

BE SURE TO READ THE WATS REPORTS FOR THE LAST TWO PAGES THIS MORNING.

Meridian: 4 a.m.--David Gelfand missing--left 11:30 day before yesterday after getting out of hospital--was supposed to call office no later than 11:30--see other reports, etc. No answer at bus station to see if 1:10 bus to Laurel got in ok. Girl who Gelfand was with to bus station said he was going to a guy named Price in K-C district of Laurel--Price is white, works with movement, knows FBI there. Told him to a) check Laurel store and tell anyone who answers to get someone from COFO up to check with Price; b) check with highway patrol to see if bus was delayed ~~ix~~ due to accident or such; c) check local jails. We will call back in 45 minutes to an hour.

Meridian: 6:05 a.m. Jails checked--nothing; no hiway patrol report of bus problems; no success with any local contacts--told him ~~me~~ to keep calling the local numbers until someone answers, presumably by 9:00--we are to call him back every hour. If no word by the time our people are in the Laurel office, we will call FBI.

Meridian: 7:00--David Gelfand is happy and safe after a comfortable night's sleep, undisturbed by a call to the Meridian office.

BREAKER

Hattiesburg: 8:35--Guyot called this morning to say hello. Another doctor has been in to see him.

Moss Point: 8:40-- This morning the people went to present the petition to Mr. Cunningham, the laundry mat owner. He told them that he realized that the Negroes could put him out of business. The Negroes are 80% of his business. But he said that the whites will refuse to wash with the Negroes if he removed the partition.

He also said that the communists ~~###~~ were behind this whole thing. The Negroes and whites had had a good relationship in Moss Point until a few months ago when COFO workers came in.

The people didn't use the word boycott when ~~#####~~ they were talking, they used ~~f~~ used the words selective buying.

Cunningham, then called the police. One came and he talked with Cunningham for about 20 minutes, then left.

The people haven't been going into the laundry mat this morning. Two people went, but the kids talked to them and they left. One man had put his clothes into the machine, but took them out and said that he would go somewhere else. Said that he had forgotten about the boycott.

The kids are going canvassing today to urge people to stay away from the laundrymat.

Mound Bayou: John Bardford-- 9:00 -- Seven young people were arrested last night in Mound Bayou and taken to the Cleveland jail. All were members of the Mississippi Student Union. They are Henry Martin, Wendle Ishman, Herbert Battle, Oliver Knox, James McKay, Walter Rickett and Gary Dillen.

They were supposed to have ran the white watermelon man out of Mound Bayou.

The man took a shot at the kids.

They have been in jail for about 5-6 hours. No charges have been bought against them yet.

John went down to see them last night, but the jailor wouldn't let him see the kids. ~~He~~ John is going to try again this morning. Lawyers in G'wood are on the case.

McComb: Seephus Hugh-- Needs some one ~~from~~ who is going to stay here for a year to come immediately.

Having mass meeting Monday night and want/ a speaker who can talk to a southern audience to come.

Needs lawyer to work with local lawyer on property transaction. Legal call back.

Indianola: The electricity is about to be cut off in the freedom school. Fire inspector/ had been through over a week ago, nothing was done. (Negro electrician is scared.

) Marks: Marie Gettge- 11:50-- Mass meeting last night. 250-300 people in attendance. Jene David Rayford is the acting project director-- NAACP task force

Greenwood: 11: 55--- Community center, voter # registration and freedom schools--enrollment--100.

Ruleville: 12:00 -- some one has been interfering with the calls on the radio. Has also been using our code letters calling other places.

Cleveland: James McAullis-12:05 Send the motion picture projection up by the next people coming up to the Delta. Need it for Wednesday and Thursday.

Jackson 12:15 Ruth Steward and Carol Leiber are now leaving Jackson.

Meridian: con't

The owners of the car missed her car about 3pm yesterday.

The workers talked with the owner, and they think that she will drop the charges.

The hearing is on Thursday.

Columbus: Mike Higginson- 4:15-- 5 workers were arrested today at Amoury, 16 miles north of Aberdeen.

They are Bob Levelle, Joe Mourel, both white summer volunteers, Sammie and Essie Carr, and Corethea Clay.

They were arrested about 3:30pm. They had gone to Amoury to canvass.

Are now in the Amoury county jail.

Laurel: Jeff Smith-- 4:45-- About an hour and a half ago two police came by the office with a warrant for the arrest of all the workers tomorrow if they don't move out of the trailer ~~###~~ that the office is in.

They have to connect ~~###~~ the trailer to the city sewage line or get a septic tank. They haven't been able to do either.

The health department said that they had a 15 day period of grace before they had to move out.

Workers believe that the local citizens want them out.

They are going to see the mayor tomorrow and take the letters from the health department.

~~Meridian: The person picked up this afternoon~~

Gulfport -- The two missing whites had gone to a cafe to eat. Everyone is accounted for.

Jackson office has no application for Joe Maurar in Aberdeen who says he is a white volunteer, from New Orleans.

Meridian: 8:20PM: Richard Piper and Dan Log arrived Mer.

Hattiesburg: 8:25PM: Call Ed Hamlett and ask when the books will be picked up from the Hattiesburg office.

Tchula: 8:30PM: busy.

Holly Springs: 8:32PM: OK There.

Itta Bena: 8:35PM: No Answer.

Jackson: 8:40PM: Joe Morris has arrived in Jackson.

Greenville: 8:40PM: OK

Marks: 8:50PM: Can't answer.

Bound Bayou: 8:55PM: No Answer.

Ruleville: 9:00PM: OK.

Cleveland: 9:02PM: NO Answer.

Laurel: 9:25PM: Can't get a connection.

Tupelo: 9:30PM: Can't be reached at this number.

Indianola: 9:32PM: Everything OK--Jesse Morris, \$100 in Drow for Mrs. Hagn is needed. Says Fred Winn.

McComb: 9:35PM: OK.

Batesville: 9:37PM: No Answer-- and the number is 563-9731--not 13.

Natchez: 9:42PM: No Answer.

Philadelpia: 9:45PM: OK.

Aberdeen: 9:47PM: No Answer.

Biloxi (White Comm. Proj.): 9:50PM: NO Answer.

Laurel:10:40PM: No Answer at 428-8461.

Greenwood - Case against John Handy was dismissed.

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Amory - The two persons under arrest were located in jail in Amory - don't know which one - through the FBI which informed our office of their location. Bond is \$100 each. Charges have not been confirmed.

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Amory - ~~The information of Essie Carr was reported to the COFO office at Aberdeen, according to Columbus, that she had seen one of the three policemen who arrested them handing money to a Negro woman Frances Nichols to file charges against the three v r workers. She also saw two white men congratulate the Negro woman for what she had done. Trial set for Thursday. Essie will be tried in juvenile in all probability. The others will probably be tried in municipal court in Amory. They are meeting tonight in Aberdeen to try to get bond money together. Eight COFO people had gone into Amory, when they got there they split up to canvass. They were allowed to make phone call from jail.....Columbus is trying to reach Jimmy Bolton or someone re money; need \$500, want \$300 immediately, station wagon had a new engine put in it (\$225) plus several repairs due to the other project cars, \$500 to be distributed among 1st district.....from Mike Higson, Columbus.....~~

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Canton: 1:20 am. Geo. Johnson was walking home about 12:30 tonight. from Freedom house, was shot at three times. Orange street, three blocks from FH. was wearing button on shirt. A pulled up from behind (a cop car). When was five hundred feet away heard three shots, I went into the bushes, went inside a house to take refuge. In five or ten minutes later, I left the house, started back toward the Freedomhouse on another street, I saw the same cop car, which came past me at about 50 miles an hour, and shined its spotlight on me, I went into a house, and stayed about 5 or 10 minutes. I then heard another house, coming from the same area where I had been shot at.. I then went back to the freedom house. I know it was a police car because I saw the red light on top both times I Geo. is 22, 332 Fryers Lane, Canton. local volunteer. This has not been reported to the police..

A few days ago, Geo. was carrying someone down to register, and was questioned by cops, about his address, whether he was registering himself.. (registering with the cops that you are in town as a CR worker, that is.)