rumors that if people register, they will be thrown off their land, their houses will be burned, etc.

SCHOOL REPORT: The night before school registration, there was a Klan rally. 25 Negro kids will be going to school with about 2500 whites. There will also be a private white school in the First Methodist Church.

They are still boycotting stores downtown for courteous treatment and fair hiring. Yesterday, police arrested a Negro demonstrator who hit back a white man who hit him. A white volunteer, Ralph Dranow, of New York City, was arrested for blocking a doorway.

BARBOUR CO. ALA. Rev. Larry Butler/Bab

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They asked for the courthouse to be open two weeks for 8 hr./day, 5 days/week, plus two nights a week. Local officials refused to discuss the matter with them.

SHELBY, BOLIVAR CO., MISS. Bob Scoville/Jon Steinberg

The Shelby FDP has registered 34 people the past week. More this week.

JACKSON, MISS. Jessie Magee/Jon Steinberg

This Thursday there will be a meeting of the Jackson Anti-Poverty Commission. The present committee is composed of 30 wealthy whites and a few middle-class Negroes. The FDP feels this is unrepresentative of Jackson's poor, and plans to protest to federal representatives there.

Rob Wood/Jon Steinberg: The first quarterly membership meeting of the Poor People's Corporation was held today in Tougaloo. Over 200 people attended. Membership is 25¢ a year, and a meeting attended by more than 10% of the membership can vote to lend the corporation's money (which comes from donations) to any self-help group. At this meeting, a total of \$4895 was loaned to Mileston, Canton (Sewing Firm), Fayette Co, Tenn, and three projects in McComb.

(Ossie Lee Barr in McComb adds that the three projects are a filling station, a sewing cooperative, and a chicken farm. They didn't get all the money they needed from the PPC, and need about \$2000 more to get the filling station going. Anyone knows of a person with \$2000 to give or lend?)

TROY, ALA. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lewis (parents of John Robert) became registered voters last week.

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AMERICUS, GA. via Albany, Jim Parry/Bab

Today about 25-30 people marched to the courthouse. Police refused to let them change their route. As they approached the Quik-Chek Supermarket, scene of recent picketing, they saw about 30 whites in cars waiting for them. As they passed the store, the onlookers threw rocks and bricks at them, then came at them with pipes. Police were there, but didn't do anything.

ALBANY 60 people participated in a night march here to protest police brutality and job discrimination.

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