

10:30: Meridian: A white girl, 17, hurled a bottle into a group of Negroes and COFO workers standing outside the Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church after a mass meeting. The bottle cut the leg of a local Negro girl. The police were notified and picked up the bottle-thrower. Her hearing is today. Volunteer David Kotz will testify.

10:30: Canton: Scott Smith reports numerous harassment calls, and harassment by the local police: patrol cars circling the neighborhood, playing music and roaring their sirens, and flashing their lights. Smith also reported cars belonging to Citizen Council members circling during the day. These cars can be recognized by their long antennae and walkie talkie set-ups in the cars. Some whites were seen speaking into the microphones.

Freedom Schools Begin: The first two Freedom Schools in the Summer Project opened July 2 in Clarksdale (30 students) and Vicksburg (30). Eight more schools will open Monday in Madison County, Hattiesburg, Greenville, Moss Point, and Greenwood. Total enrollment will top 700.

Folk Singers Project: Five folk singers and the Freedom Singers will open the Mississippi Summer Caravan of Music, with programs in Vicksburg, Canton, Hattiesburg, Tougaloo and Holmes County this week, Caravan Director Bob Cohen announced. The five singers are Jackie Washington, Len Chandler, Julius Lester, David Segal, and Dick Davy.

Forman's Press Conference: Jim Forman held an impromptu press conference in the Jackson office after the staff meeting. He reported that no consideration had ever been given to call off the project in SW Mississippi. The question had always been a question of timing, and the timing is still an open question. He also reported that the Summer Project will participate or encourage no demonstrations to test public accommodations provisions of the new Civil Rights bill. However, this does not rule out Freedom Days, pickets at the court house, and other action related to voter registration.

Forman announced that in many communities the police have been asking volunteers to come and register at the police department. In many cases, to be photographed and fingerprinted. Such procedures are illegal, and can only be required of a person charged with a felony. But nevertheless, the decision of whether or not to cooperate with the police in this matter will be left up to the individual volunteer.

Forman reports that parents are rallying to support the Summer Project. Parents' groups are being formed in major cities across the country which parallel the Friends of SNCC groups. He also reported that progress has been made in the matter of police protection and law enforcement, especially in the Delta. There has been relatively little interference with voter registration work. The real question is how long this will last. Negroes are still disappearing, e.g. a recent disappearance in Quitman County, which we are now investigating.

ADVERTISEMENT ON THE SOCIETY PAGE of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger, July 2:

"SPECIAL ATTENTION: Protect yourself with the TEAR GAS PENGUIN. Penguin Pocket Pen-gun is a protector for self defense, not a firearm... Discharges a blast of powerful tear gas that temporarily incapacitates man or beast... \$6.95...

The Penguin Tear Gas Gun contains a Pen-gun, two tear gas cartridges, steel mounting bracket, pocket clip... all packed in an attractive clear plastic case. SPECIAL REFILLS: \$2.95 for package of three.

Same page, ad for PISTOLS & RIFLES, New & Used at war surplus store.

WATS REPORT: July 2, 1964
taken by Karen Haberman

unofficial report

Jackson : 3:45 from Hunter Morey (he received info. from Scott Smith, Canton)
~~Smith~~ Smith called in to Jackson first at 2:00am and then again at 2:20am. He reported that a city police car was circling the office playing loud music over a loud speaker. They also had the siren going. The noise was aimed at the COFO office in Canton. Talked to Smith again at 2:40am and said that they now had only the blue light flashing. Smith recognized both officers in the car as people he had seen before on the night shift. He only knew one by name and that was officer Allen. ~~Smith~~ Jackson reported that it had called the local (Jackson) FBI and gotten no answer. They then called agent Helgeson who said that he would check into the report. All attempts to reach local law enforcement people in Canton were fruitless. The highway patrol was also called and they could not reach any of the local law enforcement people on their radios. When we talked to Smith at 2:45 the harassment had stopped.

During the day certain cars passed by the Canton office and most of the cars had some type of tall ~~antenna~~ aerial. The cars developed ~~into~~ a pattern each day and the Canton office has the license numbers of most of the cars. The list is in Jackson. The cars belong to known White Citizens Council members in the area. The feeling is that since cars with aeri~~als~~als have been sighted in other parts of the state the WCC may have a whole network of radio contacts and can call throughout the state.

~~Smith~~ Smith also reported that he had seen tap wires on the phone junction boxes outside of town. He feels that this is why they will not let any other Negroes have phones (i.e. it will make problems when they have to change taps). He says that when they get harassment calls they come so close together that a person wouldn't ~~have~~ have time to dial so he thinks they have some way to make the phone ring. He also said that another worker lost 3 dimes in the phone and when he mentioned it over the phone later that he was going to report it to the FBI that his dimes returned. Smith also said that he passed the local Gun Club and saw the same WCC people testing their walkie talkies. When they saw him they tried to hide them.

Meridian: 3:45am (Atlanta time)

Bob Gore of CORE reported that after a mass meeting there a white girl threw a bottle at a Negro girl ~~who~~ which cut her leg. The Negro girl ~~was~~ is Laia Waterhouse of Meridian. The trial of the white girl is tomorrow. Hunter Morey sent a lawyer to the trial to protect David Kotz, COFO worker, who was a witness. The lawyer is from the LCDC. ✓ Jackson received the report at 12:10 their time).

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WATS FILE COMPLAINT ON HOLLY SPRINGS MATING

JULY 2, 1964

(Prepared by Bob Rogers after phone talk on WATS line with Rubin.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HOLLY SPRINGS - Larry Rubin, 22, of 5300 West Oxford, Philadelphia, Pa., staff member for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, yesterday (July 1) filed a complaint with Justice of the Peace Sam Cooper for assault and battery against Robert Walker, 30, a Marshall County Farmer.

Walker has been freed on \$1,000 bond, which the case will go to the grand jury in August.

In his complaint, Rubin alleges that Walker grabbed him on the shoulders near the throat, shook, cursed, yelled at, and threatened to shoot both him and his office.

The incident happened at 8 p.m. Tuesday (June 30) at a Tuxedo station adjoining the COSSO office in Holly Springs. It was witnessed by several soccer volunteers and students from Rust College.

Rubin is scheduled to talk with two FBI agents today. He was walking to a restaurant when the incident occurred, but has been involved in voter registration activity. #00000