

W. Helena: Joe Wright

At 9pm

On Saturday night the house where the SNCC people stay was fire bombed. / Two fire trucks leading 50 cars of whites drove into the neighborhood. Two whites went up to the house and threw the fire bomb, a bottle filled with inflammable liquid. The bottle hit a stick which was propping up a front window and bounced back on the lawn, burning the grass, but not damaging the house. No one was in the house at the time, because the SNCC staff members have been staying elsewhere. Larry Seigel and Bob Blockum ~~KKK~~ went over to the house and brought back the rags that were in the bottle, but they were not able to bring the bottle. AP was called about the incident. They called the police, who claimed they knew nothing about any fire bombing. (Friday night two fire trucks came to the mass meeting)

Also Saturday night, whites driving a car with Mississippi plates were in the neighborhood of the SNCC house around midnight asking people for a white boy (Larry Seigel). An Arkansas car was in the neighborhood Sunday night asking about Larry. Police have been patrolling the neighborhood regularly throughout the weekend. They claim to be looking for a Negro who had raped a white girl.

Agent Smart

The FBI in Little Rock/was called on Saturday evening about the fire bombing. They still have not come to see the SNCC people and get the cloth from the bomb.

On Saturday night and Sunday staff members tried to reach the Atlanta office to tell them of the incidents. Three calls were placed Saturday night by Wright, Seigel and Blockum. Each time the operator claimed she could not 'reach the number'. They tried again on Sunday and again could not reach the office. In the future they will try to call Greenwood if they can't reach Atlanta, and if they can't reach either they will dial us direct and we'll reimburse the people who's phone they're using.

JD in Washington was called about the above incidents and when asked about the slowness of the FBI they refused to answer. Spoke with John Martin.

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Hattiesburg: from Greenwood Commonwealth, July 30, 1964

The suit filed by Rita Schwerner, Mrs. Hamer, Dorie Ladner, etc. ~~KKKKKKKK~~ to enjoin the KKK, the APWR, the Citizens Council and law officers of Philadelphia and Neshoba county was thrown out of court by Judge Mize on Thursday. The suit had asked that U.S. commissioners be placed in each of Miss.'s 82 counties to protect civil and voting rights of Negroes. Mize said he was dismissing the suit 'because three of the workers who signed the complaint didn't appear in court and because of a technical difficulty'. There are plans to appeal Mize's decision.

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