

JUNE 30:

The members of the White Community project arrived in Biloxi, their project area, only to find that they were not allowed to stay in the Back Bay Hotel as they had planned. Word of the project had preceded them,

Ruleville:

There have been several reports of about 7-8 unlicensed trucks patrolling on Highway 8 between Ruleville and Cleveland and sometimes congregating near the city dump.

A local man seems to have been fired from his job because he was "hiring white workers" - i.e. housing SNCC workers.

Jackson:

Summer Volunteer Jacques Calma, working in Canton, was arrested here for reckless driving (changing lanes too often). Calma was given a hasty trial in the office of the JP. He did not know he was in the midst of a trial until he was informed that he was to pay \$ 9.00 in "court costs" in addition to a \$ 25.00 fine.

JULY 1 :

Holly Springs:

Larry Rubin filed a complaint with the JP for assault and battery against Robert Walker, 30, a Marshall County farmer, Walker has been freed on \$1,000 bond. The case will go before a grand jury in August. Walker attacked Rubin on Tuesday night in a Texaco station near the Freedom house. He grabbed his throat, shook him, yelled and cursed at him and threatened to shoot both Larry and the office with a 12-gauge shotgun, ■

Ruleville: 12 volunteers talked for about 2 hours with five members of ATAC at Mrs. Hamer's house in Ruleville. The ATAC group was led by Jack Bishop, the son of an Indianola plantation owner and the founder of the group. The five invited the volunteers to have coffee with them, but the white volunteers refused the invitation because the five ATAC people refused to include Negro volunteers. The five were then shown around the Ruleville Community Center operated by SNCC. Volunteers later agreed that though the conversation was fairly cordial, little was accomplished by it. This is the second such meeting with ATAC in Ruleville. The first meeting took place on Monday evening, June 22.

Tchula: 8:30 pm Two carloads of highway patrolmen stopped at the farm of David Howard, where several SNCC volunteers are staying. They shone their spotlight into the house and asked for Steve Bingham. They said that he had set up some kind of office, but he couldn't be found here. Mr. Howard was frightened, and denied that Steve Bingham was staying there. This happened on July 30. On July 1 at 3:30 pm, the HP came around again and said, "We are looking for Steve Bingham to protect him, whether he wants it or not." They said that calls had come from Washington ordering them to give him protection. At 8:00 pm, The Governor has two patrol cars giving Steve protection at all times. Steve wants to be rid of them, as such behavior is intimidating the local black people, whom the HP is always asking about him. Others on the project feel that the HP is making them more visible and endangering the project.

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JUNE 30: Tchula: Two carloads of highway patrolmen start excessively close watch on volunteer. Ended 48 hours later.

Oakland: Police find body of white man, badly mangled by hit-run driver, no identification at all. (Later found no CR ti

Greenville: Report that on June 19 a Negro porter at Greenville General Hospital was beaten by policemen with billy club there. Porter charged with resisting arrest and disturbing the peace

JULY 1: Holly Springs: Justice of Pezce (and Mayor) has local farmer arrested on assault and battery charges in June 30 incident. Bail set at \$1,000.

Clarksdale: Pick up truck tries to run down SNCC worker and volunteer. License plates hidden.

Gulfport: Police threaten to hurt children of lady housing civil rights workers. So they plan to move elsewhere.

JULY 2: Harm y: Sheriff, school superintendent tell community abandoned buildings may not be used for freedom school. Cross burned, tacks strewn in Negro community. (On June 30, superintendent had announced Negro summer session--- the first in memory of local residents---in another effort to block the freedom school)

Hattiesburg: Two vote registration canvassers followed and questioned by men describing themselves as state officials.

Hattiesburg: School superintendent threatens all janitors who participate in civil rights activity. Ditto at Holiday Inn.

Hattiesburg: Local police stop ~~five~~ Negro girl, five white boys en route home.. Policeman curses, threatens arrest, slaps one boy.

Batesville: Panola County Sheriff Carl Hubbard detains several Persons housing civil rights workers, spends most of night in courtyard where many workers are living.

Meridian: White teen-age girl throws bottle at civil rights group outside church, cuts leg of local Negro girl.

Canton: Local police turn on sirens, play music on loudspeaker near COFO office, fail to answer phone calls or highway patrol.

Gulfport: Two voter registration workers threatened: "Things are fine around here; we don't want; them to change." Man grabs volunteer's shirt: "I'm going to whip your ass." Workers run.

JULY 3: Meridian: Volunteer's car goes through green light, hits local station wagon. Volunteer charged with running light, reckless driving. Bond \$122.

So So: The "Greasy Spoon," a Negro grocery and teen spot, is bombed. Damage minor. Sheriff 's deputy says there is no civil right motive for the bombing, calls it "senseless."

Greenwood: Three visiting Congressmen witness voter registration, call it discriminatory.

Tougaloo: En route to Canton, four civil rights girls are chased by two cars driven by whites. They decide to stop here for safety

Jackson: Lots of phone harrassment. WAIS line goes dead, then rings---a technical impossibility.

JULY 3: Greenwood: Two tagless cars drive continually past office
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Moss Point: Police, white citizens pressure Negro cafe owners not to serve civil rights workers. Policeman says white racist in town has gun on his person, grenade in a satchel.

Hrmony: Sheriff, superintendent post "no trespassing" sign at abandoned school. Local citizens move books, other materials to Negro church. Police flash lights on homes.

JULY 4: Laurel: Police barely prevent large racial clash after two Negroes, two white injured in attempt to integrate drive in. Police fail to respond to calls for help from injured Negroes.

Clarksdale: Local manager says Negroes going to court house will be discharged: "I have a large contract with the head of the White Citizens Council, and I'm not going to lose thousands of dollars for one of you."

Batesville: Volunteer, local worker chased 30 miles by car.

Batesville: Racist slugs Negro as he leaves court house.

JULY 5: Greenville: Local citizens test several restaurants. The eating places are closed either before or after testing.

Ruleville: Local segregationist visits COFO office, has a very friendly argument with civil rights workers. Police ask him to leave. He refuses. Charged with disorderly conduct. Fine.

Laurel: Lester McKinney, who witnessed and reported the July fourth incident, arrested by police, who say he has 4-6 months left to serve on previous sentence.

Columbus: St. Louis Negro beaten by whites who mistake him for a Freedom Rider; En route to a funeral, he's fined \$75.

Laurel: Two volunteers questioned by police, who stop their integrated car as it leaves Sunday school. Charges dropped against driver, but passenger arrested on vagrancy charge. She left pocketbook in car at police station. 10 days, suspended.

Jackson: NAACP integrates local hotels without major incident. Individuals integrate many other places on their own.

Jackson: Local woman's leg cut by bottle thrown at COFO office.

JULY 6: Jackson: Voter registration group harrassed by police, who say "one man, one vote" sticker has been found on city car. They threaten arrest for trespassing if anyone will sign charge.

Jackson: McGraven-Hill Missionary Baptist Church damaged by kerosene fire. Church has no ties to civil rights movement.

Clarksdale: Station wagon plays "chicken" with CRWs going home.

Jackson: Negro youth slugged by white, who flees in truck.

Moss Point: Negro woman shot twice at voter rally, singing "We Shall Overcome" Three Negroes arrested when they pursue car from which they believe shots were fired. White car not checked.

Greenwood: Harrassment call: "I just shot one of your workers.."

- July 7:** Shaw: Stores refuse to cash volunteer's travelers check.
- Shaw: Police ask all volunteers to register. Only four do not.
- Clarksdale: Sheriff asks minister, driving integrated car: "Are you married to them niggers? You ain't no minister, you're a SOB trouble maker....I'm gonna stay on your back until I get you."
- Vicksburg: White boys throw bottle, break windshield of car waiting to pick up freedom school student.
- Greenwood: Six young students picketing jailhouse ("Stop Police Brutality," "One Man, One Vote") arrested. So are three others with them.
- July 8:** McComb: SNCC Freedom House bombed; two injured. Despite numerous requests by Congressmen, attorneys, pastors (and a personal visit with the mayor--who also heads the White Citizens Council), no local police were seen in the area prior to the bombing. 15 FBI agents, several packing pistols, show up during day. 150 attend rally same night.
- Hattiesburg: Rev. Robert Beech of National Council of Churches arrested on false pretense charge after allegedly overdrawing his bank account 170. Bail set at \$2000.
- Ruleville: Volunteer bodily ejected from county circuit clerk's office for accompanying local woman to voter registration.
- Columbus: Three volunteers arrested on trespass charges after stopping at a gas station for a soft drink. Friendly conversation there until attendant says, "You boys should be on the road." They leave immediately. He files charges. Bail \$500 to \$1000 each.
- Clarksdale: Bomb threat.
- Hattiesburg: Bottle thrown at picnic by passing car. No plates.
- Holly Springs: Civil rights worker arrested. Reckless driving. \$250.
- Clarksdale: Police chief in Lafayette tells Negro cafes not to serve volunteers.
- Vicksburg: Bomb threat.
- July 9:** Greenwood: Local insurance salesman slugs volunteer during voter canvas. Follows in car and rebats.
- Yazoo City: Folksinger arrested for reckless driving. Quick fine.
- Clarksdale: Volunteer arrested for taking pictures in court room. Photos taken in hall after police chief sprayed room deodorant on two girls.
- Gulfport: Four arrested for refusing to leave local people and cross street on police orders as they near court house. Held on \$500 bond for violating anti-picketing law.
- Vicksburg: Freedom school students stoned en route to class.
- Hoss Point: Five Negroes fired from jobs for attending mass rally. Woman fired from work for housing two volunteers.
- Clarksdale: Police chief visits office when another white man comes to turn off electricity