

*Brandon Church*

Brandon: Hazel Palmer called, 12:25; Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist church on old 80 highway is burning right now. Mrs. Palmer got a call from her sister about it. Pastor is Rev. Robinson of Yaxoo City. Mrs. Palmer has spoken to the congregation about the summer project. Twice: three months ago and one month ago. It is an all wooden frame building newly remodeled, last year, she thinks. It is a large church, for a rural one. 939 15 57, Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Palmers sister, lives near the church. Mrs. Palmer, one of the most active local people says that her grandfather built the church and was its first pastor.

Vicksburg: Paul Cowen called, 12:50; FDP has gotten the Court House (County) in Vicksburg for their Convention tomorrow night - August 1st. at 7:30 Jim Forman will be the Keynote speaker. Paul suggests we notify the Press. Stribling, WATS

Greenwood: ~~Thexxxxx~~ There have been recent speech on the summer project. 1:10

Jackson: 1:05 Ilene spoke with Mr. Jones at 939-1537 and he said that the church was completely burned down and that the hwy patrol, the Brandon police, and the Brandon Fire Dept. had been there, but that the Fire Dept. got there too late to control it. Mrs. Jones is Mrs. Hazel Palmer's sister. At 1:10 I called the FBI reported what information that we have and referred then to Mr. Jones. And that's it. This is somewhere between the eleventh and the fourteenth church tht has been burned.

Greenwood: 5:20 Ed Rudd. Jones is the Deacon of the Church. He arrived at the church at midnight--lives about a mile from it--people had come running to his home--by midnight when he arrived the church burned to foundation. At scene: Brandon town marshall and 3-4 highway patrol cars--he talked with town marshall, asked where fire dept was--marshall said fire dept had arrived, but decided that church so far gon could do nothing with it, so left. Jones not able to go near the church--standing with town marshall at base of hill where church stands--said could see that church still burning--flames still coming from charred timbers--butane gas tank buried next to church--13th church burning since June 21.

Jackson: 5:25 (Ilene) Called back Mr. Lee of Jackson FBI to relay info received from Gwd. He said men are at the scene now, will be speaking with Mr. Jones.

Jackson: 6:10--Ilene, talked to FBI man Lee again. Called Brandon Fire department at 6:00. Man on desk said trucks left station at approx. 11:30, church site is 3-4 miles from station. They stayed 15 or 20 minutes and left, deciding they had been called too late and there was nothing they could do. He said he knew nothing about a butane tank buried next to church, that police had told him nothing about it. At 6:05 call Lee who took info from fire dept. and said 4 of his men are either at the fire dept now or on their way their from church site.

Aberdeen: Warren Galloway- 8:00 County convention tonight at the St. Paul Methodist Church-- 1518 Chestnut St. Aberdeen. Requested a speaker yesterday. Will they be able to get one?

✓ Need pamphlets on the Mississippi Summer Project, the Mississippi Student Union, freedom registration and freedom registration forms. Send to James Carr, Hahn Street, Box 44, Aberdeen.

A car was supposed to come from Hollysprings to Aberdeen yesterday. What happened to it?

McComb: 8:20-- Call back in about 20 minutes for Mendy.

Vicksburg: 8:25-- Andy Barnes-- County meeting is tonight instead of tomorrow. There will be 12 precincts represented with about 200 delegates. Local people along with Dr. Shirley and Andy went to the Sheriff and talked with him about a meeting place. Sheriff is custodian of the building and he let them have the court house.

Valley View: 9:05-- Dave Gable-- Need the car radio people. The car radio won't get in contact with the office.

Voter registration statistics-- 11 people went down to the court house- 9 allowed to take the test and none passed. not too accurate.

Canton: Mary McGroaty-- Mrs. Devine will not be able to make the Greenville or the Holmes County meetings.

The district caucus starts at 3:30 Sunday <sup>in Meridian</sup>. Dick Jewett please let them know if you can make it.

Ruleville: Annelle for Jasse

McComb: Rented a car last week for three week, but they wanted it back in a week to see if it was still in good shape. Can any body bring the car in or will the person who rented it have to bring it in. Robert Osman rented the car from Hertz, Airport.

Shaw-- The Shaw project is going to lend \$100 to the Cleveland project ( John Bradford) to get a car fixed. They will repay the money when they get money for Jackson

Biloxi: Dickie Flowers--Canvasser and freedom school teachers working in Ocean Springs are having a little trouble with the police. Ocean Springs is about three miles from Biloxi.

The people are over there trying to get people freedom registered and are trying to set up a freedom school. Police stopped them and told them that if they passed out any literature they would be arrested. The police haven't done anything yet. They have only parked near the group and are watching them.

Clarksdale: Yvonne Klein-- Wants three of the affidavits sent in to the office sent back or a copy of them. They are Charles Penületan, James A. Carter and Joe Johnson.

Two people coming in on trailway bus -- 1:30 someone should meet them because they have a lot of junk. Girl and boy.

Greenville: Lynn Hamilton and Lester Turner have left the project for good.

Tupelo: Meeting for the 8 delegates and 8 alternates and all other interested person tonight.

Canton: Bob Fletcher pick up Jane Adams in Canton.

Greenwood: two people coming in on Grayhound. Someone should pick them up because they don't have address or phone number. 2:15

Greenwood: 3 arrests and a 4th later. At approx. 11:20 am mobile units 2 and 3 left the office for Memphis with 7 passengers to bring back 6 cars. Within 2 blocks of the office had a call from Monroe Sharp without advising that drivers of both cars being arrested and that the police had ordered that both vehicles follow them to the police station. James Forman took the radio and ordered the units to return to the office. Both cars came back without the original driver, Silas McGee who had been driving unit 2 and Monroe Sharp who was on the radio in unit 2 and John L. Paul who was driving unit 3. Paul and McGee have been charged with driving with improper vehicle license although both have cars have temporary 7 day Tenn. license tags. Sharp was charged with resisting arrest evidently because he was trying to radio out report of the arrest on the radio. The 3 of them have been booked \$500 for each driver, \$100 for Monroe. -- John Paul is 21, Ossing NY, summer volunteer, Jr. at Hamilton College, Eng. lit major in VR in SNCC project in Itta Bena; McGee, 21, Browning, Miss. 2 miles e. of Greenw., twice beaten at LeFlore Theater after integration attempts and most mostly recently beaten by 2 or 3 white men who took him at gun point to the community of Green Acres shortly after he had come from FBI office; Sharp, native of Chicago SNCC staff, VR and CC with Greenw. local project. -- Paul is white; others Negro.

FBI has been advised of the arrests. Also been advised that their was apparently radio jamming equipment in operation in downtown Greenw. at the time when were trying to make radio contact with the 2 local units which had been ordered to follow the police at the station.

The mobil security units -- the jammer is apparently located at the fire station. DO NOT RELEASE THIS FACT.

Miss. code 935-24 is the title under which the drivers charged. Are in Greenw. city jail.

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Ruleville: Dave Werner--Trial was held today for the two guys who were arrested yesterday for distributing leaflets without a permit in Drew. The trial was set for 10:00 this morning. An application was made for a continuance. Mayor denied the application.

Biloxi: John Hamilton is the new code name for 436-4388, rm. 114. Call daily for a report. Before 2:00 pm preferably. Fink on the phone from 2-10 pm.

Ruleville Con't-- The mayor said that Werner could handle the case. Werner had wanted time to get some attorneys up there. Werner handled the case and felt that everything went well. They lost the case and the guys were fined \$100 each. Werner will post appeal bonds for them this afternoon and will draw up a petition for appeal in the Federal Court.

Biloxi: Dickie Flowers and 2 volunteers have been arrested in Ocean Springs. Al and 2 other lawyers were with Flowers. Half hour ago received the call in Biloxi from Ocean Springs. The jail house in Ocean Springs says they have not been arrested. Al-Version with Flowers, George Johnson and 3 others over there so there are people not in jail on the scene.

Virginia 8755728 Virginia is at that number. Alice numb: 875- 2211  
Two guys from the justice department are in the office now in Biloxi.  
The police had said would arrest somebody if they handed out leaflets.  
DON'T KNOW IF THERE HAVE BEEN ARRESTS.

George Johnson has been picked up.

Canton: 2:20 -

Greenv. Al Harris in Hollandale. <sup>A group</sup> Went to courthouse. Were asked to fill out an affidavit and sign it, but they are physically not able to do so. They are literate. People right now are at Greenville Court House.

Meridian: Mark Levy - have BOB COHEN CALL.

Jackson: Norris McNamara wants very much to see and talk with at length Jim Forman. He will call in and tell where he, Norris, can be reached.

Greenwood: 3:05

Carthage: Theodias Hewitt-- Two cr workers, Rev. Ed. Heinerger and John Hollicher, white summer volunteer, were beaten very badly to day. The two were picked up today by the police and taken to the Carthage city jail. Sheriff said that they were charged with disturbing the peace. He might let them out on a \$100 bond. A local guy came to the office to let them know that the two had been arrested.

Theodias went to the jail but the sheriff wouldn't let him see the guys. The guys were standing in the office with a doctor. They had been beaten very badly. Sheriff told Theodias and the guy who was with him that if they didn't get out of the jail house they would be arrested for disturbing the peace. They left and went back to the car. A little while later, the sheriff bought the two out of the jail and they got in the car with the deputy sheriff. Theodias

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Carthage con't: trailed the sheriff's car to the Lee County Memorial Hospital. The sheriff took the two inside the hospital. The sheriff than left. The office knows nothing about the condition of the two guys.

Meridian - Sue Brown - Richard Swanson, 22 year old white summer volunteer, was arrested today on a traffic violation. Three other people were in the car with him at the time, Monty Morgan, Dona Grede and Forest Lynch. Swanson was driving north on 8th street about 3:30. He had been followed very closely by a white VW. The police pulled around the Vw and up to the station wagon Swanson was driving. Told Swanson to get out of the car and asked for his driver's license. When Swanson was unable to find his license, the police told him to follow him to the station. He did this. At the station the police wrote out a ticket for reckless driving and speeding. Swanson was driving at about 30MPH. The police name is Lee Robert. When the police was writing the ticket he asked Swanson his race. Swanson said white. The police said are you sure and started laughing.

At the jail the desk Sargent asked Robert what was the charge. Robert said two charges and laid the ticket on the desk. At this time, Swanson didn't know why he was being arrested. Swanson reached for the ticket that was still on the book and the police hit him on the wrist and said keep your hands off the book. He then told him that he had to pay a \$24 bond. The trial will be tomorrow

Robert put Morty Morgan out of the station and told him that he had no business bing in the station.

The police who arrested Swanson is the one who works near the office. He gives out tickets periodically.

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Carthage Sheriff's office: It is separate from the jail. Jail # 2831. The boy who is bonded out prefers to stay with his buddy until he is also released.

Jackson: Jack Pratt called from LCDC office to report on Carthage: The two have been removed from the jail to the hospital. Our people expect to arrive there at 5:30. The FBI are on their way. (5:05)

Clarksdale: 5:15 - Annell Ponder - will be there until early in the morning tomorrow.

McComb: 5:20 - Dennis Sweeney arrived...did not check in...

Tchula: 5:23 - Nick Bosanquist for Tom Walhman

Canton-for-Dona.

Canton: The speaker is out of order. Would like the radio people to come and fix it as soon as possible. Bring 1 walkie talkie and one two-way raido.

Carthage: Dr. J.H. Scott at the Leake County Memorial Hospital is treating the 2 boys.

Greenwood: 5:35 - Will call back with Alberts story.

Hattiesburg: 5:45 - Shiela and Terri Shaw: What has <sup>Michelle</sup> done about Charles Evers. The 5th conventional district is working very hard... What about a speaker at

Hattiesburg: cont - They would like a speaker for their county meeting - Jessie please call.

Carthage: Talked with Dr. J.H. Scott who treat Heininger and Polacheck. He is not allowed, under Miss. law, to give out details on patients he treats. However, he did report that after thorough examination no serious injuries - broken bones - were discovered. They were x-rayed. They have been checked out of the hospital. Harm limited to bruising.

Vicksburg: Questions: Can staff come to the <sup>district</sup> ~~county~~ and state conventions?

✓ Tupelo: Joan Wiggins is leaving now, 7:15 from Tupelo for Jackson by trailways. Will be in Jackson by about 11:00.

Meridian: Louise Hermey concerned about the identification of a photographer who says he represents COFO. Says he knows Mitch.

Vicksburg: 7:45 - Forman Landy was supposed to call Greenw. at 4:30 and ask for self which would mean he was taking highway 40 for Vicksburg. He is not here. -- We have 3 numbers for him in Yazoo City and the names of the kids who are with him. Forman saw the numbers 1½ weeks ago. At 4:30 he - Landy - was supposed to call and say if he were leaving Yazoo city. We do not presently know if he is still in Yazoo city or whether he actually got on the road.

Greenw: Landy was supposed to come from Yazoo to Vicks. on highway ~~344~~. Was supposed to call at 4:30. 843-3743. = the number Judy Richardson has for him.

Meridian: George or Mat Ballis. Are presently allowing him to take pictures. Norris says he is OK.

Vicksburg: Forman informs that all ok about Landy.

Greenwood: On George Alberts -- still delayed. He will call - Mitch will call - about it after Vicksburg mass meeting.

Valley View: 8:10 - Nancy Jervis has two concerns: (1) They feel able to supply the students and the housing (with telephone) for 2-4 Freedom School teachers. ARE REQUESTING THE TEACHERS. Please inform Staughton of the need. (2) There is a man, name as yet not public, who met Dave Dennis at a meeting in Madison County, who is interested in having an FDP program in his county of Attala (1st district). He lives in Goodman, Miss. He would be able to hold a meeting on Wednesday night in a church. DAVE DENNIS SHOULD CONTACT VALLEY VIEW crew in order to get in contact with this man.

Hattiesburg: Virginia - wants to go to Gulfport and deliver books. She wants to visit the library. Will arrive around 11:00. Perhaps will contribute some books. See if they need books.

✓ Tom Wahman call Art Reese in Hattiesburg.

Greenville: 28-523 white 64 chrysler 4 door. This car has been circling with whites in it, in Issaquena where workers are. Wondered if the # 28 was somehow significant identification of an authority. Have not seen this preface before.

McComb: Informed Mendy that the State Convention is Thursday at 1:00, 6 August.

Canton: They have not received material on the Freedom School Convention.

Vicksburg: Landy McNair is leaving for Jackson right now. 10:20. He will call Vicksburg when he gets there!

Shaw: 10:25 - Local high school students invited the staff of the Shaw freedom center to a fund raising summer supper at Mickevns Highschool. When three of the c r workers, all white, arrived at the school cafeteria they were warmly received by the students who were cooking the supper and invited by the supervising teacher, Mrs. Nancy Dunn, to sit inside.

Shortly thereafter the principle of McGover McEvens, Mr. Earl Altheimer, hurried in and told the 3 volunteers they would have to obtain permission from the superintendent (white) before entering the building. When asked whether that meant that the volunteers should make a trip that evening to downtown Shaw, Mr. A. insisted it would be necessary. "We would not mind," he said, "but some of us might get in trouble."

The c r workers then took their plates and ate on the steps outside the cafeteria. Later when 2 more white COFO volunteers requested seating, the principle again refused insisting he was only "following orders"

The local students immediately began planning a boycott of the school cafeteria in protest of the incident. Students will meet at the Shaw freedom center for picnic lunches instead.

At a mass meeting the same evening the plan was enthusiastically received by the Shaw community and it was suggested that ~~the~~ an attempt be made to have the principle (called by one of the students a "low-down dirty rabbit") removed. The president of the local MSU chapter, then suggested that the entire school be boycotted; students from each class would draw up a petition requesting a better library, more text books, air conditioning, equipment for shops and labs, etc. A local woman pointed out that in the same spirit the Baptist church could be boycotted since one of the white student volunteers, a Baptist, was not permitted to become a member. A lively discussion followed on all the proposed boycotts and action will begin next on the school lunch boycott.

Morris Rubin, a UST volunteer commented that incidents are "excellent demonstrations of the fact that not only Negroes but whites also are not free in Miss."

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On Tuesday there will be a dance - talent show at the highschool. If COFO people did not attend then COFO and others would boycott it. This was the kids idea. -- Also expecting to have a lively Freedom Reg. day on Tues.

Liza Vogel reports. Will call Liza back tomorrow with other opinions on whether or not the above is too close to demonstration to be appropriate. I advised that it looked ok since the kids are initiating their own reaction and volunteers would not be participants in the boycotts.

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Landy McNair will be leaving for Yazoo city at 7:00 in the morning. If he doesn't call by 8:30 we can call Rev. Lee Valentine 403 West 2nd 746-4655.

William L. Robinson, VIIIth 31 July

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*Batesville*

Kathy Speaking

Batesville 11:35 Miles house just shot at . Clair Oconner and I were sitting in the kitchen with the light on when three shots were fired . None of the shots hit the house but we could see them go by the window. The only other lights on were in our bedroom in the front of the house and in front of the kitchen. Kathy Amatniek anly heard 2 shots but Mrs Miles and the neighbor heard 3. 85 registered voters were named in the Panolian and ~~##~~ 27 in the Sardis paper The Southern Reporter. Might be a connection with the shooting.

Bill Robinson Reported the incident to FBI agent Cullen at 11:50pm.