

WATS REPORT: FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1964

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unofficial report;

Albany: Don Harris

Tomorrow there will be an outdoors rally for C.B. King outside of Albany in the county. Sunday they plan on testing a swimming pool in Tifton. They expect some trouble.

Enfield, N.C.: Mr. Johnson

Last night a number of hooded Klansmen drove up and down the highway in Enfield, driving to the fair grounds. There have been estimates as to the numbers of men varying from 3 or 4 carloads to 30 men. No crosses were burned or damage reported. One man who lives at the edge of Enfield reported that the Klansmen drove by his house blowing their car horns. The activity took place at about 10:30pm.

Greenwood: Dotty Zellner

One minor incident took place last night in Greenwood. A number of cars without license plates drove by the church where they were having a mass meeting. When summer worker Eli Zaretsky spoke with a policeman about the cars, the officer spoke to the driver of one of them and he left*. The people in the cars did not cause any trouble.

The Greenwood Freedom School began to operate today. Construction has begun on the community center. A wooden frame with canvas covering will be used to house the center. Voter registration efforts have begun--they are beginning to organize block work and are preparing for a Freedom Day on July 16.

Pittsburg, Pa.:

A demonstration is being held by the Pitt. Friends of SNCC is having a demonstration at the Federal building in Pittsburgh. The demonstrators will demand Federal protection in Mississippi.

Jackson: Bob Byers

Congressmen Augustus Hawkins, 23rd District, California, Negro; William Fitts Ryan, 20th district, New York, Dem.; and Philip Burton, Dem., California; arrived in Jackson, Miss. this morning. They are in Mississippi to see the Miss. Summer Project in action and though they had wished their trip could be made as quietly as possible, their arrival was announced by Ow Johnson this morning. The group is now on its way to Greenwood, accompanied by Frances Mitchell. The rest of their plans are indefinite, but a press conference has been tentatively set for Sunday at 1pm.

Selma: John Love: 4:30pm

At about 3:15 pm Selma time Eric Farnum, 19, a white student from Raleigh, North Carolina, was arrested on the charges of disturbing the peace. Farnum had been talking with Mary Varela and left her and was picked up while walking down the street. When Julian Bond called the jail he was told that Farnum was being held under \$500 bond and that a white woman had allegedly sworn out a warrant against him for making a pass at her.

John Love had still been unable to contact a lawyer at 5:20pm, but he is going to try and raise the bond in the community. Sheriff Clark told Julian that he did not know when Farnum would have his arraignment or trial, that only the judge knew.

Today the Selma staff leafleted in the county for Freedom Day July 6.

JACKSON Mississippi Advisory Committee to U.S. Civil Rights Commission makes five requests.

Jackson SNCC office learned today the Mississippi Advisory Committee had made five requests to the U.S. CRC. (NOT FOR RELEASE: Request was made in a letter of July 1, copy sent to Bob Moses.)

1. Dispatch of federal marshals immediately into areas where violence has occurred; additional personnel in U.S. Attorney's office.
2. Widest possible dissemination of information about the state's denial of civil rights to professional people of Mississippi. The committee said that many Mississippians did not realize in what a "closed society" they lived, and were unaware of the deprivation of rights -- therefore urged the USCRC to edit and publish brochures, etc. and send to all professional people in state.
3. Recommended withholding of federal funds where there was acknowledged discrimination.
4. Urgently requested a public hearing to be conducted by the CRC in the state.
5. Requested that officials of the USCRC be present at the offices of circuit clerks (vote registrars in Mississippi) to observe and witness.

NOT FOR RELEASE YET:

GREENWOOD Congressmen Witness SNCC worker's Tenth Try at Registering. Representatives Ryan, Hawkins and Burton visited the circuit clerk's office in Greenwood today. Mary Lane, SNCC, returned to the office today to find out results of her 9th attempt to register. She was informed she failed, and took test for tenth time. The Congressmen talked with four local lawyers who were called in by Registrar Martha Lamb for about 20 minutes. Ryan asked to see records of Mary Lane's 9th try, and asked her to let him know results of 10th attempt. All the Congressmen agreed there was discrimination in the procedures,

JACKSON NAACP BOARD TO MAKE TOUR
Announced here Wed., July 1 that members of the NAACP national board would tour Mississippi cities Sunday - Jackson, Meridian, Pascagoula, Moss Point and Clarksdale.

TCHULA - Earlier report on arrest of volunteer false.

MERIDIAN - Walton Hackman, 26, from Lansdale, Penn. (Eastern Mennonite College) was driving with Ronnie de Sousa, 24, from Switzerland, grad student at Princeton in philosophy, Larry Martin, 11, local Negro and Ben Chaney, 11, brother of James Chaney. Pulled up at intersection, stopped for red light, when it burned green they started to go. A car facing them across the road started up despite red light, rammed into them and caused Hackman to ram into a third car. Ben's arm was broken as a result, Hackman and de Sousa scratched. At first witnesses said it was the other car's fault. But after they found out they were v r workers, they changed and said it was Hackman's fault. Hackman was arrested for running a red light and reckless driving. Trial Monday, July 6. Bonded out at \$112 each, (?), by other volunteer. Now trying to get a lawyer from Jackson. Hackman was driving a W.