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8:15 Laurel: Gwen Robinson: wants to get in touch with LCDC largers about the Kresses beatings on Saturdayh People who want to sue: Mrs. Bertha McGill and Mr. Charles Hughes...he's leaving for Philadelphia Friday. NEED MORE VOTER REGISTRATION PEOPLE...PROMISED, BUT WHERE ARE THEY? NEED CAR, TOO

8:20 Meridian (Sue Brown) called asking for information on the lawyers who were supposed to be at a trial in Meridian today. Bill R. checked and the lawyers are 8n Meridian. Bernard Freger of the Guild is handling the case.

Ellen Lake, Barry Clemson, and Henry Baily left for Gulfport at 8:45am this morning. Canton for Federal programsreferred to other line.

/Canton jail 9:00am Eric Morton called from the Cantonjail and said that he and Steve were beaten by the police on the highway last night. He said they were bearten with pistils They were not beaten after theywere taken to the jail. He said that Steve was beaten quite seriously.

NCC, Jackson: Rev. Cameron is found. 9:30

9:30 Rauleville: Mass meeting is scheduled for #10 3:00 this afternoon. Want press there as much as possible

Biloxi: 10:05 Dickie: Wanted to speak to Jimmy.

Ruleville: 10:15 - Does not hink it a good idea to go ahead with Drew today. Events in other parts of state; probablem of money. Calling Drew meeting off. Are going to try to get trial postponed. Bond will be about \$200 or \$4500 in all. Oenberg, lawyer going to Drew. -- Are trying to get bond. The lawyer is supposed to removed the case = Jackson's advise. -- Don't know what Greenwood is doing in terms of bond. Have money from 3 voluteers parents. Know we need lots. Perhaps we can arrange property bond. Need lawyer for this. -- We will contact Friends of SNCC and other groups not parents. Seigel, Sachar and \*\*\*\* Davis.\*\*

Greenwod: 10:30 Recieved a call at 10:30 from someone a couple a blocks away from the court house. First people just arrested. No further info. There are 70 or 80 people at court house waiting to register. A lot of white spectators. There are more people going down. Expect o00 to o50 by the end.

Rulevile: James Dan has no one listed for bond. W. LA DuBois Club Greenood: 35 people arrested in first group, staff volunteers, and local. Paertial list: (arrested as picketting courthouse)-wdames RayRHhrbaugh, Rick Miller, Margaret Ally, Sally Belfrage, Linda Westmore, Paul Kine; 10:30 am at 10:45 got call that 5 more were arrested. Including Monroe Sharp. (He went limp.)

They were taking people to jail in balck police bus. Jail 4 blocs from courthouse. Hw went limp about halfway to bus They dragged him the rest

of the way.

90 people waiting torggister, more coming all the time. Only one person can take the

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We should call Jackson upi.

test at a time. Police not interfering with people on line, but are arresting people picketting as soon as they start walking. 30 policeman at courthouse. Thik all local.

Moss Point: Tony O'Brien calling for Staughton and Tom. Call them. Ron Ridenauer -- wanted code name. Report from yesterday: 8 peop.e went to courthouse to take test. 3 failed, 2 passed, 2 not admitted because of late hour. One worker taken to judge and told he would be in contempt of court if he entered courthouse again. Roger Barnhill was volunteer. Happened at about 2:30 pm. He had gone down with people to register. A detective took him to judge. Judge said he controls courthouse proceedings and its the procedure not to have people in courthouse who aren't registering. Ron sent weekly report on all this. Will check with Hunter on all this. 3 block captains meeting syesterday. 22 block captains in all. Have block captain how Jerry Jefferson, 534 Cook St. Phone 762-2385. Precinct meetings: July 26, Masonic Temple. Ad in paper today. Legal ad 22 dollars for 10 days. Still trying to set up something in Pascagoula. Supposed to find one as soon as possible. Will have something. Should know by Monday. Fred Meeley is supposed to handle that. Had about 57 fr forms signed. 1300 total. Got them cavassing, etc. Mass meetings. Lot of good young kids working. Taken about 100 people to courthouse, mostly in last week. 40 have been admitted. Of those, 15 have passed. Started at MSU yesterday. Had about 30 studetns. No elections. Most kids from youth council NAACP.

May have problems with NAA wverthis. FS had Dred Scott role playing yesterday. Day before had abolitionist play. Kids love it.

Mass meeting last night. Abou 300 people. Got adult canvassers. Precinct meetings announced. Role played canvassing scenes. Lot of audinece patticipation.

Ron Ridenaur was on WVON Chicago on Mass.

Canton: Mzevin Brademan--talked to Bill Robinson. One defendent --Rufus Eric Morton-charged with interfering with an officer while making an arrest and resisting arrest. Steve Smith charged with reckless driving and resisting arrest. Bail \$150 each. Stopped by highway patrol and arrested by sheriff's deputy. Bail for smith--Rev. Co.e. Eric--Ed Bell, his brother in law--home is on Lawton St. --office on Grand River--Detroit. Steve Smith's mother and father--Frand Smith, 3095 12th Ave. Marion, Iowa, Dr 7-1400. In case can't get Cole. Steve Smith got tikket in Jacskon for having improper license--driv9 ng pickup with operator's license-Remdanded to Madison Co. Jail in Canton. Trila continued until 2pm July 27 before Hawkins. One of lawyers from our office can represent them. Wants to triak forremoval. Smith was beaten by Holly at scene of arrest. Beaten on head and arm with pistol butt. Smith scared ans needs to be gotten out. Take money to judge Hawkins. Malm and Gunn to morrow for trial. Can give money to Hawkins tomorrow. Bo5h kids should be gotten out as soon as possible.

Truck: Look through highway patrol or through Holly. Rented.

Beating: small lacerations on arm and around hairline. He fell into a ball. and then they beat him. Asked them for identification and they wouldn't who any so he fell into ball. Holly did beating. Several highway patrolman there and Holly. Judge wouldn't agree to take testimonry from officers so don't

know their story.

Greenwood: 31 more arrests. 11:20 am. The snd picket line was organized.

Then announcement came that "If signs arenot taken down in 2 minutes all would be arrested." Rep9rt that line was 7 people. Conflicting report. People gping to city jail now. 2 Negro women were dragged by the police. Are using cattle prods and billy clubs. One girl dropped her pocket book. Bent to pick it up and the cop knocked her down. Her sister came over and girl who was bushed was then jabbed in kneck withcattle prod.
Unconfirmed report that one of Negro women was pregnant. Think that woman with the purse was pregnant. Have to get it straight.

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Gulfport: Send power of attorney blanks. Got out ads for precincts meetings.

date: 1-11 precincts Monday 27at St. Theresa Gym, 19th t and 35 Ave.

East Organe Grove-Shiloh Baptist Church. John Quincy Adams St. all 7:30 pm

West Orange Grove-New Evening Star Baptist Church on Ill. Ave., North Gulfport.

Hope to have one for Pass Christian and Delisle--don't know where.

Got legal ad for tonight. Dave Wolfe call her.

Are getting Mrs. Gray to speak.

Holly Springs:
Carl Young--2 FS; publishing paper. Benton County shhool now publishing also
--Benton Cjounty Freedom Train. Oner person left. Gita Perl. Gone home.
Carl sent weekley report; is now two weeks behind.

Greenwood: Forman kkxkukjkkk going to jail. 80 in jail now.

Batesville: Send samplesections of c nstitution.

Greenwood: 12:10 - General summary of what has happend so far: No cattle prods as earlier reported. Poked woman with ## clubs in senitive spo#ts which resulted in screams.

lst group of people: Larry, Chief of Prolice, came to the groups and said: "There will be no picketing. You will have 2 minutes to remove the sings and stop picketing." "No on will interfer with your going to register to vote. "Arrested quietly. 2nd group: 5 people. Among them Monroe who went limp.

3rd group: 31 arrested. A group at the end of the line of those going to registear were holding sings (had been picketing) but were not then. "You have 2 minutes to remove the signs." Then they moved to go picket and were arrested.

4th group: picketers and people not picketing picked up. About 30 cops in the area. 31 arrested. Cops now aiming to get the leaders: Stokely and Courtland both picked up as well as Eli Zeretsky. Chuck Neblett, Gwen Gillon, - the rest are local.

A couple of girls that they tried to put in bus tried to block entrance to it. Successful for a few minutes, but then cops poked them with clubs. -- Chuck Neblett was dragged separately to back of court house.

Ajma Ma King and Willie James Earl taken off # the black bus at 11:45 and put in Squad Car # 4 to be taken to jail.

4 FBT at Court house.

Things calm now. Another push scheduled at 1:00.

McComb: 1:00 - The Pontiac arrived with everyone in ti but Dorey who the suggest ### take the bus. FS increased to may#be 40. Justice Department men are there - 2 men. The Attornyers from Jackson #h## have arrived. CBS aped the FS tonight at 5:30 Chronikite or tomorrow with Cronkite.

Biloxi: Guyot wants to talk to Hunter. Anti-Fickeitng law. Cox Mize and Reese voted 2-1 against us.

Greenwood: Volunteers and staff are coming into Greewhood from Tchula Clarksdale, Greenville, Itta Bena and Holly Springs.

Biloxi : I want the copies of the 2 things requested yesterday.

Vicksburg: Ann el Ponder is supposed to send lots of citizenship things for CC.

Two incidents: (1) A white man came to door to the door of one of the homes where white worker living with a pistol in hostler a d asked for owner of the house. At the home where other workers, a white chevy '54 was circling the block for 10 or 15 minutes. Called police. Heard no more about it.

(2) At 2:00 one of contact of the white community and said the police were were going to raid the place; reference to the women-male relationships. A white faily moved out because of what they thought was going on at the Freedom house. -- All this is reportedly. A negro family complinaed about the naked woman parading around the Fredom House. All this is what told by white guy.

\*\*Bont\*\*/Athor\*\* Same informant said that one our our cars hot. They think that COFO people threw the bomb at the Open House Cafe last week.

"We are down here to get publicity. Therefore, this is a good way to get it." = the measoning behind the story. He said resentment in the town is building up against us. That the police had desueded the 2 dozen whites from coming. In fact, have been many less.

Tension perhaps higher. -- If King comes would like to have Moses or Forman too. Then could project FDP.

Greenwood: 2:00 - Mike Sayer reports another bus load of people, totaling 35 to 45, has been arrested. They include summer voluteers Adam Kline. Peter Oris, Sandy Brown, Bob Master, Carol Kornfield, Frank Smith, Iris Greenberg. Staff members: Aron Sims, Ruth Howard. The rest are local.

Sayer also reports (via lawyer Larry Warren) that all men arrested at Drew were sent to County Farm while women at County jail in Indialno. An official from the farm told Manard Omerberg, lawyer, that the County could not guareentee the safety at of those at the Farm. Jackson should advise FBI AF, and UPI.

Biloxi: Dickie Flowers - who is in charge of sending Benny Jackson to Yazoo City - he wants him back to Biloxi because he has to go home to Greenwood for a few days. Or get someone else or there ewill b no staff.

Background on Canton arrests from last night: They were delivering sup lies and Freedom Reistration forms to delta. Stopped on 51 near Canton by several carloads of hiway Fatrol. 2 Jackson boys came back on foot, the police only wanted the two volunteers.

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Batesville: 2:30 - Jeff Cowan: Getting a speaker - FDP. If want a key note spearer precint-county meeting 27 July want a speaker. WANT SOMEONE. 19-23 Martin Lutehr King available? --

Hattiesburg: 2:40 - Terri Shaw: Hattiesburg wants copies of the brocure for FDP. As Many 1000 as can send. John Kouns from San Francisco. Has press cards. Check him out. \*\*Market Cliff it to Cliff Vaughns. -- Johnny of FDP. POSTERS FRO FDP. NEED THE PAMPHLETS OF FDP. Credintials fro people who get elected fro the county conventions.

Hattiesburg: 3:15 - Ben Gerswih wanted to get in touch, to answer call of, a law student who may want to come teach in Freedom School. Ben says that is not his jurisdiction and law student should

Canton: 3:30 - nechevo.

Clarksdale: number of the Alcazar Hotel is 624-2526.

Biloxi: # 3:30:

Greenwood: The Mayor of Greenwood has said that the Mayer-ef-Greenwood-has-said-thateveryone who takes part on the Freedom Daylwill be arrested. People will start coming to court house at 9:00. Picketing will start sometime after 10:00. For 2 days the hwites have been picketing a hwte theater not to let Negress in and no one has been arrested. The Flore Theater where Negroes were let in last week.

Holly Springs: 4:10 - Harry Malm: If have to stand trial. Lawyers were going to try to have it removed or postponsed.

Shaw: 4:15 - Staughton Lynd for Tom Wahman.

Gulfport: Looking for Dick Parrish.

Moss Point: 4:40 from Ron R. - Fred Neally put an ad in the local Chroncile about the FDP July 26 precinct meeting. \$22.00 for 10 days. (2) Charles Glenn and George ###### Barnhill (?) went to Biloxi to see FRI concerning shooting and the Court House. Had a warm talk. No developments. (This was yesterday). (3) The FS had an art class. 14 people came. Really good. A.so students have been play acting: mutiny ... (4) Guyot spoke at a Moss Point Barbars and Beaticians Union meeting and received \$150 which has been sent to this office. (5) 17 to the courthouse yesterday. 11 # allowed to register, 5 passed. All had to go in one by one. One Negro woman saw 4 whites taking the test at once... One person who failed the ttst was told by the Registrar to come back in 30 days and was told that the reason was too many were trying to register. (6) Howard Kirchenbaum was threatened by the ex-County Sheriff, Grinsby: "I just want you to reise your hand so that I can blow your head off." Police are harasting alot and being rude; registrar fairly polite. (6) Ron has received a memo from Greenwood about sending copies of everything to them. He had understood that one of th 3 copies he sends to us got sent to them. WHY SHOULD HE SEND THEM ANOTHER. Wants this checked with the higher buarcratic powers that be. (7) New number for MP office 475-9069

Greenwood: George Alberts taken on a Joe Doe warrent. He was on a 50 bond. He is out. Are trying to get continuance of trial from tomorrow. A woamn swore out a warrant that he was a reckless that he was a reckless driver and the police, city, came to office and arrested. George will be there at least another week with Fed. Programs.

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Margaret Rose

Greenwood: 2:50 - Latest arrest total is 101.

Moss Point: 3:00 - Cephus Hughs - where is he working? Holmes. He is in Amite County at Steptoe's farm. He is Negro.

Holly Springs: Harry Malm has gombCatton. HS is sending staff people to Greenwood.

Greenwood: Volunteers in Jail: Margaret Aley, Paul Klien, Linda Wetmore, Richard Miller, Ray Rechrbough Sally Belfridge, Peter Orris, Babmi Brown, Aron Sims, Bob Masters, Carol Kornfield, Ruth-Heware- Adam Kline, STAFF: Eli Z., Gwen Gillon, Stokely C., Cortland Cox., Chuck Neblett, Frank Smith, Ruth Howard, Iris Greenberg, -- Ed Rudd., volunteer.

Greenville: John Sawyer: 130 down at the court house at various times.

60 registered. At first went in by 4; now going by 6. The Registrar told all the illetreate people that have to come back tomrrow. - Thinks there were some lawyers at the courthouse.

Baseball game: 2:00 on Staurday bet. Greenw.& Grvi.at Frisby Field in Greenville bet. Freedom Schools. Will serve sandwiches after the game.

Greenwood: Silas McGee, local Negro, has been hospitalized at LaFlore County Hospital. He was forced at gun point into a car and beaten by 3 whites. Mike Sayer has no more details. --

Jackson: Tentative for MLKing from Bob Moses: Moreta Tues: Greenwood; Wed: Jackson; Thrusday, Vicksbur g; Friday, Merdian.

Canton: Morton's finacee is trying to get bail, but banks are closed and may not be able to.

Crockett just got \$2000 bail money to be used in Greenwood.

Sheriff of Canton just called in # on the staff phone.

Canton: The truck was located at Campell Auto Yard. Won't let us pick it up without a signed authorixation from the owner. Would be the leasing company.

Meridian: Peter Weiss - Leaving tomorrow out of state. Bob Beyers was supposed to send news material. Pl ase send to 211 Cabell St., Madison Wisconsin.

Ruleville: Had already had a return call.

Canton: National Rent-a-Car is where truck was rented. Jackson office is sending 2 people to get the authorization. Will be impossible to get there before 5.

Greenwood: 111 total, arrested.

Canton: The FBI returned from there and said they could not see Smith because the Sheriff was not there. Canoton feels that do not want to bail out one without bailing out the other.

McComb: Infomred McComb that there is a donor in LA willing to mise money for

Canton: Got authorization, talked to sherfii of Canton on the phone and are on their my to Canton. They = Barney Frank, Dave Gerber and Jim Pitman. Linda Cease has ful info. on the car. Are going to Cambpells. Watkins should meet them there.

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Setchko Dr. - \*\*Exercical\*\*: Rabbi Shanken: She dropped her bag and they appraoched her and thought she was provoking and they jumped her. Put, from behind, a billing club across her chest and dragged her to the billy wagon. While they were dragging her the sister ran after her saying that she was pregant. Visable evident that she was preganant. 7-8 months along. (Theblack bus) Prodded her with the clubs to put her in.

Meridian: Bob Gore - group went to Jasper county - were to check in at 4 they are now over an hour late - Rudy Lumbard Charles Freeney, Preston Ponder and Louis Smith. Left the office at 2:30 - none white. Usually call Highway patrol in Meridian. Louise Hermey - Bob will call her.

greenville: Freedom Day - 101 people took test - 50 to 100 didn't
get to take test - too late - some people got tired of waiting.
no arrests. some people freedom registered - not sure how many.

Meridian: 5:35 PM Bob Gore called back he talked to Sue Brown who was in the office when they left. She said that they did not contact any of the authorities and that they were due back by 4:30. Bob is going to contact the authorities near Meridian. Bob Moses is going to call the Jackson FBI.

McComb: Wants Tom Wahman to call them. And Bob Moses.

Greenville: 110 people took test - 200 213 were there.

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Laurel: siad they would call back later

Meridian: H4 2048 white 64 chevy - Bob called Highway patrol- officere Hughes 6:03 PM called fkkx FBkI agent Sass .
Bob Moses called Jackson FBI approx. 6pm -

Canton: Richard Beamer has arrived. By car.

FBI: Cullum - agent on duty - I gave him the license number and discription of the car. He asked who I was (what my title was) and Thanked me bery much.

Moss Point: Dave Wolf should call Fred Meeley about 9:30

Hattiesburg: Wednesday - woman who had been keeping people in her house got a phone call threatening her life - FBI is investigating it. 2 canvassers were stopped by police - one local boy and Larry Spears volunteers. They warned him that if anything happened and he had a m inor with him he would be kikkix liable. Visiting attorney Janover, drew up a consent from to be signed by parents of kids, local. 2 incidents with regard to kids letters from Freedom Schools written to police officials - cpompliagning that no arrests had been made. Police chief sent for teacher and she will be questioned tomorrow morning - student women wrote to mayor police came to house and said they might charge her for threatening mayor. Allen Lerner - Ben Gershman needs money.

Canton: Barney Frank - they want \$35 for the truck -

Meridian: 6:15 tried sheriff for the second time - no answer 6:20 called Lauderdale county sheriff gave Bob name of Jasper county sheriff - Roddy Grayson. 6:25 Bob reached Grayson - gave him the info. Said he would check things right away - was cordial and seemed concerned. The group went to make some contacts down there - first time t hey had been in Jasper/ Bay Spring is county seat - we do not know where they went - what city, thatis.

Vicksburg: Paul Cowan wants to when King will be in. Should start publicity now. for \$88 cmmxx can talk for 15 minutes and 27 spot announcements. 1 minute each - 2 days worth of . I a .... Bob M ses took the phone and handled it.

Re: missing men in Meridian. Emmie says that Mickey had gotten a report of a murder in Jasper supposedly by a highway patrolman. Rudy knew of this and wax had told Emmie that he was going to try to find something out. We don't know if this trip had anything to do with investigatory work. see WATS line notes July 15.

Meridian: Rudy is alright - called in and line was busy - was trying to find out something about reported murders. Bob talked to Rudy about the danger of working in those areas. I talked to them about the danger of not coming back when they promised.

FBI: I told them thaat Rudy and them had turned up alright.

Canton: Barney Frank is on his way with the Truck - the guys should be out tonight.

Tchula: Robin Greer wants story on Greenwood for his paper in England.

Greenwood: There will be a mass meeting at 7:30 tonight, Freedom Day tomorrow.

Clarksdale: Dr. Falk called them he isn't here now.

Canton: Gerber, Smith, Pittman and Morton coming from Canton

Laurel: wants no. of ministers project in Hattiesburg. Want Shiela O'Connor to work in Laurel on Library. 47720

Greenville: Talked to Twom Wahman about Freedom Schools. Mass Rally everythursdays night and want a folk singer.

Canton: Bob Watkins - the twp released from Canton jail wereon way to Jackson and were stopped by city cops. They were asked for identification and were told if they didn't they should go register with city police if they were going to be in town. -- Steve Smith on his way to Jackson.

Vicksburg: wanted Rachel. Slightly increased pattern of intimidation. Esp. of of houses where volunteers are living. 1. call saying that lady should meet caller. 2. bomb threat of office3. 2

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Biloxi: Guyot wants a Lawyer for something.

Ruleville: number arrested 25 yesterday - 24 are still in jail - Florine Johnson was released she has a local lawyer. 10 women x women are in indianola county jail - men are at the moorehead county penal farm. 9 volunteers, charles mclaurin. Maynard Onerberg Lawyer talked with the superintendent at Moorehead - was told that thier safety couldn't be assured. Lawyer was disturbed by this. 11:am this talk occured. Total bond \$4,860 have raised \$2200 - looks like they will get it all by tomorrow afternoon.

Laurel: Jeff Smith - \$200 for telephone deposit - Gwen s ays they need Lawyer by tomorrow. Incidents: Jimmy Garret, volunteer canvassing He was accosted by two white boys - accuesed him of not being from Miss. - knocked materials from his hands and ran. 2. two workers received ph ne calls where they ar living - frightening their hostess. Marilyn Ratley and Lella Smith. Needs some voter registration people. How can they get Lester's car unimpounded.

Columbus: 9:45 called back immediately no answer - busy

Batesville: wanted to know about the community centers meeting

Gulfport: for Dave Wolf wanted to know about precinct meetings.

Greenwood: Bob Weil, Cleveland: about 25 or 30 people picketed today at the Bolivar County courthouse in Cleveland, Miss. in a Freedom Day. The picket line first of its kind in Bolivar County, was maintained for at least hours without incident. The picketing group was totally integrated, about half white and half Negro. including several white women. A group arrived about 10 AM About 15volunteers - all white, from Shaw and and t local Negro minors. The picket line reached about 20 or 30 in all. About 25 localpeople went from shaw to cleveland to register. About 20 got into the courthouse and were able to take the test. The registrar was fairly polite, and though people were taken only one at a time, the speed increased during the afternoon. Mound bayou and another neighboring town, sent & Negores to register. Four of these got into take the test. From Cleveland late in the afternoon 6 more came down and one go in. A total of 39 came to Cleveland and 25 got in to take the test. 10 regular Cleveland police and 45 city auxiliary police, under the sheriffs direction were around. They let nobody on the grounds of the courthouse unless they were coming t register or picket. 3 cars of whites came around at lunch hour with young boys in them and our people asked the cops to have them moved, and they did. At 5 pm the special cops left and Sheriff Capp stayed on. When the people requested protection becasue cars to take people home hadn't arrived yet. \$16 worth of traffic tickets.

McComb: Learned today from somebody - not substantial - white community that pople involved in the bombing are saying that the next time they bombed the house they would blow it off the map. Not substantial. Call FBI. They are staying at the Holiday Inn. Don't know the names of the agents. Operators not cooperative here. Call Jackson FBI and that are trying to get in touch with McComb FBI cuz want them to know. Explain -- get the names of some of the agents. A couple at least. Have FBI Jackson.

Columbus: Jesse Morris call Stuart Ewen - is leaving for Tupelo tomorrow Moring.

Greenwood (Mitch) --- NOT FOR RELEASE -- Rite Fielder, 13. of 308 Ave. N. is missing from her home in Greenwood. Unconfirmedreport says she was seen at county farm, among those arrested today. The official police lists do not carry her name, even though all juveniles listed. Advised Memphis FBI, which will be in touch with Greenwood FBI, urging them to take photograph, go to county farm, and verify girl's presence or absence there.