

HATTIESBURG, MISS. From Hunter Morey
Jam es Jones, local Hattiesburg youth, about 16 years old, arrested mid-April on a rape charge is free. The grand jury (state) refused to returned an indictment. He had been accused of rape by a Molly _____, but it seems he had actually reneged on a financial arrangement. SNCC workers talked to her and she agreed to drop the charged, but doing so would have left her open to perjury charge. So he has been in jail since April. Rape is a capitol offense in Mississippi therefore not bailable. The Inc Fund agreed to take the case in May; Carsie Hall was assigned. Some people say this is the first sexual case the Inc Fund has taken. He was held in the county jail in Forrest Co.

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HATTIESBURG From Hunter Morey Re: Milton Hancock
Hancock's case was removed to federal court today in Jackson (U.S. District Court, Southern, Jackson Division) - Lawyer: Baker of National Lawyers Guild, Ben Smith also helping. They are planning to fight his perjury case through on grounds that: he can't get justice in a state court due to the jury system; he didn't have counsel, or didn't have proper counsel in two forgery convictions which he served...leading to perjury charge.

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Re: Churches Burned in Natchez Area -
George Greene went into Natchez from McComb today to check it out. He is supposed to have reported to Courtland Cox in Greenwood - who was not available tonight. Neither Jackson nor Greenwood offices know more than that New Jersalem Baptist and "Bethnal" Baptist were burned, that neither pastor is supposed to have been explicitly involved in civil rights in the area, and that a group of local whites has gotten together to rebuild the churches. More information should be pulled together tomorrow.

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AMERICUS, GA. From Ricks and Mants
Americus wants "We'll Never Turn Back." No date given.
They confirmed two reports carried in daily press: -that 15 white youths were arrested July 8 for disturbing the peace after firecrackers, etc. were thrown in Negro community (they said they did not know of any Negroes being apprehended that night on false charges);
-that the city will be running classes at night for Negroes.

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Enfield: J.V. Henry

two boys, ~~kkkkkkkkkkkk~~ from Rocky Mt., one 19 and one 21, tried to burn the church in Elm City that is being painted last night. The two were apprehended by SBI (state bureau of investigation) men while splashing gasoline on the church. The group what was planning on ~~kkk~~ painting the church evidently made a deal with Gov. Sanders that in return for state protection they would not live in the Negro community in Elm City- they are living in motels. This morning when the painting started there were 40 state troopers present. A great many whites showed up too. JV has pictures from the scene this morning.

Natchez: George Greene (from Jackson)

George went to the site of the burned churches and got pictures which are on the way to Atlanta but couldn't get any information. He will return on Thursday to speak with the ministers. He did get affidavits from people who saw the man who threw the molotov cocktail at Washington's home. The man threw it from a car.