

WATS Report

July 10, 1964 early am

GREENWOOD, MISS. - About 12 SNCCs were at a local restaurant when a report came from the office of a beating at Carrollton St. They left the restaurant and milled around deciding who would return to office, etc. Frey found some local people who would take himself and Monroe Sharp to Carrollton. They started into that car, others started into car going to office. City police car pulled up. Monroe said, "We got to get some damn organization about us." Cop car stopped, cops (2) both got out. Pulled Fred Mangrum (Negro, NYC) out and said, "Who's doing all this cussing?" Fred said it wa not he. Monroe answered, in reply to second time police asked, saying it was he. Police said no, threatened Fred, poking billy club. Police shook club at him, Fred raised his hands as cop started to search him. Police handcuffed him, put him in police car, placed him under arrest. Frey asked charge. Cop ~~xxx~~ said, "for cussing." Half of group returned to office, called jail. They were told by cop on desk the charge was violation of a city ordinance, profanity. Bail \$15. No further details at 2:00 Miss. time. (from Garman to King)

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By 2:25 Miss. Time Mangrum was out of jail.

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Example of need for accurate information, and ample information, when taking reports from field:

When the story on Rev. Wells was filed with the wires here, a newsman told me he would have moved a story from Atlanta right away except that one fact was missing - the restauranteur's name. He said he would have to leave the story w ith the day desk now and couldn't send it out until they got the man's name. Too bad because had he moved the story tonight, he would have had to quote a "SNCC spokesman." Tomorrow's story will quote the police.

ASK QUESTIONS! ASK QUESTIONS! ASK QUESTIONS! ASK QUESTIONS!

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GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI: via Ed Rudd/Karen; 5:00 am, July 10

Freddy Mangrum, SNCC staff member, was arrested at approximately 3:00 pm (Atlanta time) as he left the Bullin Restaurant in Greenwood. He was in a group made up of 12 other SNCC people. The police arrested him on the charge of public profanity. Bond was set at \$15 and was paid soon after he was taken into custody. The hearing is July 10.

Greenwood, July 10 12:30

went down to police station and filed a complaint man identified at the police station and is signed out on his own recognizance, is to appear in the court tomorrow and charged with assault and battery. FBI called and said cant arrest him until report to JD and then FBI get word to ~~xxxx~~ do something. Spoke to Ford, Moore will meet FBI at 1) AM. Will arrest him if enough pressure is applied. Mrs were slashed while was talking to the police.

Albany, Georgia

Time 9: pm -----Report taken by Brenda Travis

From: Richard Momeyer

Rev. Wells and five girls went to Radium Springs to test civil rights bill. the place was closed. went to the Victory Club. when arrived took seats and waitress was very nervous and went to get the manager. he came and said they didnt have sandwiches and that they would have to order something else. After placing their order, they ~~xx~~ were served and they ate. They then went outside and got into the car and rode to the 6 point and stopped to let Vicki get a newspaper across the street.. County police pulled up behind them and blew their horn. Group stopped , one police came to the car and asked Rev. Wells for his license . police looked at them and asked if this address on the drivers license was his present address. Wells answered ~~xxxx~~ no police then asked him to get out of the car. When Rev. Wells did this police also asked all of the girls to get out of the car. They all got out and the police got in and began to search. They looked under the back seat and pulled out a quart jar, took off the top and smelled it. Police said it was moonshine and arrested Rev. Well. ~~The~~ Police took Wells in the car with them and left the girls standing on the corner. They called CB King and then a guy in a fillin station to take them to Kings office. They called county jail and ~~x~~ asked them what were the charges on Rev. Wells. Were told that the ~~x~~ charges were carrying ~~xx~~ intoxicating liquor, moonshine. Also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, knife

the moonshine was put into the car when the group was in the ~~xx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ restaurant eating.

Albany, Georgia

time: 1.20 by Ron Carver

from: R. Momeyer

The owner of the Victory Club went to the county jail with his lawyer ~~///~~ G. G. Gardner, president of the local bar ass., and posted the 1,250 bond releasing Rev. wells. The club owner, the president of the local restaurant ass., said that he found out that the liquor had been planted by one of his patrons and he wanted nothing to do with it.

Alabama

Bessemer/ from Ed Rudd, Greenwood: 11:05am : incident on Wednesday or Thursday

Two unidentified Negro boys went into a restaurant in Bessemer , Ala. in undetermined number of local white men and boys beat the boys with baseball bats. One of the Negro boys was beaten around the head and chest and has been admitted to one of two Bessemer hospitals in serious condition according to Mr. George Scott, local resident of Bessemer. These boys were barred from entering the restaurant by its owner. They were beaten while walking away from the restaurant. The other boy has been released from a doctors care. The beating took place either Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. Scott says that the local young people want to test the ~~kkkk~~ cr bill but don't know just how. They need help, workshops, etc. and he wants Forman's help. The parents are evidently not trying to discourage the kids from demonstrating.

Forman told Scott to call the local FBI and Dr. Pitts in Birmingham (Miles College). Also told him to call Peter Hall in Birmingham, and Oliver at the Inter-citizens council (Birmingham)
(HA 8-9646 : George Scott

Washington: Mr. Norman: Justice Department : 11:55am

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Selma: Tom Brown 11:15am

Reynolds

A Miss Porter just came into the office and told Tom that Judge ~~ky~~ said he was sending her ~~daughter~~ Geraldine Mitchell to Mount Meigs juvenile school for one year for picketing. He evidently said that he would do it with all the juveniles--there are about 18 or 19 juveniles in jail (16 years and under)/ Miss Porter went to court because Mrs. Mitchell was too ill to go. There are about 25 people down to register (only 12 are supposed to be there because only 12 have numbers). Negroes are ~~walking~~ out on the streets as though they are 'waiting for something to happen'. Tom has called the jail repeatedly for Willie C. Robertson, who was arrested yesterday afternoon on while at a grocery store, but both the city and county jails claim they don't have him.

Washington: : Justice Department, Mr. Norman: 11:30am
Informed JD of the above and ~~kkkkkkkk~~ he said that he was about to call Selma JD about it.

Birmingham: Att. Peter Hall

Re sentencing of juveniles, Reynolds is sentencing as delinquents all those who had earlier been convicted while participating in demonstrations and been put on probation. Reynolds is revoking their probation and sentencing them to a year. All the juveniles whose parents sign a retainer will be represented by Att. Hall. He is filing a writ of habeas corpus for those. He is unable to act for those juveniles who don't sign the retainer.

Selma: an injunction has been issued in Selma to prevent SNCC or others from demonstrating. Ostensibly to 'keep the streets safe for Selma citizens'-- received this information from the wire services. Have no more information yet. ~~kkk~~ Neither Tom Brown, nor anyone else from SNCC had been served with injunction at 1pm/ t Public meetings of more than 6 and testing of cr bill also prohibited in injunction.