

Biloxi: 12:30 am - Smoke bomb thrown from green '53 Pontiac (license number not obtained) for 4 men - white - in car from which bomb thrown -- will call back if more details can be obtained -- bomb thrown on the sidewalk at a restaurant one block from the COFO office.

Breaker

Morning calls

Aberdeen: 8:00 James Carr-- Had mass meeting last night. 125 people attended.

Valley View: 8:16- Going canvassing in the Northern part of the county. Call back at about 6:30pm for the statistics on voter registration.

Tdhula: Had three precinct meetings in Holmes County last night. In Mileston, 60-80 people were present; in Pilgram Rest- 20 people and in Mount Olive- 100. There were 10 delegates chosen from each of the three places. All went well and there was no trouble.

Holly Springs: Harry Malm-- Needs money to rent a truck to take 75 boxes of clothes to Greenwood. Needs about \$120.

McComb: 9:00 -- Lawyers are on the way back to Jackson. Have Ann Cooper of LCDC call the McComb office. Re: the case lawyer were on there.

Biloxi: Dickie Flowers-- Had two precinct meetings-- Ten people chosen as delegates from each precinct. Only one alternate was chosen because there was a shortage of people. Several guys came from a military base who were prohibited from participating in the meeting because of the Hack Act. This act prohibits military and federal workers from participating in political activities.

Aberdeen: at the precinct meeting last night there were 14 people chosen as delegates.

Want someone from Jackson to come up there for the County Convention. for keynote speaker. Also need someone to help organize the County executive committee. Someone needs to impress upon the people the importance of the committee. Have this person come tomorrow or today if possible.

Things are pretty well organized now.

Ruleville: Dale Gronomeier-- They received a gift subscription to the National Review, right wing publication.

Yesterday they went into Morehead (35-40 miles from Ruleville) This was the first time civil right work was done there. Received a good reception. They worked for over an hour and got 36 people freedom registered.

Got three spot announcements on WMLA in Indianola (white radio station). They would only take three spot announcements for three days. The guy said that he would take any more business from them in the future because he wasn't obligated to do so. He might get in trouble with the community. Jackson will get a receipt from R'ville in a few days for the \$36.13 for 13 spot announcements. Had thought that they could run them for three weeks. Will send \$27.00 back.

Hattiesburg: Terrie Shaw-- 10:10-- The judge dismissed the complaint because the plaintiff weren't there. 1) Rule 41 ~~###1111111111~~ of the federal procedure was invoked. This states that ~~the~~ unless one of the plaintiffs is present, they can voluntarily dismiss the suit. 2) Failure to state a cause of action. 3). Mise read the out of state attorney letter circulated by the guild and ~~#####~~ started an investigation of Krustler and tried to get Krustler on the stand. Judge Mise appointed the defense lawyer as friend of court to conduct the investigation.

Meridian: Lousie Hervey-- A church was burned last night outside of Meridian. The church was the Mount Moriah Baptist Church- route 2 Meridian. The church was completely ~~destroyed~~ destroyed. The ~~church~~ church is a Negro church in a completely white neighborhood.

Had an unconfirmed report that the white community had been trying to get the property for a building. There were no witnesses to the burning.

Gulfport: Henry Bailey and Dan Moody-- Last night Dan Moody, local volunteer, was picked up by two white men in 58 Chevy station wagon. One of the guys put a gun in his back and forced him into the car. In the car, they blindfolded him and took him to someplace to a room. Moody believes he was in Biloxi. There were five guys in the room and three of them ~~guss~~ questioned him. They wanted him to give them some info about COFO. Who do we contact and who contact us. They said that he would be paid very well for this info. ~~##~~ Moody didn't get a very good look at any of the guys. The guys who did most of the questioning was about 6', middle age and had on white pants.. The driver of the car was an old man about 65-66. They were very courteous. The ~~only~~ only guy who got rough was the one with the gun. He kept poking him in the back. They said that they didn't want ~~to~~ to hurt him, only wanted to know what the organization did.

They then took him back to the place where they got him and gave him a dollar to catch a taxi back home. They made arrangements for him to meet them there this morning at 7:00. The FBI were contacted. They told ~~him~~ the office not to contact the local police until after the meeting that was scheduled for this morning. Moody went back this morning, but the guys didn't show up. Moody doesn't think that the guys were from Gulfport. He had never seen any of them before.

*Meridian Church
Bureau*

Greenville: Askew-- Otha William, local Negro, is totally disabled and was getting a disability check until June 23. He received a letter informing him that his check would be cut off and he would have to come down to the office to find out why. Askew went with him to the office and they were told that they would only find out the info from the Jackson office. Should contact a Mrs. E. Gandy on Woolfolk Street at the state office building. They refused to let them see the records in G'ville so that they can review the case.

Wants someone in this office to try to find out why Mr. Williams was cut off the disability payroll and could he be place back on.

Meridian: Louise Herme-- Guys from the office went to check on the church burning. Found a policeman and a photographer there. They had collected some material from the burned church until the police stopped them. They think that the fire was started from tar.

Greenville : Wants Mrs. Gray or Dr. Henry to come there and speak at the precinct meeting, Monday night at 8:00.

See above
Tomorrow at 1:15 summer volunteer arriving from Atlanta on the Grayhound bus. Some one should meet him. He will have lot of equipment from New York. Name is Galvand.

Meridian: Put some freedom registration forms on the trailway bus. Should get here at 1:45

Needs between 500- 1000 fr forms.

Vicksburg: 12:40-- Today one of the staff members was helping a local man take chairs into the Y. The Negro guy who runs the Y told him not to come into the Y if he didn't want to be arrested. The police have been driving around the Y all day. As of yet there has been no encounters with the police.

New number-- 636-9939 Andy Barnes

Meridian: Louise Herme-- More on the church burning-- Bob Gore reported that there is no sure way of telling whether the burning was arson or not. The place is still very hot. The glass windows were completely melted. There are houses very close to the church and no one called the fire department until it was too late.

Moss Point: Mermie MCKay-- Had a mass meeting last night. Talked about the Pascagola precinct meeting and the county convention both of which will be held on Saturday. 150-200 People attended the meeting.

500 freedom registration forms are needed immediately. Don't send them so any more packages in Ron Ridenour's name. It's hadr getting them from the station. Send them in Mermie MaKay's name. More adults are taking part in the canvassing and they are getting more people freedom registered that way.

Itta Bena-- Willie McGee-- Went to Memphis and talked with the lady who owns the office that was wrecked. She doesn't want to rent to them anymore and wants them to move. She is afraid that if they stay the place will be burned. Can get another place for the same price. Will probably get it Saturday.

Two police came from Greenwood yesterday evening and asked for Jean Konzen. They told them that they didn't know where she was. The police stayed around for about two hours and talked to the workers. They wanted to ask a lot of questions. They talked about going to register and not being qualified. The workers told them that if they knew who wrecked the office to tell the persons that that wouldn't stop them from doing what they thought was right.

Saturday Willie and James Brown were asked to leave a plantation. They had been there trying to get the people freedom registered. The owner said that if his people wanted to register, he would take them down himself.

Stribling, 6 pm

Ruleville

Indianola: Got your signals crossed. No message.

Ruleville: At 5:30 received a call that Fred Miller, 20, Negro, SNCC vol from Prichard ALA, and Betty Williams, Ruleville Negro were arrested in Drew for distributing leaflets on public property without a permit. It occurred on the same street as the Holly Grove Baptist Church. The two were allegedly distributing leaflets to trucks on the street. No bond yet Greenwood has been called, We trying to get lawyers out of Indianola. Time of arrest: don't have; don't have the name of the street. They were picked up by the local police. Call back about the lawyers. The lawyers to be in Drew "very soon." (time is 6:40pm)---George Winters --- 7:00: There is a question about bond. We have about \$300 which we can cover in checks. The bond is six hundred total. five hundred for Fred, and one for Eddie Williams. They lawyers are there. They are talking to the mayor. Evidently he doesn't know what to do and has called for lawyer Welsh in Ruleville. Greenwood is checking the FBI and Justice Dept. We are interested in getting them out tonight and are wondering about how to get the cash. We are wondering how we can get the three hundred in cash.

Valley View: Dan wood, call for Andy Rust.

Cleveland: Tobis, Hedda. I am not sure that you have record that I am in Cleveland. I am going home. At the beginning of the sunner, I had told them that I was going home. Will forward mail.

Breaker 7:30

Columbus: Have Staughton Lynd or Tom Wahman call.

Columbus: Stu Ewen- The Tupelo project is broke. They can't afford a telephone, mail box or even food. They have a new plymouth and can't afford to buy a tag. Please send these people some money. \$50- telephone deposit, \$80 car tag, \$5 - mail box money for food, gas ~~and~~ and an exterminator. Send it in care of Western Union.

Canton: Do you still need Mrs. Devine for Holmes county and Lexington Saturday?

Hattiesburg: Sunday District caucus----Bob Moses was committed to come down on Sunday--Casey uncommitted him Sunday--unable to get in touch with Forman or Lewis--have not replied to his messages--need keynote speaker for dist caucus--"people down here in Hattiesburg have worked harder than anyone in the state--deserve some recognition for their labors--Bob should uncommit himself from first dist. and recommit self back there--this will enable the people here to continue further--they deserve it" As Casey is one who uncommitted him, she should recommit him--"you don't slap people in the face who have been working for you--you don't ignore them--none of the hierarchy from SNCC or COFO have been down here--they have to come down here and not just read my reports--they have to see the Freedom Schools and Community Centers--this is supposed to be the swingiest project in the state--2:00--St. Paul's Methodist Church--Mrs. Gray will introduce speaker--she is so well known around here that the people here don't think anything special about seeing her--someone from SNCC or COFO hierarchy must be down here for that meeting--a group of SNCC people here could never have gotten all this going, and it is about time the people who did it got some credit"--Sandy Leigh. 8:30

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----- Clarksdale: Evone Cain e --Zwerling, Max, 20, white, NYC was arrested for speeding four miles from Clrksdale. He is out on \$25 bond. and the trial is Saturday at three. He was speeding. ~~swingx~~. Unmarked car. 8:30 pm

Ruleville: 8:30 pm. Ilene calling to get information. Information about the most recent arrests. What were they handing out? leaflets advertising the precent meeting--on the other side explanation of the FDP. Handing them out on private property to the people in the homes. Went to nearby house. They only talked to a man in a car.

----- Jackson. A call from the airport to confirm the reservations of Ruth Schein for the 9:10 flight to NYC. Call atleast 1/2 hr. before departure.

Breaker

Aberdeen: Warren Galloway--Local worker, Calvin Buckingham, was driving his car a few days ago when the police stopped him. Wanted to know his name and address. Asked him if he had been riding the freedom riders in his car. He answered no. The police told him that if they caught him riding any freedom riders in his car, he and the riders will be arrested.

Robert Harris, local volunteer, was also stopped by the police. He had

Aberdeen Con't: been out canvassing. The police looked through the ~~###~~ material he had with him (material on the precinct meetings).

Russell Jackson, Jr., cab driver who workes with the movement was stopped by the polife. He had just taken some of the workers to church. The police took his license and told him that he must have a commercial license to drive the cab.

Tchuba: Robin Greer-- The people in Pilgrim Rest want to to know if there is a legal way for them to get protect after the summer volunteers leave. Also if there is a legal way for them to get the telephone company to install telephones there. The Telephone co. is reluctant about installing phones there.

Want more more info on what volunteers are going to be there when the summer is over.

What is to be done about the people whose relief has been cut off.

10:00PM @Columbus: Mike Hickson-- At about 8:50 tonight a black 58 Olesmobile drove around the office several time. Appeared to have thrown something out the window. Nothing was found. Came back about 25 minutes ago.

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Tupelo: ~~10:50~~ 10:50 Isic Coleman called from Tupelo to say they made it alright from Columbus. Called from phone: 8429812

Hattiesburg: Douglas Smith called to say send all his mail to Hattiesburg. He had been in Laurel and Laurel had been sending it to Jackson.

McComb Precinct meeting in Summit this evening - there were 7 freedom registered adults present they elected the 7 for the county convention that makes about five precincts for the county that they are presently active in. After the meeting was over the workers were coming home and they were stopped by the highway patrol. David Gerber was driving Marshall Ganz , Bephus Hughs were with him. As high way patrol was returning his license, no ticket or anything he said "David in the business you're in I'd advise you for your own protection to leave Mississippi and go back to Maryland. Now this is just advice." While the patroo man had them stopped whites in 2 cars stopped and watched what was happening. One was a 63 Mercury station wagon with white panneling lisenes 1637 the other waw blue and white Willis pick up The pick-up turned around and followed the care that Dave was driving down highway 51 all the way back to McComb about 2 or 3 miles. All of this was monitored by Daves car radio another car with a radio was sent out to meet them. When the assistance car reached the other car the pick-up left. couldn't get the lisenec number of tht pick-up. It knew that help had come.

Lee Garrett - reporting.

Need two more antenna leads and ² one more mikes

connectors that go in from the antenna to the radio.

connectors for the wire to the antennas.

Joe Knock : rode in from tougolou with a fellow who was assigned to Biloxi he has Joe's camera Please have him send the camera to McComb John Rich is his name.