

INCIDENT SUMMARY JULY 26, 1964

McComb: Two bombs were thrown at the home of a local civil rights leader at 1:30 a.m. today. As the first bomb was thrown, Mrs. Charles Bryant fired at the car with a shotgun; the car had passed by the house once before. When Mr. Bryant saw the car's lights approaching a third time he ran outside but was knocked to the ground by the second explosion before he had time to fire a second shot at the car with his wife's shotgun. The car fired into the window Mrs. Bryant's shot had come from, travelled 12-15 feet across the living room, and embedded into a wall. According to SNCC Executive Secretary James Forman, Bryant has worked in the movement for "many years." His brother is the head of the NAACP in McComb. About 50 people attended a voter registration meeting in Bryant's pasture today.

Batesville: A Batesville home in which five civil rights workers are living was tear gas bombed at 1 a.m. Sheriff and deputy arrived approximately 30 minutes after the incident, found the grenade still hot, handled it a good deal so that FBI arriving later found it covered with police fingerprints. The army-type tear gas grenade exploded behind the house of Mr. Robert J. Miles, and the gas blew in the windows forcing the occupants to vacate.

Mileston: Car burned outside the home of Mr. David Howard who houses summer volunteers Robin Greer and Don Hamer; car 2/3 burned, interior gutted; SNCC car. 2) Volunteer John Allen was approached in a store here by two whites who asked where he lived; when he pointed to the Community Center they went to their car, took a pistol each from the trunk, put them in their belts, came back to Allen and told him they would "find out what was going on" when they "came back."

Canton: It was learned that the Church Council of Canton (white Presbyterian Churches) voted in June to keep all summer civil rights workers from attending services. Rev. Harbison of the First Presbyterian took exception and admitted volunteers until today. Today white summer volunteers Peter Praetz and Richard Schwartz were turned away by three white men who told them they had "caused too much dissention in the church." At the First Methodist Church, white volunteers Bill Monnie, Dorothy Harris, Mike Piore and Bill Carney were refused attendance for the third week in a row. As they left the church today, a group assembled around their car, shoved them into the car forcibly, and slammed the door with such force the window cracked. Their car was followed to destination by pick-up truck carrying a Mr. Steve Rimmer who last week had been close to the scene of the beating of volunteers.

Greenwood: Silas McGee, the young man whose beating in Greenwood's LeFlore theatre led to the first arrests under the civil rights act, and his brother Jake were mobbed by 150-200 whites as they went to leave the theatre after attending tonight. As they walked to the car when Greenwood staff members came to pick them up at the theatre, after receiving a phone call from the brothers, Jake was hit repeatedly by the whites, and both received cuts and abrasions of face and shoulders and glass in eyes when a coke bottle was thrown through the car window. Both were treated at LeFlore County Hospital, but were then trapped at the hospital along with the SNCC staff members until 1 a.m. as cars of armed whites blocked all roads leading out of the hospital. FBI, local police, highway patrol, and sheriff refused protection out of the hospital, until 1 a.m.--after more than 3 hours of waiting inside the locked doors of the hospital--the sheriff followed the SNCC staff and the McGee car to their destinations.

INCIDENT SUMMARY JULY 27, 1964

Jackson: Aaron Henry, Ed King, Mrs. Victoria Gray replied publicly to Sen. Douglas' (D-Ill.) "conciliatory suggestinn" (his phrase) that no Mississippians be seated at convention or a delegation half Dixiecrat, half Democratic. The FDP statement said seating none would "be in part to perpetuate the situation we have organized to combat," and that we do not believe "a systematic denial of civil rights can be half-condemned, half-condoned....we are dubious of the value of a delegation that is half-slave, half-free."

Canton: Five National Council of Churches ministers (George Coleman, Boardman Kaphan, Farley Wheelright, Julius Belson, Richard Milford) arriving in Canton for their first Mississippi assignment were trapped in their car with two local Negro housewives from 5:50 to 7:35 this evening on a narrow one-way alley leading out of the bus station where they arrived. The driver of the car in front of them stopped his car and the car in back would not move; drivers of these cars were two of seven white men who had threatened the ministers upon their arrival in the station. A crowd of approximately 100 whites, and another of approximately 50 Negroes gathered at the scene as well as several more cars. A local Negro passing the scene reported the situation to Canton CORE staff who sent a pick-up truck to scene and convinced sheriff to have first car move.

Greenwood: Brick thrown through window of Negro barbershop on Johnson Street, the congested Negro business street on which Freedom Registration was held last Saturday and three incidents resulted.

McComb: Summer volunteer Mendy Samstein was arrested for "failnre to yield the right of way" as he was driving a group of local Negro children for voter registration canvassing and distribution of leaflets for a Freedom Democratic Party precinct meeting; fined \$16.50.

Mayersville: Precinct meeting held in Moon Lake Baptist Church which owner of Plantation across street from church, A. E. Scott, had threatened to burn if any more civil rights meetings were held there. (2,399 Negroes here out of total population of 3,576.)

Batesville: Precinct and County meetings

Holly Springs: Precinct and County meetings

Gulfport: Precinct meetings.