

Mileston: Nan/Erin

At 12:15am a bomb was thrown from a 1964 red and white Pontiac. The occupants of the house were two white men. It was not possible to tell whether the car had plates or not. The bomb was thrown from the road 10 yards from the home of Mrs. Ethel Smith. Her home is located 30 yards from the Freedom Center. No one was injured. A hole was made by the bomb a foot deep and five or six feet wide. Nothing remained of the bomb but it was thought to be dynamite due to the repercussions of the blast.

\*\*\*\*\*

Merigold: from Greenwood Ed Rudd (Merigold is 6 mi. s n. of Cleveland source: John Bradford, SNCC staff who talked with people at scene. A local Merigold Negro resident was shot and killed by a Merigold policeman according to people standing around the cite of the shooting. The Negro was known to have been mentally deficient and was 55 or 60 years of age. The sentiment among the people is that the Negro could have been subdued by means less than lethal. The Negro was not known to have any connection with the civil rights movement. The shooting is believed to have happened between 7 and 8 am this morning. The Negro's body lies in Hank Brothe rs Funeral Home in Shelby, Miss. He is as yet unidentified. The Merigold police probably know the name of the Negro. The policeman involved is unidentified and was not arrested. The shooting took place in front of a service station on U.S. Highway 61. We have records of a similar shooting occuring on June 27 in Ruleville, Miss. In this incident Miss. state highway patrolman Robert Wallace shot and killed a Negro recently released from a mental instutition. The shooting was termed justifiable homicide.

Greenwood called the FBI and spoke with agent Turney in Memphis. AP in New Orleans has been informed.

\*\*\*\*\*

Jackson: Thursday, August 6, 1964

The Freedom Democratic Party State Convention was held in the Masonic Hall in Jackson on Thursday afternoon. Several hundred delegates were present, representing more than half of the counties in Mississippi. The keynote address was given by Miss Ella Baker, who is working with the Party in its Washington office.

Along with 68 other delegates, the five delegates elected at large to go to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City were Laurence Guyot, Hattiesburg, SNCC staff; Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, Ruleville; Dr. Aaron Henry, Clarksdale; Mrs. Yvonne McGowan, Summit (Pike County); and Dr. Miles, Panola County.

Laurence Guyot was elected Chairman of the State Executive Committee of the Freedom Democratic Party.

Among the demonstrations to be held in Atlantic City in support of the seating of the FDP will be floats with pictures from Mississippi and tapes of ~~Real~~ Mississippi Negroes talking about their experiences in the state. There was discussion at the staff meeting on Friday of what type of demonstrations would be conducted if the traditional Democratic Party is seated in Atlantic City and the FDP is not, but no definite decisions were made.