

MCCOMB, via Greenwood (Haberman/Grogan)

At 12:50 am a bomb was thrown from a car and landed in the street in front of the Burkland Supermarket on Warren Street. No one was injured. There was no good reason for this place to be bombed except for the fact that Bob Moses used to hold voter registration classes in the Masonic Lodge above the supermarket in 1961. The supermarket is two blocks away from the freedom house and right across the street from St. Paul's Church where the freedom school is held. There was a big blast which almost knocked Mendy over in the Freedom Rouse (two blocks away). It shattered all the windows in the supermarket and damaged the walls and the roofing. It left a large hole in the ground. After the blast Mendy plus one left F.H. and got into a car. As they did this, a car with two whites passed and Mendy followed them. After a small chase, they ended up passing the house again and they got the license: F 6193. The car is 1355 Ford stationwagon, partially or totally blue. This car had already been on the suspicious car list.

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GREENWOOD: (Haberman/Grogan) 3:30 am

A shot glanced off the windshield of a parked radio car tonight while a local Negro slept in the back seat. He was not injured nor did he wake up when the shot hit the car. It occurred around midnight of August 14. The car was parked in the driveway of 703 Avenue "N", the SBCC office. It was facing Avenue "N". The bullet did not completely penetrate the windshield and the shot is believed to have been fired from the intersection of Broad St. and Avenue "N". A large indentation was the result of the shot.

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NATCHEZ: via Greenwood (Haberman/Grogan) 3:40 am

A bomb and a fire have completely destroyed a tavern in Natchez which is directly next door to a home where four SNCC workers are living. No one was injured in the blast or fire. The bombing occurred around 11 pm. The people in the house were Dorie Ladner, George Greene, Chuck Meblert, and [redacted], all Negro staff members of SNCC. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SUPPLIED ASAP.

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Correction to above report. No one was in the SNCC house when the bombing took place. At 9:30 that same evening, the Natchez police had been at the SNCC office investigating phone threats received by SNCC workers. The workers also complained of cars of whites constantly driving past the office "pointing out the office." At that time Police Chief J.T. Robinson said to SNCC workers that he was "Surprised that nothing had happened yet but we're holding them off." Several eyewitnesses to the scene of the blaze said they heard police shouting to one another "We told them that the place was next door," referring to the house that SNCC workers have rented and now occupy. When Fred Meely, SECC staff, arrived at the scene, a man reported to be Natchez Chief of Pol, J.G. Robinson, was standing in front of a group of 15 whites. The Chief is reported to have said to the whites that George Greene was responsible for the bombing. He also said he would like to get his hands on the SNCC workers. He then noticed Meely and started to walk towards him. Meely quickly left the scene. He feels the police were trying to incite those whites standing around the scene. Dorie Ladner, SNCC staff, arrived after Meely and spoke with one of the firemen battling the blaze. Apparently the fireman thought she was a local Negro instead of one of the workers. He said to her, "Those outside agitators are in that house. The bomb was set for that house."

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They're here to stir up trouble. George Greene rents that place." George Greene is one of the SNCC staff workers living in the house. The SNCC workers retreated to the COFC office in Natchez after the bombing. There they removed all records to a safe place. Local Negroes gave them protection. The SNCC workers are now receiving threatening phone calls in an undisclosed location in Natchez. The back door of the SNCC office had been pried open but nothing had been disturbed inside.

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MCCOMB: via Greenwood (Haberman/Grogan) 5:30 am

ARRESTS OF TWO SNCC WORKERS RESULT FROM BOMBING

Two SNCC-affiliated people were arrested as they stood at the site of the bombing in front of the Burgland Supermarket about 1/2 hour after the bombing occurred. Clinton R. Hopson, 29, Negro, Howard Univ. law student, was arrested on the charge of interfering with an officer. His bond was set at \$52.52. His trial is on Monday. Roy Lee, a local Negro who has been working with SNCC, was arrested on the following charges: inciting to riot, threatening the life of a policeman, public profanity, and disturbing the peace. His bond has been set at \$900. He is still in jail. Hopson has been bonded out. Atlanta called the McComb City Jail (684-3213). Was told that information was not given out on the phone.

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Americus: from Don Harris in Albany

Willie Ricks was arrested yesterday on charges of violating the Americus city picketing ordinance. He is in the Americus jail, bond \$106. Ricks was beaten at the Hancock Grocery a week ago Tuesday. There has been picketing of the store in the Negro community and yesterday Ricks and Marvin Carter, 14, Americus were arrested. Carter was released in the custody of his mother, but Ricks is still in jail, 50 or 60 picketed throughout the community yesterday with no other incidents. It has been reported that FBI men and Sheriff of Sumter County Fred Chappel have been up to Hancock's store four or five times within the last week. Hancock has been standing in front of his store during the picketing with a shotgun threatening to shoot anyone who pickets immediately in front of the store. Ricks had been arrested two blocks away from the store. There is a possibility that there will be 15-20 more arrests in Americus today.

There is also the possibility of arrests in Thomasville where people are leafletting for the King campaign. There were people leafletting on Thursday and they were told that if they continued they would be arrested. They plan to continue.

Americus: Robert Mants

W/Ricks has also been charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and Mants believes that when they bond him out of the city jail he will be immediately bound over to the county. He will therefore stay in jail until Monday when he is to be tried, and Marvin Carter is to appear before Judge Smith. Mants believes that they arrested Ricks with a juvenile in order to get him on a charge other than the city one of violation of the picket ordinance. The signs carried by picketers have read "Don't buy where you might be beaten" "Don't buy where Negroes are insulted", etc.

Mant's reported that during the March primary election police had been at the polling places directing Negroes to the back of the polling place where they would place their ballots in open ballot boxes. He wanted the JD contacted and a request for Fed'l presence at the election on Sept. 9-- Mr. Norman was contacted and the report and request made.

An Georgia Veteran's Memorial Park, Cordale, Ga (Crisp County) lake is segregated at the direction of the warden, reported to Georgia council on Human Relations.