

Canton: Margaret Cunningham-- Margaret Gunn left thne project for good. Medical team is up there. Will probably be there for a week.

Clarksdale-- Yvonne Klein-- Checked to see if the affidavits that she had requested had been sent.

Lafayette Surney for Joanne Grant.

Valley View: O<sup>A</sup>

Atlanta: Carol Rogoff is coming from New York today. Delta airline at 4:58. Bringing stuff from NY.

Laurel: Gwen Robinson--Yesterday the lawyers came and paid the fine for Lester McKinney to be let out of jail. Told the jailer that Jimmy Garrett would have the receipt and would ~~be~~ be there at 9am to pick Lester up. The lawyers ~~had~~ were assured by the jailer that Lester would be released at 9 this morning.

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This morning at 9 Jimmy Garrett/went to the jail to pick up Lester. He had the receipt for the fine. The ~~guy~~ guy at the jail refused to release Lester. Gave no reason. Jimmy thinks that this guy is a patrol cop. Refused to let Jimmy speak with anyone in higher authority.

The guy at the jail went and got some other guys who weren't even policemen and asked them if they thought that he should arrest Jimmy. Then he said no, it might be very good publicity for us.

Jimmy asked if he should come back later with the receipt and get Lester, The guy said he would advise him not to.

Laurel wants legal to give them some advise on what to do.

Call Hattiesburg and see if In White America is coming to Laurel at 2pm today. They have already put out leaflets for this.

✓Have Staughton Lynd call Gwen Robinson.

Moss Point: Stannaus and Smith arrived. Fred Mealy's clothes have been sent to Natchez.

Clarksdale: Yvonne Klein-- Allan Thomas Goodner, freedom school teacher appeared to have left the project for good. He just took a bus last night without telling anyone. At the same time \$40.00 was discovered missing from the money in the office.

✓Clarksdale needs \$20.00 for gas money to transport people to the state convention.

Will the folk singers be there tomorrow night. Have to know soon so that they can print leaflets.

Shaw

Hattiesburg" Terrie Shaw-- Yesterday Grand Jury hearing on beatings. 6 people were subpoenaed and only 4 were called.

Beer can thrown at canvassers and photographer in Palmer's crossing.

Ruleville: Charles MacLaurin-- Tom Wahman- send the money that Charles requested for the freedom school and community center in Ruleville. Chris Hexter is coming here today and if possible, send the money back by him. He requested \$100.

Shaw: Dennis Flannigan-- Giving report on the school boycott in Shaw. Right now the sheriff walked in and asked for Iris Greenberg.

Shaw Superintendant Closes McEvans School .....Dennis Flannigan

Leaders of Shaw Mississippi Student Union called for a general boycott of The Shaw Elementary and High School until certain requirements are met by the school board.

At 7am, The MSU leaders, Aaron German, Charles Bond and James Johnson, presented the full statement of demands to Mr. Atlheimer, school principal. "We the students of the McEvans School have called a boycott because of the inadequate education we are getting. Because of this, we demand (1) sufficient supply of brand new and up-to-date books for the school, (2) well equipped work shop and labs, (3) well stacked library including a section on Negro History, (4) foreign language courses and other courses that meet the requirement for entrance to accredited colleges. We shall call the boycott off when school administration has assured us of good faith in terms of commitment on their parts to fulfill these demands."

Mr. Atlheimer agreed to the necessity of the demands and promised the students that he would do all in his power to get the demands. 75% of the students in the high school portion of the school walked out with the boycott. The teachers of the elementary section took their students inside and apparently locked the doors.

Mr. Atlheimer then called Mr. Throne, white sup't of school, and presented the demands. Following the conversation, Mr. Atlheimer told the students that he couldn't give them a definite answer. The students then left and went outside the building. About an hour later, the principle came out and told the students that the school had been closed indefinitely (elementary and high school). The buses began arriving to take the students to the rural areas. The sheriff and his deputies came in helmets and very heavily armed. They openly displayed their guns around the kids. The police also bought a big black bus used for taking people to jail.

Six heavily-armed police are stationed near the community center.

Casey Hayden: Call Johnnie Winchester in Hattiesburg.

Shaw: Dennis Flannigan-- Sheriff C.W. Caps and the police Chief W.H. Griffin burst into the home of Mrs. Lucille O'Guinn without and search warrant and demanded the answer to that now famous question "where is Iris Greenberg"? Mrs. O'Guinn didn't know ~~she~~ then they left.

Rev. Douglass ~~Marr~~ <sup>Marr</sup> of NCC was arrested this morning for parking on the wrong side of the street. There were lots of cars parked on the wrong side, but he was the only one arrested. He had to post \$160 bond. Trial is Monday at 4pm.

Today at 11:50am a white ~~man~~ <sup>Marr</sup> man came up to Rev. ~~Marr~~ and questioned him about the trouble at the school. Rev. Marr told him to go and ask the officials. The man then wanted to know where he lived.

Dennis thinks that there will be trouble tonight and wants to be given preference on the WATS line..

McComb: Ralph Featherstone for Staughton Lynd.

Tchula----- Lester McKinney is out of jail and is safe.

Aberdeen: needs more transportation to the State Convention. Their new car got confiscated. One of the delegates has a car, but they will need one more.

Canton: Margaret Cunningham-- Drs. Gittleman and Clark arrived from Jackson. Gittleman will go on to Greenwood.

Meridian: ~~#####~~ Sue Brown--- Four people went to the Dairy Queen today and was refused service. The place was supposed to be integrated.

A bus driver refused to pick up a person today who had on a CORE T shirt.

Clarksdale: Yvonne ~~####~~ Klein-- Matt Swerning was convicted of speeding and fined \$25 and \$18.50 for court fee which includes \$5.50 for jail fee (he was never in jail) and \$4.00 constable fee.

Canton: Margaret Cunningham-- For James Collier-- Theodias will be in Jackson to get the car tomorrow.

Greenwood: n Stokley Carmichael,

Shaw: Dennis Flannigan-- Eleven people were arrested today in Cleveland for leafleting. The people arrested include Stokeley Carmichael, Johnathan Black, some local people and summer volunteers. The bond is \$350 apiece..

Cleveland: Dave Goldstick-- 13 COFO workers in Cleveland were arrested today under section 22 of the Cleveland, Mississippi anti-litter ordinance for distributing handbills without a permit.

They are all being held on \$300 bail each pending trial which will be held Monday at 4pm. The case will be handled by Guild lawyers in Greenwood.



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Cleveland con't The people arrested include: Stokeley Carmichael, director of the 2nd district, Willie James Crawford- Shaw, Johnathan Black-NYC, Eddie Short- Shaw, Frank Brown- Shaw, Wallace Roberts, Lucy Hutton- Cleveland, Ruby Richard- Shaw, Cathy Logan, Judy Michalowchi, Murray Rubin, Ernestine Bryant and Mary Sue Hawkins- Shaw. Stokeley is the only one being bailed out. He has to go to the doctor tomorrow in ~~the~~ Talahachie. The other will stay in until their removal to Federal Court.

by Johnathan Black

Last week an application was made to the Court house on behalf of COFO for permission to distribute pamphlets urging people to ~~the~~ register to vote. Permission was orally refused at a hearing. At 10am today, app. 50 ~~the~~ Negroes accompanied by 13 COFO workers arrived at the court house to register. There were no incidents. The people were let in one at a time per 45 minutes. At 1:00 the 13 COFO workers gathered leaflets and passed them out to the people in the line. Nothing happened. Then the workers decided to go across the street and pass out leaflets to people as they pass. They were then arrested by the sheriff's office.

Stokeley at no time passed out any leaflets, but he was arrested on the same charge.

Clarksdale: James Jones-- Lew Sitzler/<sup>summer volunteer</sup> was arrested today at 4pm in Marks, Miss. Marks is in ~~the~~ Quitman County. He is in the Quitman County jail. He was in Marks with other workers doing some canvassing. The sheriff drove up and pulled him in the car and took him to jail.

David Bradshaw, summer volunteer from Conn, was pulled in to the city marshal's car. They took his freedom registration form ~~the~~. Pushed him out of the car and told him to get out of town.

Will call back with more info on the arrest. Legal is calling the jail in Quitman to find ~~the~~ out ~~the~~ the charges.

Natchez: OK

McComb: 11 COFO people in McComb were given subpoenas to appear before the grand jury in Magnolia and Pike Counties at 9am on October 5, 1963 to investigate the McComb freedom house bombing. The people are George Greene, Sherry Everett, Mendy Samstein, Lee Garrett, Rev. Don McCord, Jesse Harris, Clint Hodson, Dennis Swenney, Pat Walker, Freddie Greene and Curtis Hayes. Lee Garrett was not in the freedom house when the bombing occurred. The other 10 were. The subpoenas they were served were all carbons and the signatures was ~~the~~ Glen D. Fornenburg, the clerk of the court.

Call back at six.

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Marks, Miss.: Hank Kassler, lawyer who went up to investigate the arrest of Lew Sitzer, was pushed into the side of a car by ~~the~~ the sheriff which opened a cut on his head. Workers are trying to go down to the court house to get more info.

Lew is apparently out of jail.

from Drew

Ruleville: Lyn Edwards-- Henry Hardy, 18 year old local volunteer, was picked up this afternoon by the Mayor and the deputy sheriff. First ~~he~~ there was no charge. After a while the sheriff told him he was under arrest because he owed \$16.00 to a cafe owner.

A local counsel said that he was probably arrested under section 7154 of the Mississippi Code which ~~states~~ states that who ever obtains food and lodging with intent to defraud shall be fined no less than \$25.00.

Hardy is in the Drew county jail. He has asked twice to make a phone call and twice he has been refused. Hardy admits that he owes the money.

Ruleville will try to get a minister in to see him, and will get a lawyer in on the case.

Moss Point: John El-- This afternoon the COFO office ~~there~~ there went ahead with the plan to have a voter registration meeting on the lawn. The meeting had been going on for about 15 minutes- started at 5:00. At 5:15 ass't deputy Thomas PALmer came out and told them that ~~he~~ he would give them 5 minutes to break up. The meeting was very orderly, and the people didn't leave. Seven min. later a squad of 18 helmeted police guns, bayonets and clubs surrounded the group. At this point the group started singing. Fifteen minutes later a prison bus drove up. There were 10 police cars and two ~~motor~~ motor cycles- a total of 40 cops. All of the people at the meeting were put into the bus and taken to jail. The COFO workers arrested were Eddie Stevenson and ~~Billie~~ Billie McDonald SNCC staff ~~George~~ George Tessaro and Roger Branhill, summer volunteers, and a Rev. Charles Milgar. The rest were local people. They were taken to the Pascagola city jail. 21, Flushing, Mich. 743 Main. Episcopal

Three lawyers from New Orleans are working on the case. They haven't been charged yet, but it will probably be threatening to disturb the peace.

Clarksdale: The local FBI there refuses to cooperate with the office. Will be out for the rest of the evening and won't leave a number where he can be reached. The FBI said that he was disappointed that the COFO office didn't have a more detailed account of the incident. He is supposed to call the office back in 15 minutes..

George Tessaro<sup>20</sup> - 1705 Peterson St., Park Ridge, Ill - U. of Ill.

Roger Branhill - 23, 31 Nob Hill Dr., St. Louis, MO - Mich. State

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Moss Point : 7PM At a voter registration meeting today 45 (total attendance) was arrested, one volunteer and three staff. Approximate 20 have given names for property bonds already and probably all bonds will be up by tonight. One lawyer estimated \$300 in cash and \$600 in property bonds would be required.

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Greenwood 7PM: A report from FBI in DC was confirmed by NYTimes staff to NY SNCC that three bodies and three graves were found 6 miles North of Philadelphia on route 15.

Greenville 7:15PM: Radio report there said the three bodies were identified north of Philadelphia.

Clarksdale : Need \$20 for gas to drive people to state convention Thursday.

Meridan 7:35: FBI told Edna Perkins that the bodies were found 6 miles west of Philadelphia. She called again for the time they were found and got no comment. A Life Mag. photographer is heading there alone west of route 16 to investigate. He was in Meridian for the Seeger concert. The FBI was called and arrived in 20 minutes.

Marks: 8:05: Hank has been released without bonds.

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Moss Point 8:45:

Boloxi: 9PM: Students coming to Freedom School convention:

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Boloxi Freedom School: Linda Whitson, Candy Robinson, Ruben Brown  
Ocean Springs FS: 3 boys  
Need money for transportation.

Meridan 9:15: Radio report said the bodies were found 20 miles west of where the car was found, on route 21 off the highway.

Holly Springs : Mike Lipski arrived.  
Why didn't Greenwood return Dart call.

Clarksdale 9:40 : Seven man car is an hour overdue into Clarksdale from Marks (5 local, 2 staff). One car proceeded safely with highway patrol escort, but this is missing. Missing car is a blue '63 Rambler with an Iowa tag. Please contact FBI.

Meridan 10PM: Radio said two bodies were one Negro, two white and fit descriptions.

Gulfport: Alls well with Freedom Schools. Their teachers have arrived and they are only looking for a typing teacher.

Marks: 11PM:



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Batesville hiway patrol

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Jackson: 11:15--Sherwin Kaplan tells ~~FBI~~ that sheriff of Marks has told them to leave, and will give them no protection. Crowd of 30 whites outside. Marks had called at 11:00. <sup>bhp</sup> ~~FBI~~ said call sheriff--"you have either a city county matter there....I don't have authroity" Sherwin said you provided protection on first car--~~FBI~~ <sup>bhp</sup> said wasn't on my authority. Sherwin said no protection from sheriff; ~~FBI~~ <sup>bhp</sup> says can't do anything. ~~FBI~~ <sup>bhp</sup> agent refused to give name. "So far I haven't had a full report on what has happened." "Request will have to come from the sheriff. "Keep trying until you get something from the sheriff." (bhp is Batesville Hiway Patrol)

Marks: 11:20--Jessie asked for Doris Newman--answer, nothing said; sounded like phone hung up.

Jessie reached man at a store--man said that he had been at his house; someone had come in and told him police had told the 7 to leave--thinks they left about ten minutes ago--spoke to Mr. Will Shaw.

Clarksdale: 11:30--busy

Greenwood: 11:25--

Details on Marks: Two cars went to Marks--were canvassing and had a vr meeting tonight--today Lew Sitzler and \_\_\_\_\_ were taken in tonight. Lawyer Kassler was injured by town Marshall McArthur, shoved into police car and sustained head injuries when he went to investigate carload of 6 workers being stopped by marshall. ~~Kass~~ Stzler released; Kassler arrested for interfering with an officer. Another Memphis LCDC lawyer found out about this and left immediately for Marks; he left abut 9. Sheriff said would release lawyer on condition everyone left Marks (they are working out of Clarksdale office). At the time they agreed to this, one group was with Louise Hermey at a restaurant; the other was still ~~canvassing, passed mark~~ at vr meeting; each had own car. (to be cont.)

Clarksdale: 11:35--Lafayette--about 15 kids went to work on vr in Marks, police first arrested Lew Sitzler; lawyer kassler went there; Kassler went upt to Marshall McArthur and asked why asking kids names--Marshall said get away; obscenities; Kassler said are you threatening mee--while putting him into car, bashed head against windownframe--gash of several inches--said would release if kids leave town--made deal--~~promit~~ Kassler made deal--after released, Highway patrol escorted Kassler and a car of 5 other people leaving one car there (one other car had left earlier); highway patrol siad third car had left. 2 cars arrived approx. 2:30; 3rd with lawyers and 2 others arrived about 5:30 after finding out Sitzler had been arrested; car that was questioned when Kassler came out left about 6:15. About 8:30, 3rd car with office staff got Kassler about 8:30; then highway patrol followed them out of town; highway patrol said third car had already left; said had to leave or would get no protection and Kassler would go back to jail. As left town, followed by hp, saw crowd of about 30 young men; their cars parked there; men talking loudly and "looking mean" Third car returned to home of local contact; found second car gone; whites in 3 cars circling house; afraid to leave; Jackson called lx 9:30--called Gwd, Memphis LCDC; lawyer Jerry Gutman spoke to FBU, Hiway patrol, sheriff; were in communication with 3rd car; sheriff came to house and told them had to leave town and he would not protect them; advised by Clarksdale to go to jail; Lafayette called sheriff abut 10:00--sheriff out of town, according to deputy, who said he knew nothing.

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Clarksdale cont.: we will try jail.

Clarksdale:

Marks: 11:55--sheriff--Jessie talking-- 6242411--Quitman County, says sheriff-- I don't know anything about it. (He doesn't cover Marks).

Marks: 11:55--sheriff--Jessie talking--no one answers--326-3131--Sheriff not home, sys woman who answered phone--out of town--don't know where.

Clarksdale: midnight:no answer

Clarksdale: midnight--Jessie relays phone calls--car is a '64 Plymouth--Jessie suggested they go over to Marks--"even if you see them in trouble, don't get out of car, come back and report it." 12:05--Doris, in missing car--on phone--are in Batesville now at Freedom house--ok.--there was a road-block set up when tried to go to Clarksdale--so turned around and when to Batesville--Lew Sitzler driving--Batesville--563-9491 (Freedom Huse)

Batesville: 12:15--

Greenwood: notified all ok. 12:15

*check marks this date*

Batesville: 12:15--Dorris Newman --went to Marks to get Lew out of jail--found him out on a corner--about 3:00--said wasn't arrested just questioned--saq COFO car coming up street--city marshall stopped car as they watched--marshall went over and talked to David Bradenaw--law school student and lawyer go down to see what happening--lawyer asked what's the problem, etc.----they were supposed to all meet at city jail and be escorted out of town together--that was the deal Kassler had made--but hiway patrol left 7 of them there.....When got ready to leave Marks, had to go out Route 6; 7 or 8 cars and trucks with crowd of people at gas station there--police followed them out of town to hiway, said wouldn't give protection out of town--by then various cars had begun coming to intersection, one a green and white pick-up--started to Clarksdale and on the way there--at intersection where come into Marks, saw cars topping--then turned around and left toward Batesville--green and white pick-up followed about half-way into Batesville. Went to Batesville hiway ptrol as soon as got into town--said couldn't escort back to Clarksdale--but did give directions to Negro community.

Shaw: Shaw: 12:35--there has been a carload of whites driving around with guns driving around home where workers are staying in Cleveland--info from Lois Rogers, 843-5458--called about 12:00--

Cleveland: --12:35-- first saw them less than an hour ago--about 5 minute intervals--2 in front, at least 1 in back--creme colored late model car, maybe chevie--a local person phoned and said saw guns--Lois Rogers didn't see the guns herself (this is Lois' home-- circled house 3 or 4 times--parked less than a 100 feet away--called Shaw (as went to call Shaw, local person called)--stopped looking. Car is gone now--local person across street who is watching said car now gone--only parked about 5 minutes. About 10 minutes after got call ~~gone~~ car there, got call were gone. Reported to sheriff by neighborhood person as Lois trying to keep line open--sheriff said would send someone out

Clarksburg: 12:45-- wants Casey and Emmy to call Paul--impt.-- in the orning.

Meridian: 12:45-- Louise--Sherwin says FBI says bodies are "a few minutes outside of Jackson for the past few hours." They will be there until something happens with the bodies. Rumor that Sheriff Rainey went on vacation today--no one knows where he went--AP told Meridian that bodies have been definitely identified.--no report yet on



) how killed. Want Gwd. to call FBI as there are many rumors going aro8nd.

Greenwood: 1:00--asked them to call FBI in Washingtonb

Meridian: 2:00 --Someone in Philadelphia just called--highway patrol has set up 5 roadblocks--approx. 1/2 mile from where graves found--on hiway 21--very closed mouth about road-block, and FBI isn't saying anything either--want to keep everyone away from scene, according to Norris MacNamara who called from Phila.--an already-planned voter registration team is going up there tomorrow from Meridian.