

WATS REPORT MONDAY, AUGUST 17  
MCCOMB: (Lee Garrett/Grogan) 6:00 am

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McComb SHOOTING PUNCTUATES UPSURGE OF VIOLENCE:

At approximately 5 pm on Aug. 16, six or seven shots were fired into the home of Baertown resident Black Cotton. The shots came from a white man on foot with a rifle by the nearby Skateland Rink. There were no injuries.

This is another of numerous incidents of the last 48 hours which have indicated a radical trend toward increased violence.

On Monday citizenship classes will be conducted starting about 8:30 am. These are to prepare people for the voter registration test. They will be given today (Monday) and tomorrow.

A rally was held at 2 pm Sunday. Cordell Reagon and another freedom singer were present for the rally. There was a crowd of about 150, mainly students, with about 35 adults.

There will be three separate citizenship classes. There will be one central rally Monday night at 7:30 pm

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Rob Cunningham, white summer volunteer, age 19, and Mike Houser, white, were arrested in a cafe in which they were the only white patrons. The sheriff raided the cafe and arrested them on the charge of public drunkenness. This took place late Sunday night. Both are in jail under bond of \$100. The trial is Tuesday morning at 10:00 am.

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ALBANY, GA. (Don Harris/Grogan) 5:35 pm

In regards to the situation this am in Albany, the City Police took out a John Doe warrant ~~xxxxxx~~ to search the Albany library, 502 S. Madison St. The warrant read "cause was because of deflammatory literature." (no such word) The library's address is 502 S. Madison St.. The warrant said 504 S. Madison St. Rev. Wells (Samual B.) walked into the library after the four detectives were in the building searching and Wells was told to let them search his personal property papers and such. He refused, indicating that the warrant did not cover him. They said it did. The detectives called a city judge who came to the library, wrote out warrants against Wells, to search two cars in front of the library. The judge was asked to show probable cause for the warrant. He replied "I establish or determine probable cause." All this transpired in front of John Lewis, Courtland Cox, Tom Brown, Willie McCreigh, John Perdeu, Randolph Battle, and Don Harris.

--Willie Ricks was convicted on the charge of violating a city ordinance against picketing. He was sentenced to 30 days or \$55. He is in the Sumter County Courthouse jail, with an undetermined bond, with pending charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

MCCOMB: (Marshall Ganz/Grogan) 7:00 pm  
A leaflet barrage was done to announce the Freedom Day scheduled for Tuesday. The result was four incidents:

At noon 4 police conducted a raid on the home of a local resident of Baertown. They searched for leaflets announcing the FD. They found 2 leaflets and left, after threatening to arrest the kids of the house, who were the only ones home at the time. The name of the homeowner and whether the cops had warrant is not yet known.

About 2 pm, Police Chief Guy of McComb informed COFO that under the new anti-leafleting law which was passed last week the police were going to arrest everyone on the staff and everyone who was distributing the leaflets unless one or two of the individuals responsible were turned over to the police. At a staff meeting it was decided to volunteer two people. The people were about to turn themselves in when Clint Hopson, law student, called the police. He gave them the name of one of the people who were going to turn themselves in. He gave the name of Marshall Ganz. The cop then said that Marshall did not have to come down, simply to bring down \$100 bond and appear in court a week from today. At 4:45 pm Chief Guy called back, indicated that he had spoken with John Dohr, and said it was all a mistake and he did not mean to arrest anyone. The upshot of the whole thing is that the cops were bluffing and backed down when the JD and the FBI were contacted by the McComb office. Staff had decided to turn in names of two people because they feared that all might be arrested and thus put an end to the Freedom Day scheduled for Tues.

Local students leafleting in the Summit area were stopped by former Constable Bryant, manager of the Negro housing project in Summit. He told them to stop passing out the leaflets, that it was illegal, and called one of the students "black bitch," and then left. He returned a few minutes later with a gun. More information will follow later.

Police have been following the workers all over the town constantly, stopping them frequently, asking for identification and licenses. No direct incident has sprung from this but the harassment continues.

There is a better than expected response to the citizenship classes which are being conducted to prepare people for the voter registration test.

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GREENWOOD: (D. Zellner/Grogan) 10:30 pm  
\$1,000 for Carolyn Daniels is en route for Albany. Dotty has been trying to call Albany/Don Harris for 1 1/2 hours. Too, Dotty would like to know where John Lewis and Courtland Cox are. First, the circuits were tied up and when she finally got the call through to Albany, there was no answer.

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MCCOMB (Lee Garrett/ Grogan) 1:00 am  
There were 200 plus people in attendance at the mass meeting. Well over 100 adults. They have from 25 to 50 committed to go to the courthouse tomorrow. The sheriff circled the house once and stopped once in front of the church for 4 or 5 minutes. No trouble otherwise.  
Roy Lee, who was arrested Aug. 15 at the scene of the bombing on three charges, is out of jail. The bond of Lee, a local Negro who has been working with SNCC, was originally \$900. It was lowered to \$300 and he was bonded out.