

Jackson: 1:30AM: The two lawyers who were in HCComb are back--Neil Tolman and Frank Jones.

Jackson: 1:50AM: Will Henry J. Rogers comes in and tells us that Jimmy Wonack has been arrested. The two of them were in the car when arrested by accident division police for reckless driving, speeding, bad brakes, running a red light, (which Will says he didn't), and not having a drivers license. Now in the Hinds Co. Jail.

BREAKER

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Belzoni: RoseMary Freedman 8:15-- The neighbors report this morning that last night the cops were shooting over and around the office. The workers said that they heard some shots, but didn't pay too much attention to them. Robert Bass has gone out to get full story from the neighbors.

Moss Point: 9:25-- Two arrest last night. Robert Smith, local volunteer, ran over a stop ~~sign~~ sign. He was charged with reckless driving and destroying public property. His bond was sent at \$248.

Mr. C.E. Burton, local Negro who works with CDDU was arrested for assault with the intent to do bodily harm. He was in his car and backed the car a few feet away from some white people. They charged that he came at them with a butcher knife. The charge is a felony, so the bond won't be set until Monday.

~~They~~ Both Smith and Burton are in the Pascagoula City Jail. The LCDC lawyers are on the case.

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Hattiesburg: Joyce Brown; 11:20-- Called the attorneys concerning the Milton R. Hancock and Charles Glenn cases. The attorney for both of them is Ben Smith. Trials will be held on August 31, before Judge Cox.

Two cross burnings near Hattiesburg.
A cross was burned in Petal, Miss., a few miles from Hattiesburg at between 9:35 and 9:45 at the foot of a bridge. This was reported to the office by Rev. Cameron.

Ruleville: Gerry Tecklin-- 3:15-- At 7:30 last night, Len Edwards, Gerry Tecklin and John Edmond, LCDC lawyer, met with the Board of Alderman and the City Attorney, Townsend, of Drew with regards to the ordinance that was passed on August 14, stating that white civil right workers found in Negro neighborhoods after dark will be arrested.

~~The ordinance~~ A suit had been bought in Federal court and Judge Clayton advised the Board of Alderman and try to reach an agreement. He expressed his opinion that the proclamation was unconstitutional, but declined to rule on the matter.

At the meeting, Townsend announced that the Board of Alderman had decided to recommend that the mayor resend his odious proclamation.

COFO workers are planning to move into Drew with a freedom school and voter registration drive.

Canton: Maryann Shapenko 8:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. this evening James Anderson, a local person, head of the student union in Canton, went into the Mecca Cafe, an all-white cafe, and asked to be served. He ordered two hamburgs and a drink. A young man who was cleaning up with a broom (a white) brandished the broom over his head but did not hit him. The manager then told him he could not be served. He said that if James went to the back door he would serve him, but not otherwise. James said he wished to be served now. He was again refused and so then left. An affidavit is being prepared on this and will be sent to M. Wright. A witness was Roosevelt Thomas.

S. Swett
on 9:00p

Indianola: George Witters 9:30 p.m. They say that the trial has been set for Monday morning at 10:00 p.m. George said that there is indication that the trial time might be set earlier. He said that the lawyers should definitely get there well ahead of time to speak to those involved. They have pretty complete info.

Jackson: at around 9:30 p.m. this evening Clarence Bracey was walking about a block from here --he was walking alone when he heard people behind him. He looked back and promptly got slapped hard across the mouth by a negro cop. There were two of them. The one who hit him he would recognize, he is tall, big, dark, and has a big mouth. After he hit Clarence he asked him why he had looked back. Clarence did not really answer. The cop tried to hit him again but Clarence dodged. Clarence had a bruised mouth-bruised mostly on the inside. I said we'd inform legal about this incident.

Laurel: 9:30 p.m. Gwen Robinson. A local person has heard from three different people that there may be bombings at several specific houses there tonight. They have been holding block captain meetings. They have notified the FBI who

Laurel cont'd. in turn had notified the police. Earlier this evening around one of the houses mentioned for a possible bombing, several carloads of whites circled around and threw rocks. The local people were in the house. No damage was done. The FBI has been informed about this too. As the line is tapped no further information was given to us.

McComb: Ira Landis. John O'Neill and J. Stewart are staying at Steptoes house tonight. They plan to return to Jackson in the morning. We should look out for them.

Laurel: Called again from here in Jackson at 11:00 p.m. per agreement. No new news.

Shaw: Mary Galatli. 11:10 p.m. They called this afternoon to ask say that they need mimeograph supplies--paper and stencils--they are down to 200 sheets, they need negro history books and would especially like "Before the Mayflower." They also need a car. Their one and only car which belongs to a minister is leaving in two days. And they are 13 miles away from the courthouse.

Greenwood: Ed Dubinski. General message. Stokely's radio was stolen and he needs a new one. (12:30 a.m.)

Canton: 1:00 a.m. Sears Buckley Jr. The mother of Jo Lee Watts and Co O. Chinn came to the office tonight about half an hour ago to say that they understand that Jo Lee Watts has been transferred from the County jail. Noone knows where he is. Jo Lee had been arrested on charges of having been involved in the church burning at Gluckstadt. Jo Lee together with Sears, Jem O. and Mark Loper had gone to the church to investigate the burning. There they had spoken to the caretaker of the church. When they said they were there to investigate the burning he interpreted --or rather said later to the police that ~~they~~ had said ~~they were~~ there to investigate the church which he had burned. Jo Lee he was
This person gave the police the names of the whole group who was there, but only Jo Lee was picked up. The Canton people are very worried for Jo Lee's safety.

Jackson re Canton: 1:18 p.m. George Keys of the FBI called to say he was about to call Canton on this.

Meridian: 12:45 p.m. Michael Churchill. Jo Morse, a white volunteer was arrested tonight. He was going into the Plantation Club on Old Rte. 80 West together with Mrs. Chaney and four other negroes. Three constables were sitting in a car and when they saw this integrated group going into a negro club they arrested Jo. His now being held in Lauderdale County Jail for investigation. No charges. No bond. The Sherrif's Office has said that visitors would see Jo at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow--rather today, Sunday. If a lawyer would be there they could see him at 8:30 a.m. Michael asked if he, a law student would be able to see Jo at 8:30. The sheffif's office said they didn't know.

Canton: 1:30 a.m. Mary Ann Shapenko. The story above is not quite accurate. What happened was that Jo Lee's mother and Mrs. Chinn went over to Jo Lee Watts wife's home. They told her that Jake a cousin of Jo Lee's, saw "them" take Jo Lee from the County jail at 12:00 a.m. We don;t know who "them is. The chief of police has said that he has no connection with the Sherrif's Office. The Sherrif's Office has not yet been called.

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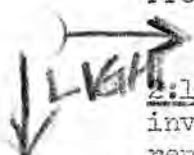
Canton, cont'd. According to Mary Ann, when she called the FBI ~~they~~ and asked whether they would call back on results, they said "well no", and something like "you see we can't give you the results of our investigation--if we happen to investigate. But if anything happens you will probably hear about it."

Canton: 2:00 a.m. The latest from Canton. Bill Light called the Jailer ~~at jail.~~ He spoke with both Mrs. and Mr. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson said, "He's Here. He's absolutely alright. There is nothing wrong with him." Mr. Thompson said "If I ever heard of a bunch of communists, this is one." He also ~~said~~ ^{said} that there would be a hearing on Monday.
2:00 a.m.

Canton: Bill Light called Canton and spoke to Sears Buckley. Sears has said that he has learned that Herbie Evans brought Jo Lee back to the jail. Presumably Jake observed this. But details are unclear. Evans is a local constable.

2:10. a.m. Michael Churchill.

Meridian: We have given them the message that Bill Robinson will be in early in the morning re Jo Morse in Jail. No lawyer can possibly be there in 8:30 a.m. Michael reported a shooting. It occurred at 1:30 a.m. at a home on 4404 ~~where~~ Paulding Street where white staff members Freeman Cocroft and David Griffiths are staying. Freeman is well known, has been there all summer and is the head of the community center. He was sleeping in a second floor room when four panes on the windows were shattered by bullets. Two have been dug from the ceiling and there may be more pellets. Kind not clear. Only Freeman was in that particular room. Meridian is planning to call the police. They have tried the FBI but noone has answered. Noone hurt, just the windows broken. Freeman did not hear anything. JJ.

2:15 a.m.: Jackson FBI: Agent Keyes. They don't know anything more. His entire investigation seems to consist of trying to get hold of Jake, the guy who reported that Joe Led had been taken out of the jail. He is having the Canton office try to get Jake so the FBI can talk to him. He says he also called the sherriff, with the same results I had when I called hi said Sherriff, his wife answering and saying the sharrif is not in, can't be reached... He said he had not called the jail," because they never give us any information. anyway." I told him what Thompson had told me. He said, "Well, I guess that's it--- if they said he was there it must be true." I indicated that I was not so satisfied and that I didn't think that the investigation was over. I asked him three times to continue to try to get the sheriff and have Him say what we wanted to hear, but he was steadfast in saying he would not do so, and that as far as he was concerned, that was the end of the whole matter. He ~~GREEN~~ have me a smoothing over, telling me how much he sympathized, and ~~how~~ how he understood how concerned we ~~we~~ were, and that he had every right to be concerned after what happened in Philadelphia and all,

Meridian:Churchill: 3:25: Two investigators from Meridian police have been out ther. A shotgun was fired at a room in which white staff member Freeman Cocroft was staying, 4404 Paulding St. White worker David Griffiths also stays at that house. A shot gun blast broke 12 panes in the window w Shot has been recovered from inside the house. The cops reported that 3 cars drove away as they drove up. Landlord also reported that he had seen a white Chevy ~~is~~ prowling around the house, driving past the house earlier this evening. (Freemon has had trouble with an identified man who drives a white Chevy.) Police have stationed a car in the neighbor hood, their suggestion!!!. Freemon says they are very cooperative. Occurred at 1:30 am. Also ~~fix~~ found a screen with a large hole in in on another ~~widow~~ window next to it. This window was broken, but only the outside window(the ~~is~~ window was up.) Looks like either the wadding ~~fix~~ or somebody gone up to ~~the~~ ~~the~~