

Breaker

Jackson: Four crank calls within 15 minutes. The same person who keep calling yesterday.

Hollysprings: The volunteers who took the truck up to Atlantic city are back. Wanted to know if it was alright ~~###~~ to take the truck to Selma Ala. to take some stuff from Hollysprings. ~~#####~~ They wanted to leave this morning, and I could see no reason why they shouldn't since they would have to rent a truck anyway, so I didn't discourage them from doing so.

Belzoni ~~##### Greenwood~~: Robert B^{ss}--11:01--More on the incident from last night. When the workers approached town (they were living on a plantation outside of town), they heard the police over the radio say that the civil rights workers were approaching town.

The workers drove up to a filling station that is about one and a half block inside the city limits. At the station they were surrounded by 10-15 trucks with no license tags and two-way radios. They had to go across the street to the Winpy Cafe to call the Greenwood office and report the incident. They were surrounded at the cafe also.

The Greenwood office called the sheriff's office. The sheriff 3 or 4 cars of policemen came up and dispersed the crowd of white men.

Robert asked the sheriff to give them protection and escort them out of town. The sheriff asked them who would escort them tomorrow. ~~###~~ He did however escort them back to the plantation. _{then}

Later last night, a local fellow came to the house and told/that the sheriff had two dogs and was putting them on the Negro kids.

He had fined a Negro lady \$250 for supposedly not having a permit to sell beer, when in fact she did.

The sheriff also closed down the Winpy Cafe. Told the owner "close/ that place down, nigger".

Kit a local ~~###~~ Negro fellow on the side of the head with a blackjack.

The workers tried to go back into town, but the road had been blocked off.

The FBI came out to see them last night. They said that/ they couldn't give them any protection. There were two agents.

Columbus: Mike Highson-11:34-- The following people have left/ the project for good: Bernard Wasow, Paul Wernick, Pat Barbinall, Mike Smith (law student), Margaret Dobbins. From West Point the following have left: Neil Ekland and Link Robbins.

McComb: Irar Lnader- 12:00-- Percy McGee, SCLC worker, was just arrested at the court house for loitering inside the court house. The bail is set at \$50 or \$60. Don't know when the trial is being held. Wants a lawyer or some legal advice. Being held at the Magnolia county/ jail.

Gulfport: Chuck McKellan- 12:24-- Aron Jones, the workers whp/ was arrested yesterday for passing out leaflets, trial was held today. He was released in the custody of his parents, Trial will be held sometimes next week. The lawyers will be there.

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McComb: Dave Gerber- 12:35-- Seephus Hugh, Negro volunteer from Baltimore and now project director, went to post bond for Percy McGee. The jailer, Ray Boone wouldn't accept the bond money and pulled a gun on Seephus. The FBI in McComb was called. They said that they would help, but haven't done anything.

Percy McGee-2518 Tyler, Gary, Indiana.

12:55 Dave Gerber-- Are sending 4 more workers down to the jail house to try and get Percy out on bond. Dave reported this to the FBI in McComb. He talked with a Mr. Wady who said that they couldn't anticipate incidents, but would do something about the first incident. Sherwin also reported the incident to the Jackson FBI.

Jackson: Myron Cook, white freedom school teacher, and Earl Bitoy, Negro Freedom school teacher, were walking down Lynch street when a white pontiac drove slowly by them and stared at them. The pontiac passed them, made a u-turn, came back. The person in the passenger seat took a picture of them.

Meridian: Send the package for Ralph Featherstone to Meridian.

home, wife said aslepp. A call was made to the cafe and Jamotte spoke with Bass who reported that the whites still surrounded the cafe and the police had not arrived. JD called in DC. Jamotte called Wimpy's, Mr. J Horton answered stating that no one was in the cafe and that he had not seen any whites riding around outside the cafe as he had been working behind the counter. He reported the 3 had left 20 minutes ago and he was the only person in the cafe. Janice called the cafe and spoke to the woman who demanded that she not call again and who then hung up the phone.

The FBI in G'wood and Jackson were recontacted. Called cafe again and impersonated the voice of an angry white woman inquiring as to the whereabouts of those "three niggers voter registration workers." The same woman who had hung up the phone, said they were not there and the sheriff had closed up the place. When asked if the whites were still outside she said she did not know, neither did she know if the cops had taken the workers away. Contact was again made with the JD in Washington and The FBI in G'wood.

Sheriff Turvis was again called using the same tactic, not there but the policeman informed that the sheriff had gone out to Wimpys to close it down and that he didn't know anything about the cr workers. Sheriff's wife was called, same tactic. She said that she knew nothing but that the sheriff had gone out, did not know when he will return. Called Wimpy, using southern accent pleasantly. Spoke to a man, who asked if she were Minnie- (Horton). She said yes. He reported the cafe had been closed by Jake or Jack Purvis, and that the sheriff had followed the workers out of town in their car. Contact again with JD and FBI. Tchula was raised on the radio informed G'wood that he was in contact with Bass, Jackson, and Stigler. Workers were alright. Contact with Hollis Watkins at Mileston who reported that police dogs were being unleashed on the people of Belzom and that the Negroes were going into their home to get guns. 11:10pm -- contacted workers (not trio) at the office who said that armed white men were gathering outside the office and that they, the workers were going to leave out of the back door, Bass told the G'wood office this morning that the police had brought the dogs and used them on the people.

Greenwood: george greene and morty shiff arrived ok. 5:15

Laurel: More on the incident. Larry Spears

10-15 whiteman involved. 3 groups of two's (whitemen) came up on 3 of the COFO workers sitting by the side of the lake. A big guy approached the workers. He asked Dave who had a guitar if he could play Dixie, Dave started humming the tune. The man took the guitar and threw it into the lake. At this point, about 11 other whites emerged from bushes from the opposite direction. They produced weapons and put handkerchiefs over their faces. Bill Hayden, one of the workers involved, saw a chain and a stick. Dave Galfand, another worker, was beaten with a stick by the whites. He has a broken or a sprang wrist. I now on his way to a hospital.

One of the men held a stick over Bill's head. Bill started running, one of the men tripped him. He and Roger Morgan, Negro local volunteer, jumped into the lake and started swimming away from the men toward the house. The men started firing shots at them into the lake. Bill only saw a pistol, but there were more guns. The 18 year old son of the Curry fired a rifle over the heads of the attackers. Unconfirmed report that one of our workers may have hit one of the attacker with a bullet.

There were 3 residents shooting at the attackers. Then the shots stopped.

At this point, two cars of workers drove up.

The county sheriff had been called twice, didn't come until the FBI called.

He came 45 minutes after he was called. Took the names of all the people involved and left in 10 minutes. Told the workers to come in and press charges.

There were six cars loads of whites involved.

truck

G'wood: Leonard Tinker is bringing a ~~##~~ load of material down from Des Moines/. Will be here next week.

Laurel Meridian-- Send all the mail for Neshoba ccounty to Meridian.

Laurel: Mark Sagoff--6:30-- Dave Galvand was ammited to the hospital. They e refused to look at him until \$75 was paid.. He has a broken wrist. The condition of his back hasn't been diagnosed yet.

The local police refuses to admit that there was trouble. Came to the office and gave Gwen a tongue lashing for calling him when nothing had happened.

Workers believe that the white men knew about the picnic because the local Negro man who took the kids out to the picnic called back and gave them directions on how to get there.

A ble ~~##~~ 59 chevy with two mwn in it came by the office. One of the men was recongized as one of the mne at the picnic. They told a Negro boy to get out of the area before the shooting started.

The workers are thinking about leaving the office for the night. If they leave they can be contacted at 428-0508.

Sherwin suggested that they call the FBI and ask fro protection, before they decide to leave the office.

Holly Springs: Mary Jennings--Margaret Benis in or near Canton should be called to find out if she has left for California, if not when; call Mary Jennings back with the word. Mary would like to leave for Californianas soon as possible.

Jackson: Heide Wohlgenuth questioned whether or not the carload going to Oxford to interview James Silver had checked in; they have not. Should be checked on in the morning.

Jackson: Sue Butler 'phoned in from the Greyhound station to report that the car from Oxford, which returned via Ruleville, had struck a dog about ten miles out of Jackson on rt 49. The car suffered radiator damage. Sue and Ursula Junk had hitched a ride into Jackson, having Janice Grant (Negro) lie flat in the back seat of the disabled car to avoid suspicion.

Clary: Nothing.